



Getting to know Chilliwack's Species at Risk

Species at risk profile: Salish Sucker, *Catostomus* sp. 4

What it looks like:

A freshwater fish (up to 24 cm) with an elongated and cylindrical body, small scales, forked tailfin with rounded tips, long snout ending in a rounded point, and toothless mouth with fleshy 'lips'.

[Click here for more identification details.](#)

Where it lives:

Found in lowland streams and associated ponds, as well as areas with fine gravel for spawning. [Visit this map for location details.](#)

What it eats:

Feeds on small aquatic insects and larvae found along the bottom.

What are its main threats in the Fraser Valley?

Habitat loss and disturbances to waterways, including pollution.

Did you know?

- The eggs have sticky qualities allowing them to be attached to gravel and rocks.
- Their mouth and lips are designed to act like a vacuum cleaner to help gather food.
- Is a relic of the Ice Age that survived glaciation.
- Click [here for more facts.](#)

How you can help:

Check out these guides for recommendations about managing [lands near water](#) and [agricultural waterways](#).

Join the [Nature Stewards](#) program for personalized property advice.

For any questions about this or other species at risk, contact the [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#).