





Suckers: As the name implies, these fish have a "sucker-like" mouth. They may be small like minnows but can reach sizes similar to bass. They also lack scales on the head. Most are sensitive and cannot tolerate pollution



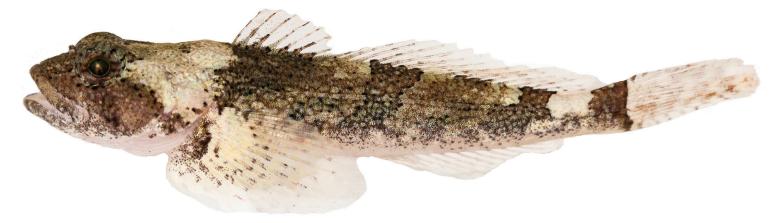
### Alabama Hog Sucker



Sculpins: These are small fish with big heads. They live on the bottom of streams and have dark, mottled coloration making them difficult to see. The pygmy sculpin is only found in Coldwater creek near Munford, AL.

### **Banded Sculpin**

Cottus carolinae





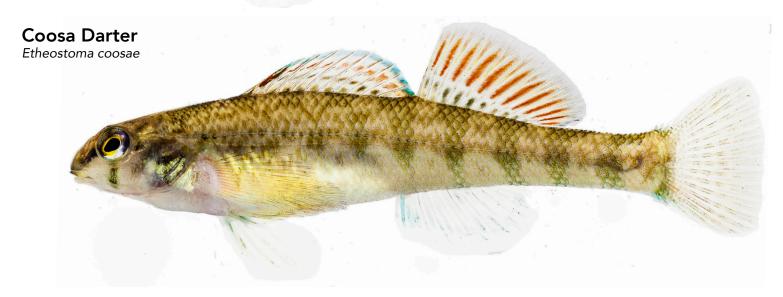




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### Blacknose Dase







**Exotics**: These fish have been introduced to North America. Many were brought into the US for a purpose (i.e., carp were introduced to help control vegetation in ponds) whereas others have simply escaped, likely from someones home aquarium, such as the Asiatic weatherfish.

#### Loach / Asiatic Weatherfish

Misgurnus anguillicaudatus



Catfish: As the name implies, these fish have whiskers like a cat. The larger species are popular to anglers, whereas smaller species are often unseen by most people. The smaller, stream species are called madtoms and many are protected species. Some madtoms have venom in their pectoral fins to capture prey. Larger species are pollution tolerant whereas smaller species are not.



# Bass & Sunfish





These fish are highly prized by anglers. Although they look different, bass and sunfish are related. Many people refer to sunfish as "bream". Largemouth, spotted, and redeye bass are considered "black basses." These fish are tolerant to pollution.

