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Use the database to easily find:

- scientific and common names
- conservation status
- distribution maps
- images for thousands of species
- life histories, conservation needs, and more



### Highlights

#### February 2012 Data Refresh!

NatureServe Explorer species and ecological community data updated February 2012.

#### Freshwater Mussel Distribution Maps Available!

Explorer's distribution data now include detailed watershed range maps of all native U.S. and Canadian species of freshwater mussel.

#### Updated Fish Distribution Maps!

With help from the USGS, NatureServe has updated the distribution maps for southeastern freshwater fishes.

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