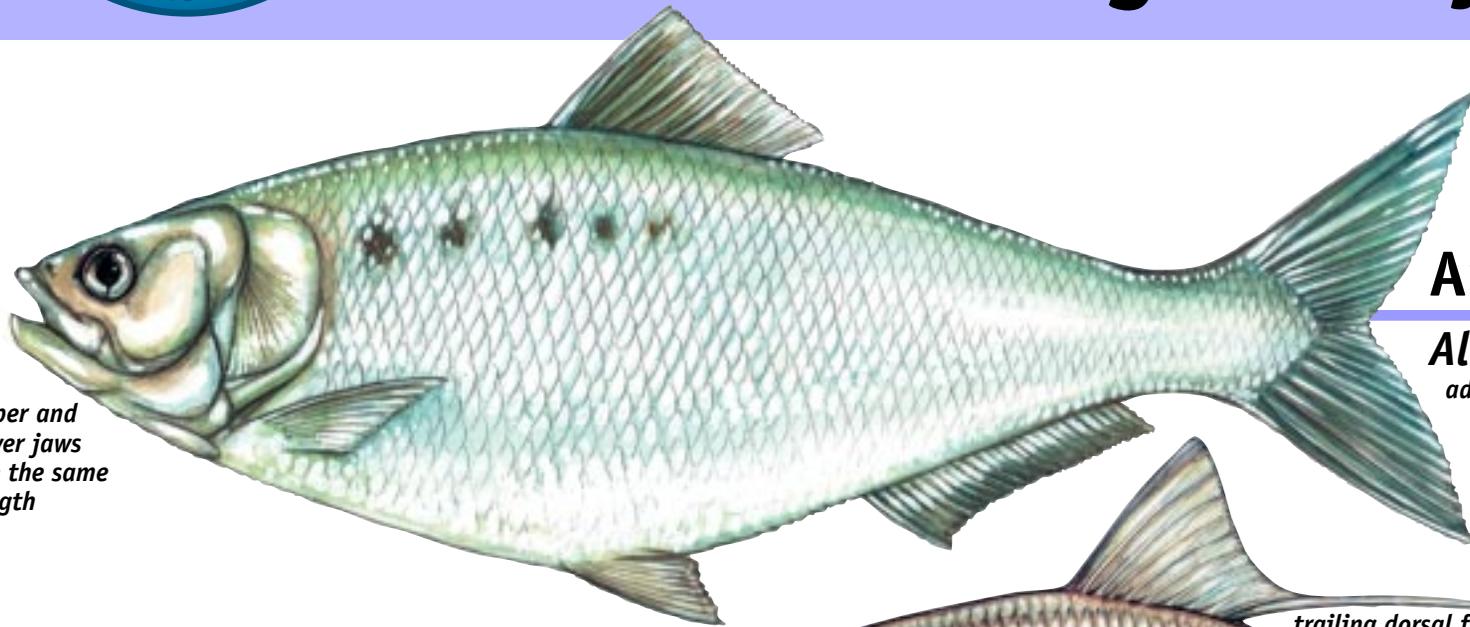




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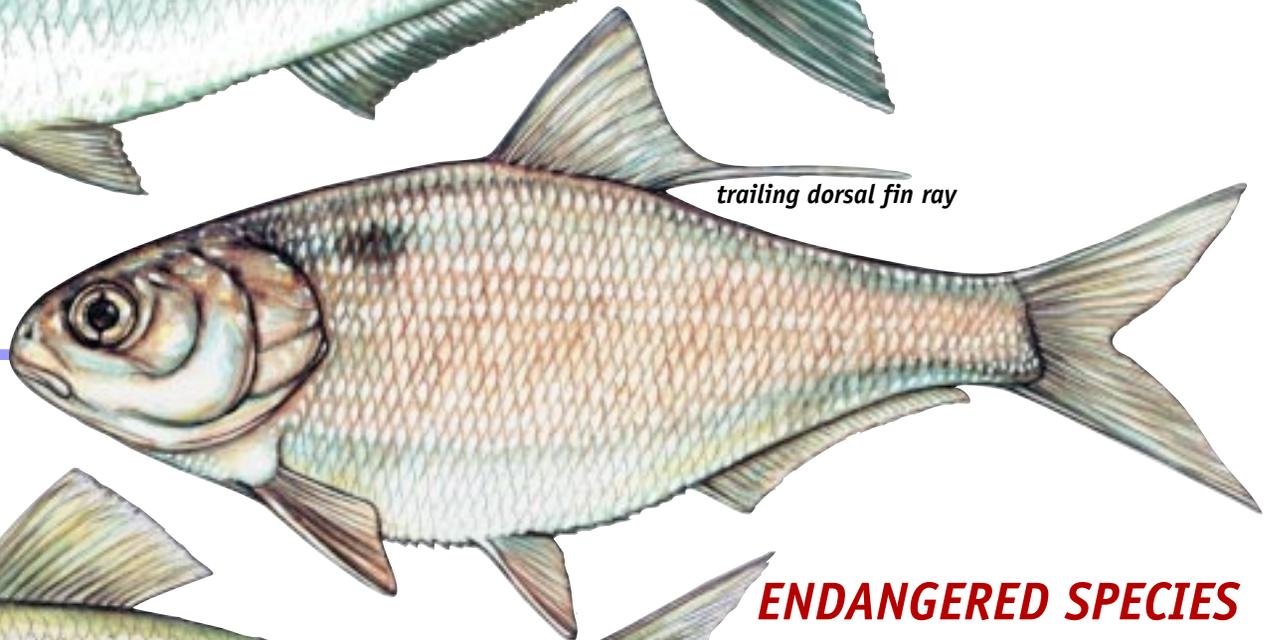
Shad and Herring Identification



American Shad

Alosa sapidissima
adult length: 18-30 inches

upper and lower jaws are the same length



Gizzard Shad

Dorosoma cepedianum
adult length: 12-20 inches

mouth on underside of snout

trailing dorsal fin ray

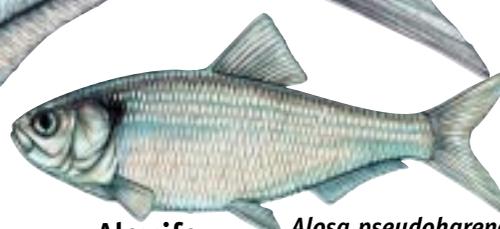


ENDANGERED SPECIES

Hickory Shad

Alosa mediocris
adult length: 14-18 inches

lower jaw longer than upper jaw



Alewife

Alosa pseudoharengus
adult length: 6-14 inches



Blueback Herring

Alosa aestivalis
adult length: 10-15 inches

Shad and herrings are anadromous. They live in salt water as adults and return to fresh water to spawn. They spend the early part of their lives in fresh water before migrating to salt water. They are "school fish" and can occur in large numbers.

Shad and herrings have no lateral line and the tail is deeply forked. They have sharp, saw-toothed scales called "scutes," which are located on the midbelly.

