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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the Gila River Basin Native Fishes Conservation Program (GRBNFCP) tasks funded for native fish conservation in New Mexico in 2021. Work in 2021 was conducted under a Cooperative Agreement (21AC10115) between the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department). Four ongoing native fish conservation efforts were conducted in 2021: (1) removal of nonnative fishes from the West Fork Gila River, (2) Threatened and Endangered (T&E) fish repatriations and monitoring, (3) remote site inventory, and (4) permanent site monitoring in the Gila River Basin. The West Fork Gila River nonnative removal was completed in June 2021. Six nonnative species were captured and removed. Surveys were conducted to assess the success of repatriation of Loach Minnow *Tiaroga cobitis* in Saliz Canyon. Negrito Creek was surveyed for Loach Minnow and any potential habitat for other priority species. Sites on West Fork Gila River were surveyed, partially completing the West Fork Gila River remote site inventory. Specific details of work completed and results for each native fish conservation task are included within this report.

INTRODUCTION

The GRBNFCP was established to minimize effects on threatened and endangered fishes by the Central Arizona Project (CAP). The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) biological opinions in 1994, 2001, and 2008 concluded that operation of the CAP required mitigation for the negative effects on federally listed fish species within the entire Gila River Basin. The GRBNFCP is focused on conservation work for federally listed Gila Chub Gila intermedia (now classified as Roundtail Chub Gila robusta), Gila Topminnow Poeciliopsis occidentalis, Loach Minnow Tiaroga cobitis, Razorback Sucker Xyrauchen texanus, and Spikedace Meda fulgida. In the most recent GRBNFCP Strategic Plan (USFWS et al. 2018), the principal goals are described as: (1) achieve enhanced conservation status of federally-listed and candidate fish species in the Gila River basin, and (2) alleviate and diminish threats from nonnative aquatic species that might enter the Gila River basin via the CAP canal or other pathways. The program is funded by the BOR and is directed by the USFWS and BOR in cooperation with the Department and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD). The Department receives funds from the BOR for work fitting these objectives under a Cooperative Agreement (21AC10115 from 2021 to 2025). The Department prepares an annual report for the GRBNFCP which describes the results of the native fish conservation efforts funded during the preceding calendar year. Most New Mexico native fish conservation tasks are completed through a collaborative effort between the Department, the USFWS, and the United States Forest Service (USFS).

For each task funded in 2021, this report lists the GRBNFCP Strategic Plan goal(s) the task works toward achieving (USFWS et al. 2018), followed by associated recovery objective(s) listed in the Loach Minnow and Spikedace Recovery Plans (USFWS 1991, 1991) and the Gila Chub and Gila Topminnow Draft Recovery Plans (USFWS 1999, 2015). Work performed by the Department in 2021 is presented under each task. For each task, a background of the work is included followed by results, recommendations for the future, and work planned for 2022.

REMOVAL OF NONNATIVE FISHES FROM WEST FORK GILA RIVER (TASK NM-2006-1)

Strategic Plan Goals

- Prevent extinction and manage toward recovery
 - Goal 3. Protect native fish populations from nonnative fish invasions.
 - Goal 4. Remove nonnative aquatic species threats.
 - Goal 9. Monitor to quantitatively measure and evaluate project success in improving the status of target species and their habitats.
 - Goal 10. Maintain accurate Program tracking records.

Recovery Objectives

- Loach Minnow Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 2.5 (priority 1): Monitor community composition including range of natural variation
 - Task 3.1-2 (priority 2): Identify nature and significance of interaction with nonnative fishes
- Spikedace Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 2.5 (priority 1): Monitor community composition including range of natural variation
 - Task 3.1-2 (priority 2): Identify nature and significance of interaction with nonnative fishes

Background

The West Fork Gila River supports an intact native fish assemblage including federally endangered Spikedace and Loach Minnow as well as state endangered Roundtail Chub (previously known as Headwater Chub Gila nigra). In addition, federally threatened Gila Trout Oncorhynchus gilae are stocked in cooler months to provide recreational fishing opportunities and support recovery efforts. Ten species of nonnative fishes have been documented in the river including Brown Trout Salmo trutta, Rainbow Trout Oncorhynchus mykiss, Smallmouth Bass Micropterus dolomieu, and Yellow Bullhead Ameiurus natalis. The Department and partners have been removing nonnative fishes from an approximately 4 km reach of the West Fork Gila River at the Department-owned Heart Bar Wildlife Management Area since 2006. This reach lies in the vicinity of the confluence of the Middle and West Forks of the Gila River, an area also commonly referred to as "The Forks" (Figure 1). Nonnatives are removed from the Little Creek confluence upstream to the NM15 Bridge. The removal effort consists of a single pass of sampling by individual mesohabitat. Pools and runs are electrofished with two shockers simultaneously, riffles are electrofished and kicknetted into a seine, and sandy shoals are seined. Fish and habitat data collected during this removal effort included species, effort (seconds), habitat type, and area (m^2) sampled. Total length (to the nearest mm) and weight (to the nearest gram) are collected for the first 50 individuals of each species captured each day. After 50 lengths and weights have been recorded the remaining small-bodied fish are enumerated by species and the total length of all large-bodied fish species is recorded. The removal is conducted annually in June, requires a crew of 6 to 9 people, and usually takes 4 to 5 days to complete. The same stretch of river is sampled annually. However, the river has changed considerably since the project began in 2006, including a major shift of the river channel and high variability in the number of braided channels encountered year to year. Propst et al. (2014) evaluated this effort using data from 2007 to 2012. Results suggested that this effort reduced biomass of some

