

W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Cosmopolitan in warm temperate and tropical waters from S. Massachusetts and Georges Bank, and patchy to Brazil and Northern Gulf of Mexico. Highly migratory seasonally. ^{i, v}

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 Dorsal ridge present
- 2 2nd dorsal fin origin in front of anal fin origin
- 3 1st dorsal fin origin behind but close to pectoral fin corner
- 4 Black shading on margin of anal fin
- 5 Snout short and broad, it's length about the height of 1st dorsal fin ^{ii, iii}

MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 12 feet (3.7 m) and males up to 11.1 feet (3.4 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

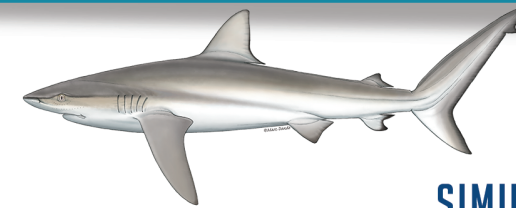
HABITAT

Coastal and pelagic, down to 400 m depth, in the surf zone to well offshore. Avoids estuaries. ^{i, iii}

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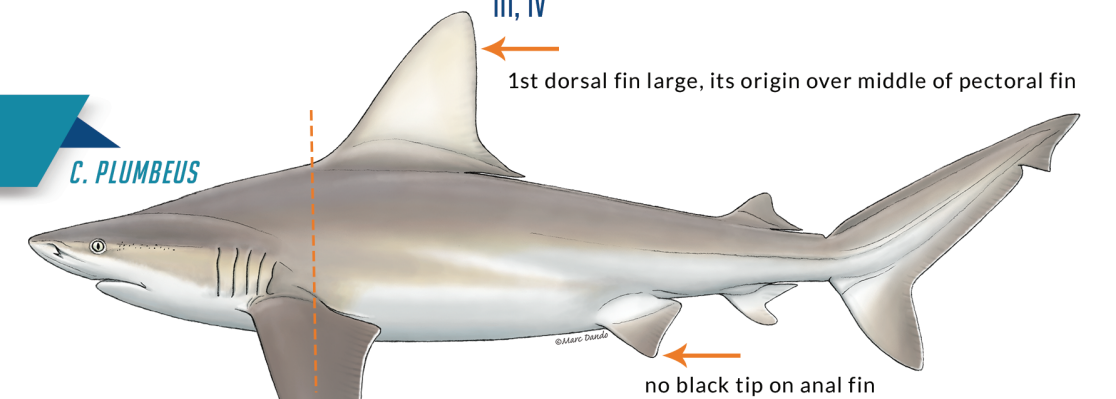
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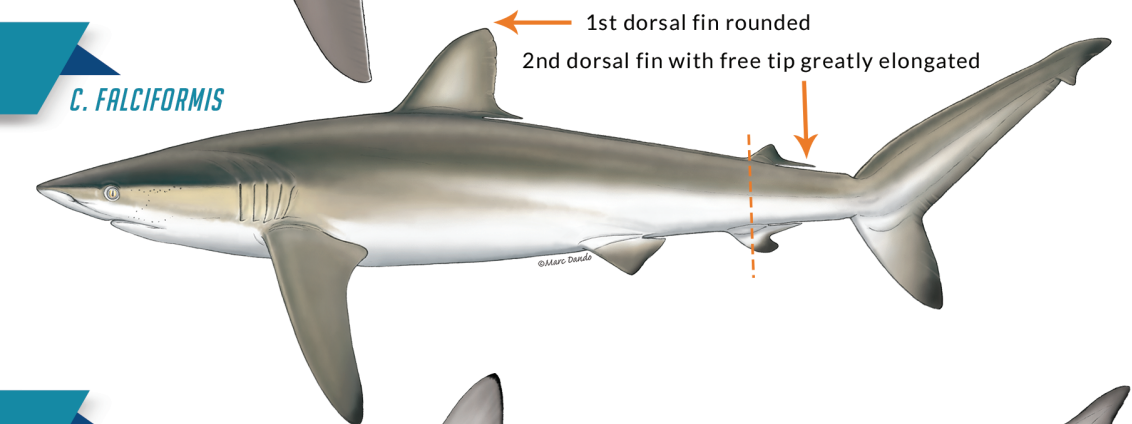
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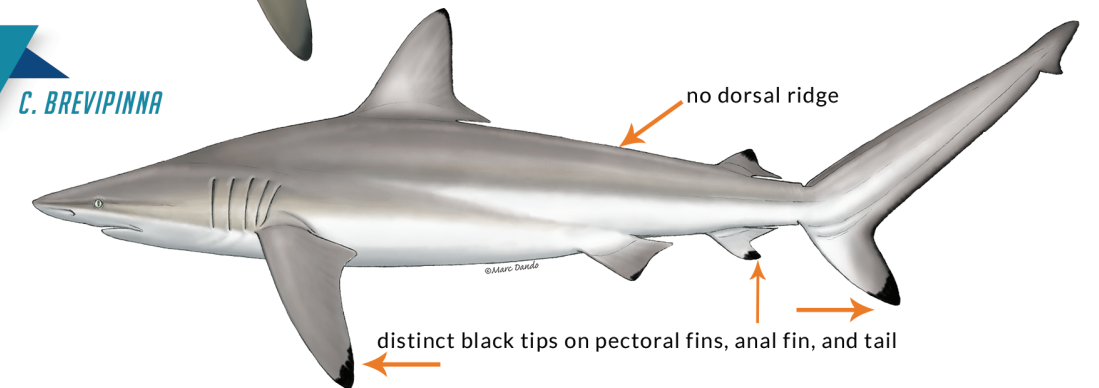
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