

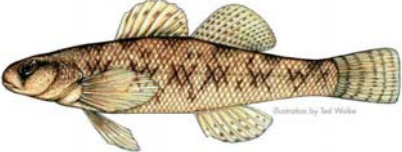

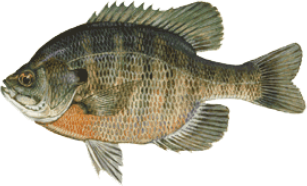
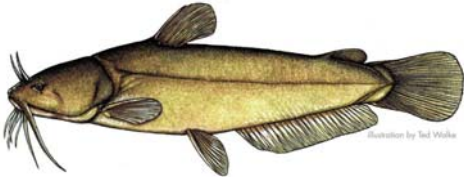



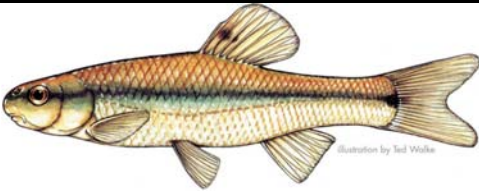





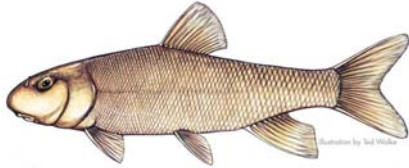

## Key to Common Fish of Rock Creek Park

Begin With	Description	Go To
A	Body long and snake-like, pelvic fins absent	B
A'	Body not long and snake-like, pelvic fins present	C
B	Jawless, mouth in center of round disk, 7 pairs of gill openings, no pectoral fins	 <p style="text-align: center;">Sea lamprey - <i>Petromyzon marinus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sea Lamprey</p>
B'	Jaws present, one pair of gill openings, pectoral fins present	 <p style="text-align: center;">American Eel</p>
C	Pelvic fins thoracic	D
C'	Pelvic fins abdominal	F
D	Black flap on gill cover (operculum)	E
D'	No black flap on gill cover (operculum)	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tessellated Darter</p>
E	Orange or red spot on rear of black flap on the gill cover (operculum)	 <p style="text-align: center;">Pumpkinseed Sunfish</p>
E'	No orange or red spot on black flap of gill cover (operculum)	 <p style="text-align: center;">Bluegill Sunfish</p>



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F	Adipose fin present, chin barbels present	 <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Illustration by Ted Wolfe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yellow Bullhead</p>
F'	Adipose fin not present	G
G	Lateral line absent	H
G'	Lateral line present	J
H	Upper jaw overhangs lower jaw, black spot behind gills as big as eyes	 <p style="text-align: center;">Gizzard Shad</p>
H'	Lower jaw protrudes past upper, black spot behind gills small	I
I	Dark blue back without significant hump, saw teeth on belly smaller and not obvious	 <p style="text-align: center;">Blueback Herring</p>
I'	Greyish-green hump, saw teeth large and obvious	 <p style="text-align: center;">Alewife</p>
J	Black spot on dorsal fin	K
J'	No black spot on dorsal fin	L
K	Blunt snout, dorsal fin with black spot located in first few rays, lateral line ends in black spot	 <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Illustration by Ted Wolfe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bluntnose Minnow</p>

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K'	Snout not blunt, dorsal fin with black spot located in last few rays, lateral line does not end in black spot	 <p style="text-align: center;">Spotfin Shiner</p>
L	Lateral line shaded and dark	M
L'	Lateral line slightly dark or indistinct	N
M	Scales distinctly diamond shaped, lateral line dark, but not heavily so	 <p style="text-align: center;">Swallowtail Shiner</p>
M'	Scales not distinctly diamond shaped, lateral line dark and heavy	 <p style="text-align: center;">Blacknose Dace</p>
N	Upper jaw severely overhanging lower jaw	O
N'	Upper jaw and lower jaws relatively even	P
O	Large sucker-like lips, very blunt snout, fish typically larger than 10cm	 <p style="text-align: center;">White Sucker</p>
O'	No sucker-like lips, snout not as blunt, fish not larger than 10cm	 <p style="text-align: center;">Longnose Dace</p>

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<p>P</p>	<p>Fins appear white and frosted at the tips, fish typically no larger than 10cm</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Satinfin Shiner</p>
<p>P'</p>	<p>Tips of fins without frosted appearance, fish often larger than 10cm</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Fallfish</p>

