

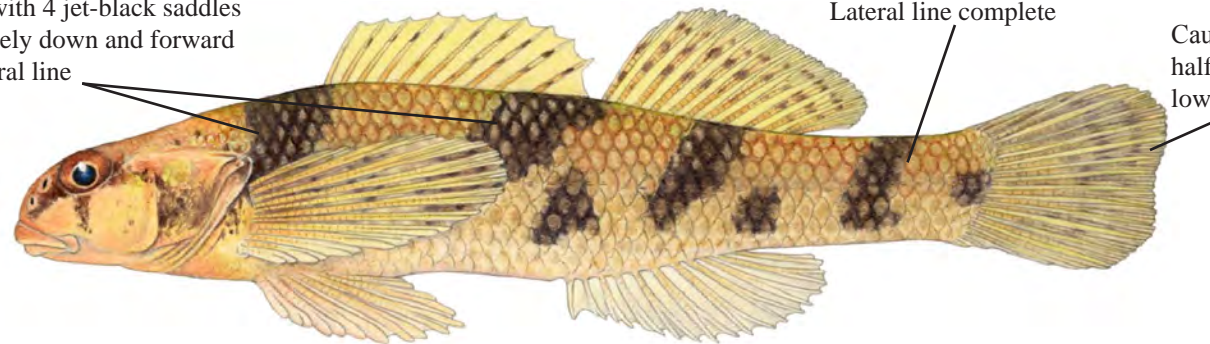
Maryland Darter

Etheostoma sellare

Reddish brown with 4 jet-black saddles extending obliquely down and forward to below the lateral line

Lateral line complete

Caudal fin asymmetrical (upper half extending further than lower half)



The Maryland Darter is a federally endangered fish known only from the Susquehanna River drainage near the Fall Line; specifically in Swan Creek, Gasheys Run, and Deer Creek in Harford County, Maryland, USA. This species was last observed in 1988. The maximum size is 3 inches. There are at least 12 other fish that resemble the Maryland Darter including other darter species found in Maryland, plus the Northern Hogsucker and the Blue Ridge Sculpin. Diagnostic characteristics of the Maryland Darter are shown here along with photos of other fish species that are often confused with the Maryland Darter. For more information on the Maryland Darter, visit dnr.maryland.gov/streams/pdfs/mddartersurvey_finalreport2012.pdf If you think you may have seen the Maryland Darter, call MDNR at 1-877-620-8DNR.

Species often confused with the Maryland Darter:



Banded Darter
Etheostoma zonale Max size: 55 mm



Greenside Darter
Etheostoma blennioides Max size: 90 mm



Tessellated Darter
Etheostoma olmstedii Max size: 55 mm



Fantail Darter
Etheostoma flabellare Max size: 60 mm



Rainbow Darter
Etheostoma caeruleum Max size: 50 mm



Glassy Darter
Etheostoma vitreum Max size: 55 mm



Johnny Darter
Etheostoma nigrum Max size: 40 mm



Stripeback Darter
Percina notogramma Max size: 70 mm



Chesapeake Logperch
Percina bimaculata Max size: 120 mm



Shield Darter
Percina peltata Max size: 70 mm



Blue Ridge Sculpin
Cottus caeruleomentum Max size: 55 mm



Northern Hogsucker
Hypentelium nigricans Max size: 300 mm



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