



# Spot

*Leiostomus xanthurus*



## **Description:**

- ◆ forked caudal fin (tail)
- ◆ dark blotch on shoulder
- ◆ bluish gray back; silvery to white belly
- ◆ pale yellow fins
- ◆ elevated back; deep belly
- ◆ 12-15 diagonal stripes over back
- ◆ no chin barbels

## **Size:**

- ◆ up to 14 inches

## **Range:**

- ◆ Massachusetts to northern Mexico

## **Facts:**

- ◆ spawn offshore in deep water of outer continental shelf
- ◆ can spawn in near shore waters and estuaries
- ◆ depending on location, spawning takes place from October to March
- ◆ live up to 5 years
- ◆ often congregate over oyster beds
- ◆ opportunistic bottom feeders primarily eating worms, small crustaceans, and mollusks

**For more information about spot,  
please check out this article:**

Drum Fish: A Profile

<https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/artdrumfish18.htm>



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## SPOT CATCH TOTALS

Year	Total
1980	99
1981	234
1982	334
1983	257
1984	352
1985	164
1986	209
1988	2,210
1989	191
1990	999
1991	551
1992	6
1993	119
1994	1,308
1995	2
1996	1
1997	823
1998	1
1999	11
2000	35
2002	31
2003	1
2004	12
2005	2,179
2006	45
2007	250
2008	349
2009	13
2010	738
2011	7
2012	386
2013	22
2014	5
2015	5
2016	8
2017	3
2018	4
2019	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,017</b>