nonnative species and increased Spikedace biomass. The GRBNFCP decided to continue the effort because of the documented reduction of nonnative species.

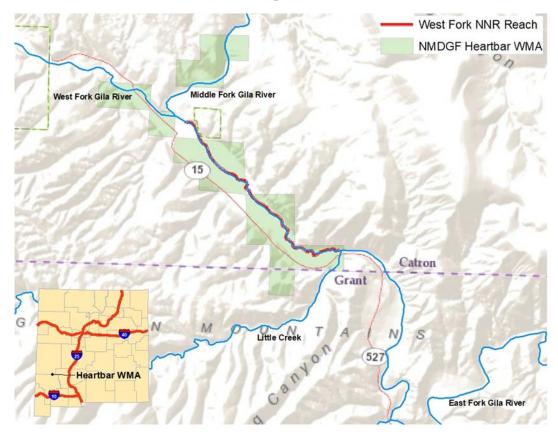


Figure 1. Map showing the location of the West Fork Gila River nonnative fish removal.

Results

Department, USFWS, and USFS staff conducted the West Fork Gila River nonnative removal from June 7 – 11, 2021. Total area sampled was 22,970 m². Sonora Sucker *Catostomus insignis*, Desert Sucker *Catostomus clarkii*, Loach Minnow *Tiaroga cobitis*, and Longfin Dace *Agosia chrysogaster* were the most abundant native species (Table 1). Bullhead species *Ameiurus* spp. were the most abundant nonnatives species captured. Roundtail Chub *Gila robusta* have increased in density over the last two years after remaining at a low density for several years (Figure 2). Over the last three years, Loach Minnow density has been steadily increasing. Bullhead species were the most abundant nonnative species captured and their density remains high compared to earlier years (Figure 3).

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Desert Sucker	882	21.34	3.84
	Gila Trout	3	0.07	0.01
	Loach Minnow	590	14.28	2.57
	Longfin Dace	550	13.31	2.39
	Roundtail Chub	70	1.69	0.30
	Sonora Sucker	1534	37.12	6.68
	Speckled Dace	107	2.59	0.47
	Spikedace	150	3.63	0.65
Nonnative				
	Brown Trout	3	0.07	0.01
	Bullhead species	107	2.59	0.47
	Common Carp	1	0.02	0.00
	Oncorhynchus spp.	1	0.02	0.00
	Smallmouth Bass	56	1.35	0.24
	Western Mosquitofish	79	1.91	0.34

Table 1. Total number of fish captured, percent composition, and density of all fishes captured in the West Fork Gila River during nonnative removal efforts in 2021.

Table 2. Area sampled and percent composition of all habitat types sampled on the West Fork Gila during nonnative removal in 2021.

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Percent Composition
Pool	8159	35.52
Riffle	2172	9.46
Run	11996	52.23
Shoal	550	2.39
Zero Velocity	93	0.41

