

Hudson River Fish!

Over 200 fish species have been found in the Hudson. The river is an estuary influenced by ocean tides and currents. Many fish spend only part of their life cycles while others reside here permanently.



Atlantic sturgeon

This protected species was once so plentiful in the river, it was referred to as Albany Beef.

American shad

Shad return to the Hudson each spring. River communities hold shad bakes and festivals annually.



Striped bass

It is not uncommon to catch 30 lb. bass on the river. Adult "stripers" return to the Hudson to spawn in early spring. Young will remain in the river for at least 2 years before returning to the sea.



Black bass

Resident fishes common to tidal tributaries include largemouth and smallmouth bass.

