

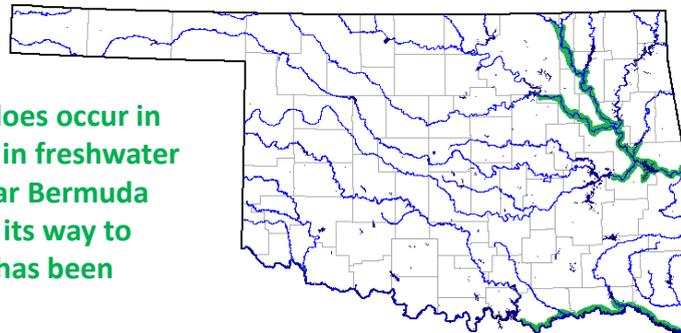
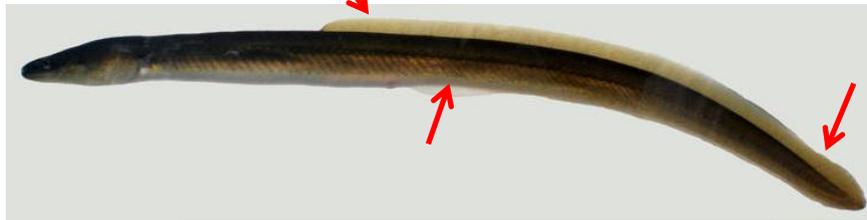
The Eels



American Eel



- An American eel is a long, snake-like fish with small pectoral fins. It looks somewhat like a lamprey, but has a well-defined jaw and teeth.
- It lacks pelvic fins, and the dorsal, caudal and anal fins are continuous, running about half of the body length, similar to the tail of a tadpole.



Fish Fact: The eel is an uncommon visitor to Oklahoma, but does occur in small numbers. It is an epic traveler, spending most of its life in freshwater streams. However, the adult migrates to the Sargasso Sea near Bermuda where it spawns and dies. The young, called an “elver,” finds its way to freshwater streams and travels inland. In Oklahoma, the eel has been collected as far inland as a small spring near Ada.