

W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

In continental warm temperate and tropical waters from New Brunswick to the Yucatan Peninsula, and Gulf of Mexico. Migrates inshore-offshore seasonally, occupying deeper waters in winter. ^{i, v}

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 2nd dorsal fin origin over midpoint of anal fin
- 3 1st dorsal fin distinctly larger than 2nd dorsal fin
- 4 No dark tips on pectoral fins and tail, tail fin may have black margin
- 5 White lateral spotting
- 6 Z-line pattern may be indistinct ^{ii, iii}

MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 3.6 feet (1.1 m) and males up to 3.4 feet (1 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

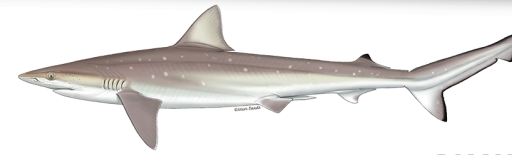
HABITAT

Very abundant from the intertidal down to 280 m, close to surf zone, off sandy beaches and near bays and estuaries. ^{i, iii}

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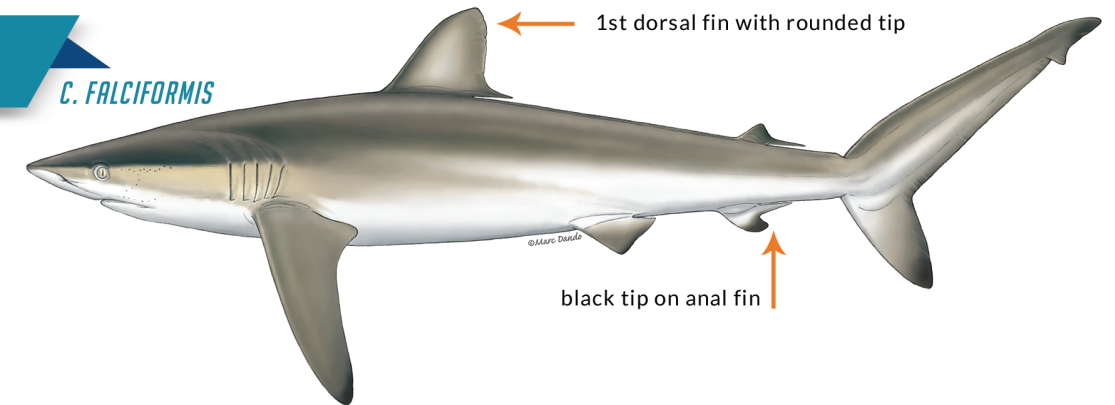
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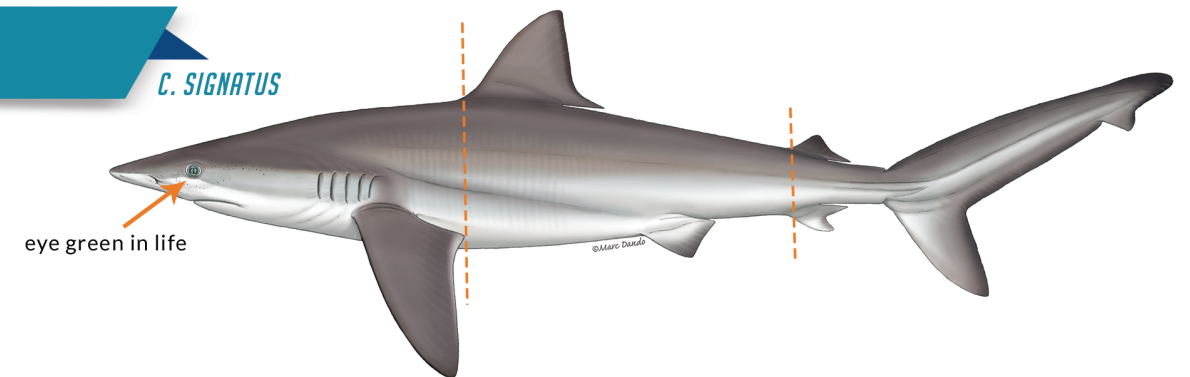
SILKY SHARK

C. FALCIFORMIS



NIGHT SHARK

C. SIGNATUS



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