

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 2nd dorsal fin origin over or behind anal fin origin
- 3 Pointed snout
- 4 Black tips on pectoral fins and tail, distinct Z-line on sides
- 5 Black tip on anal fin
- 6 Snout length same or shorter than mouth width^{ii, iii}

MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 9.1 feet (2.8 m) and males up to 7.3 feet (2.3 m)ⁱⁱⁱ

HABITAT

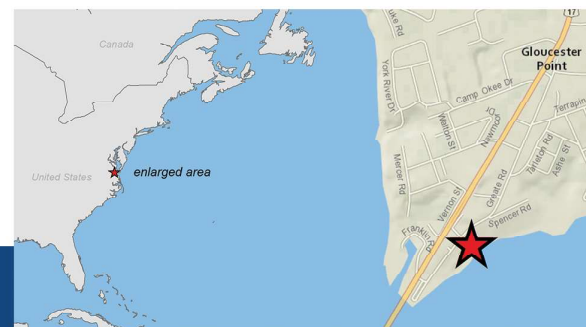
Common in schools in nearshore waters down to 75 m depth, in bays and off river mouths.^{i, iii}



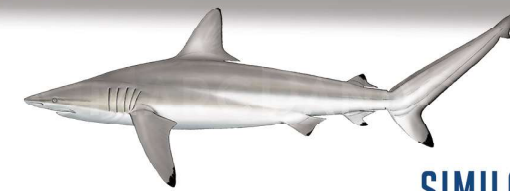
W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Cosmopolitan in warm temperate, subtropical, and tropical waters from Cape Cod to S. Brazil. Highly migratory seasonally, moving inshore for reproduction and feeding.^{i, v}

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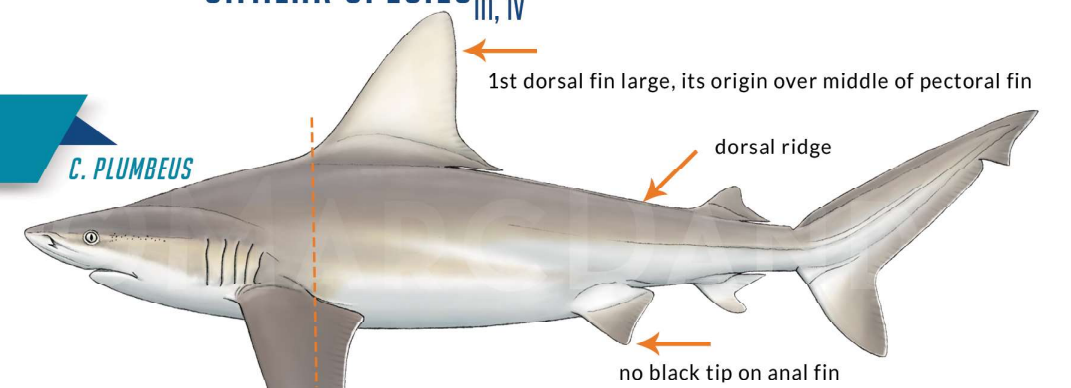
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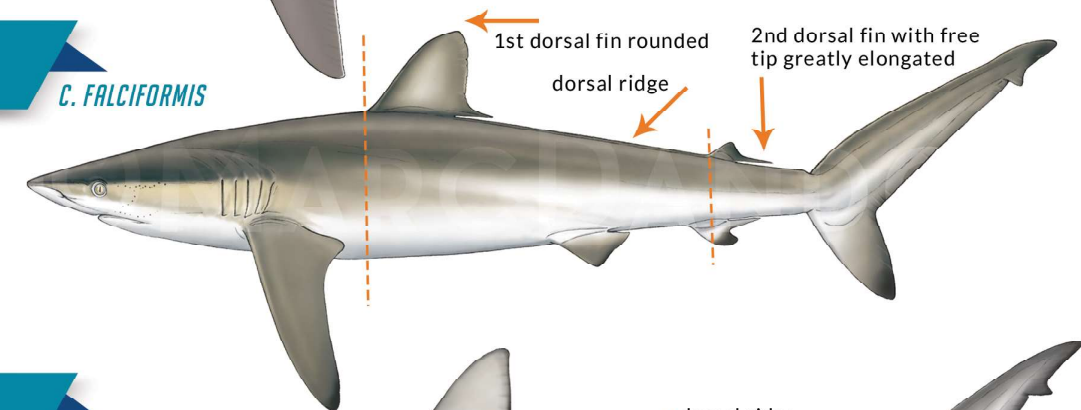
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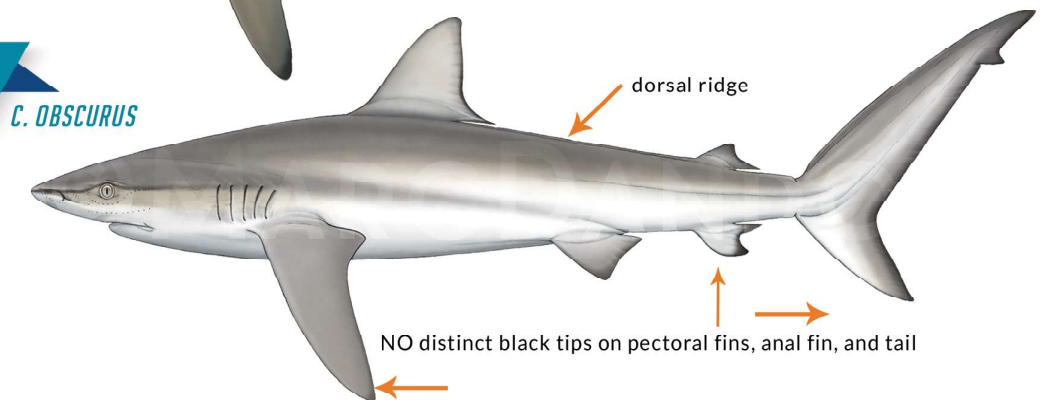
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