

**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. <sup>i, v</sup>

**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 <sup>ii, iii</sup>

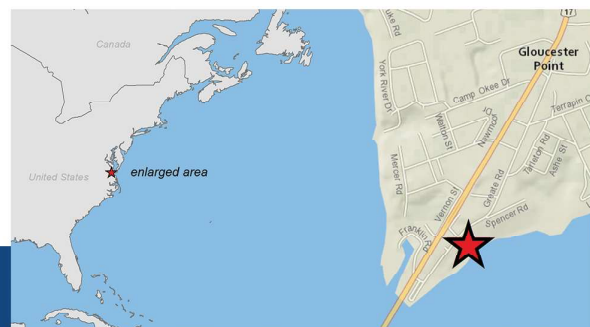
**MAXIMUM SIZE**

Females up to 3.6 feet (1.1 m) and males up to 3.4 feet (1 m) <sup>iii</sup>

**HABITAT**

Very abundant from the intertidal down to 280 m, close to surf zone, off sandy beaches and near bays and estuaries. <sup>i, iii</sup>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**



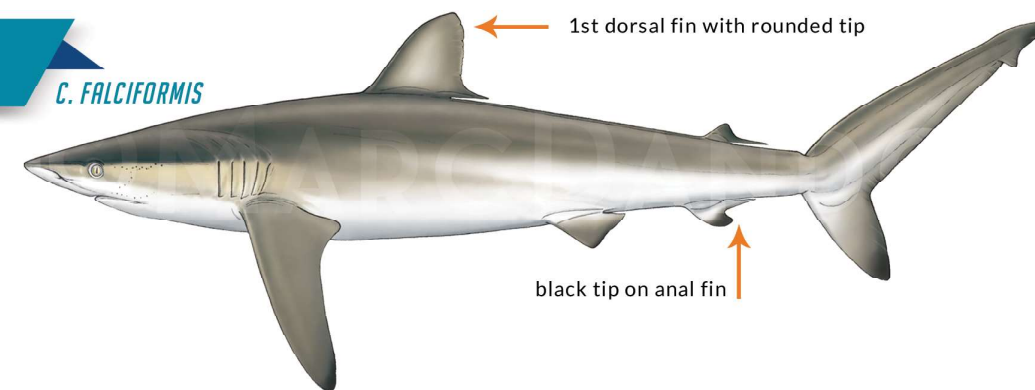
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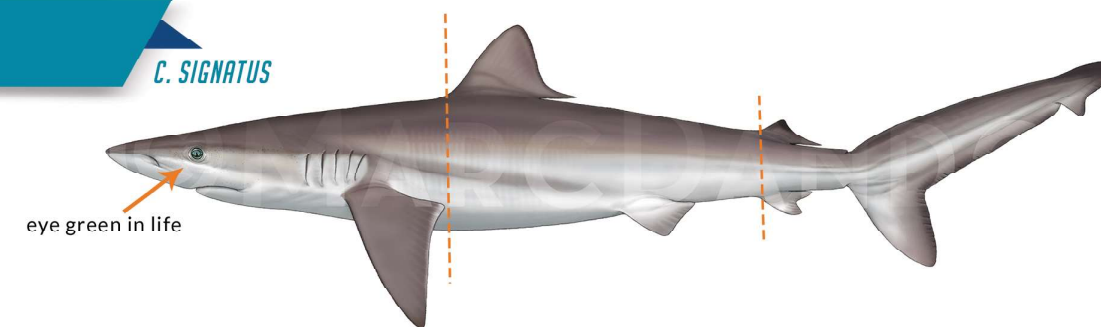
**SILKY SHARK**

*C. FALCIFORMIS*



**NIGHT SHARK**

*C. SIGNATUS*



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