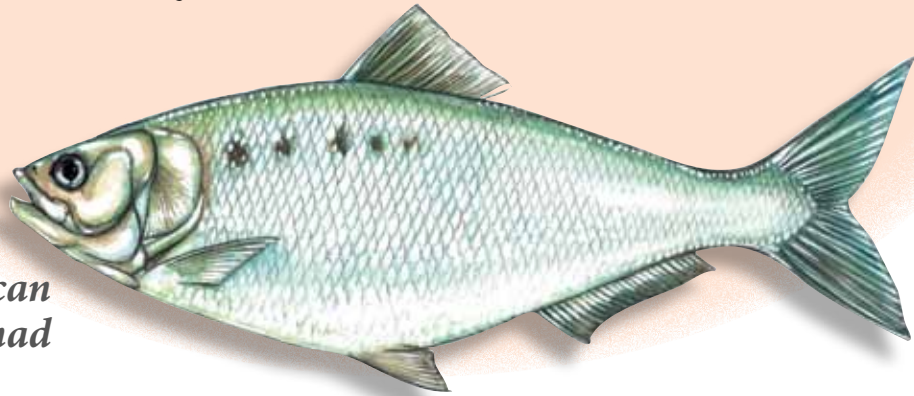


Shad Profile

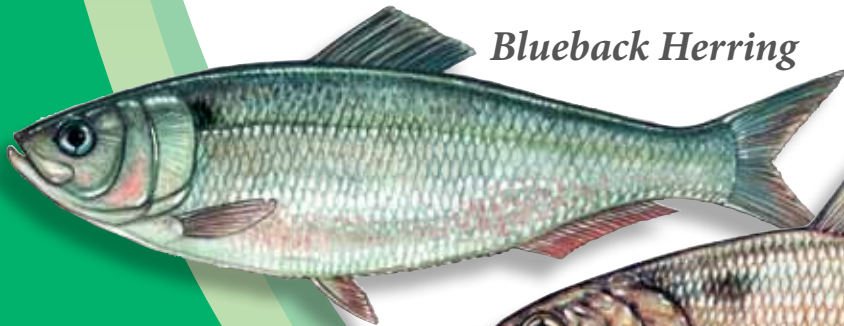
American shad migrate up the Delaware, Schuylkill, Lehigh and Susquehanna rivers each spring from the Mid-Atlantic to spawn. They are a member of the herring family and weigh between 5 and 8 pounds. The males are smaller than the females. American shad can grow up to 12 pounds and 30 inches long. Wouldn't you like to catch one?



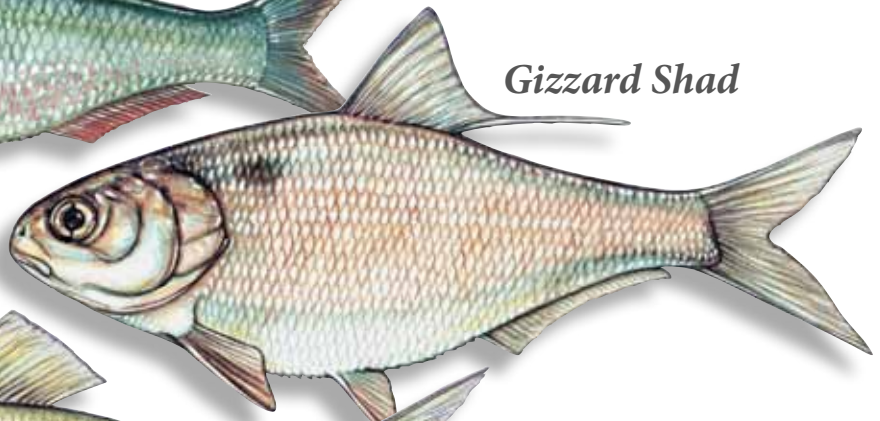
American Shad

American shad can be tricky to identify. It is easy to confuse them with other members of the herring family. They are silver in color with tints of green or blue along the back. Shad have a small dorsal fin in the center of their back and a deeply forked tail. American shad have a row of dark spots along their sides from the gill cover to the dorsal fin. They also have large, circular scales that flake off easily.

Below are some other members of the herring family.



Blueback Herring



Gizzard Shad



Hickory Shad

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This species is in danger of becoming extinct.