



# Comanche Springs Pupfish Species Information

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**Scientific Name:** *Cyprindon elegans*

**Family:** Cyprinodontidae

**Description:** The Comanche Springs pupfish can grow up to two inches in length and live up to two years. They feed on algae and small invertebrates. Males and females have different coloration; the males have a speckled color pattern with a dark bar at the tip of the tale, and females have a mottled color pattern with a dark spot at the back of the top fin.

**Status:** The fish was federally listed as endangered in 1967 primarily due to habitat loss and degradation, competition with non-native species, and hybridization with other fishes.

**Native Area:** The Comanche Springs pupfish is native to the Pecos river drainage in Texas which is located in Fort Stockton, Toyahvale, and Balmorhea, Texas. They live in artesian springs and the outflows of these springs.



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