



**AMERICAN SHAD**  
*Alosa sapidissima*

### **Habitat**

These marine fish spend most of their lives in the ocean but also travel through estuaries, bays, and rivers.

### **Food**

Plankton, shrimp, fish eggs

### **Predators**

Seals, osprey, otters

### **Reproduction**

They swim upstream in rivers to lay their eggs in shallow freshwater with sandy or pebbly bottoms.

### **Where are they today?**

There are some small populations in the Hudson River.