

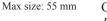
Reddish brown with 4 jet-black saddles extending obliquely down and forward to below the lateral line \_\_\_\_\_

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:



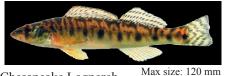
Banded Darter *Etheostoma zonale* 



Max size: 50 mm



Rainbow Darter Etheostoma caeruleum



Chesapeake Logperch *Percina bimaculata* 

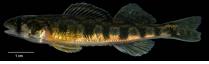


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Greenside Darter Max size: 90 mm Etheostoma blennioides



Glassy Darter Max size: 55 mm Etheostoma vitreum



Shield Darter Max size: 70 mm Percina peltata



Lateral line complete

Tessellated Darter Max size: 55 mm Etheostoma olmstedi



Johnny DarterMax size: 40 mmEtheostoma nigrum



Blue Ridge Sculpin Max size: 55 mm Cottus caeruleomentum



Caudal fin asymmetrical (upper

half extending further than

lower half)

Fantail DarterMEtheostoma flabellare

Stripeback Darter M. Percina notogramma

Max size: 70 mm



Northern Hogsucker *Hypentelium nigricans* 



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