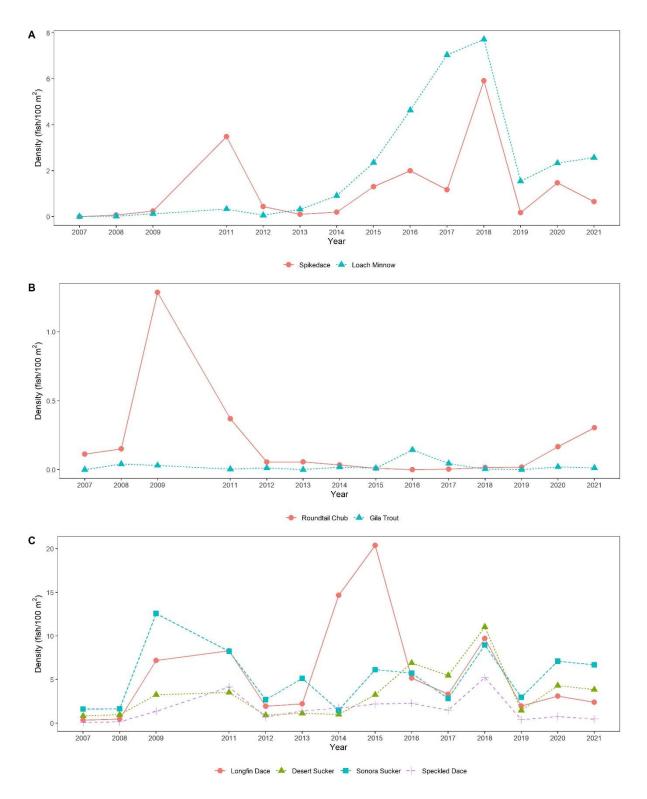


Figure 2. Density of native fish species captured in the West Fork Gila River nonnative removal from 2007 to 2021. Data from 2006 and 2010 are excluded because habitat measurements were not recorded. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), low density species (B), and all other native fish species (C).

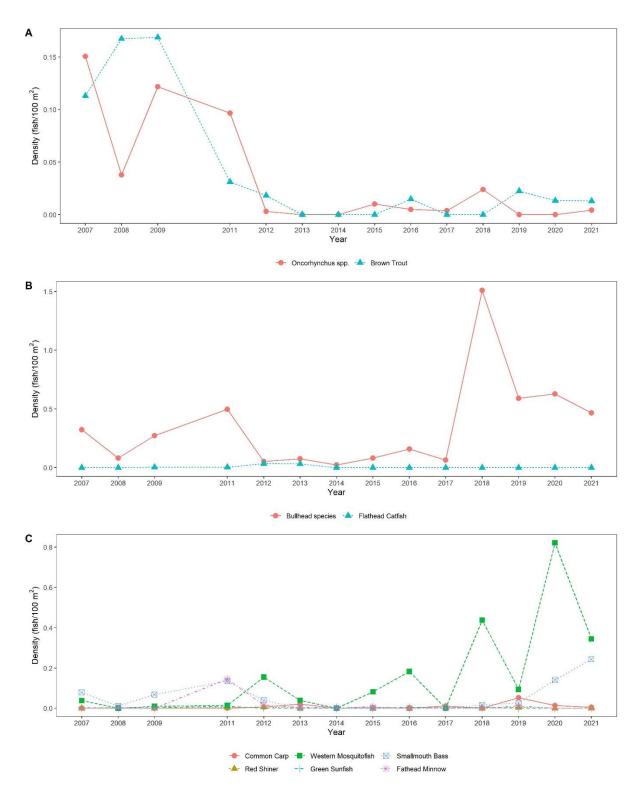


Figure 3. Density of nonnative fish species captured in the West Fork Gila River nonnative removal from 2007 to 2021. Data from 2006 and 2010 are excluded because habitat measurements were not recorded. For clarity, charts are split into salmonid species (A), catfish and bullhead species (B), and all other nonnative fish species (C).

Recommendations

• In order to reduce nonnatives and potentially benefit the native fishes with nonnative suppression, we recommend continuing nonnative removal efforts on the West Fork Gila River. A single pass should continue to be completed until evidence suggests that additional effort is needed.

Work Planned for 2022

• Conduct West Fork Gila River nonnative removal on 4 km Heart Bar Wildlife Management Area reach in June 2022.

NEW MEXICO T&E FISH REPATRIATIONS AND MONITORING (TASK NM-2002-1)

Strategic Plan Goals:

- Prevent extinction and manage toward recovery
 - Goal 1. Identify critical streams and populations in need of protection and potential replication.
 - Goal 2. Maintain and operate ASU topminnow holding facility and the Aquatic Research and Conservation Center (ARCC) to support the Program's recovery efforts for imperiled fishes in the Gila River Basin through the establishment of refuge populations of genetically distinctive stocks as insurance against extinction in the wild, captive propagation for repatriation, and applied research.
 - Goal 5. Replicate populations and their associated native fish community into protected streams and other surface waters.
 - Goal 9. Monitor to quantitatively measure and evaluate project success in improving the status of species and their habitats.
 - Goal 10. Maintain accurate Program tracking records.

Recovery Objectives

- Loach Minnow Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 6.2 (priority 3): Identify and prepare sites for reintroduction
 - o Task 6.3-4 (priority 3): Reintroduce into selected reaches and monitor
 - Task 6.5-6 (priority 3): Determine reasons for success/failure and rectify as necessary
 - Task 8.2 (priority 3): Collect hatchery stocks
- Spikedace Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 6.2 (priority 3): Identify and prepare sites for reintroduction
 - Task 6.3-4 (priority 3): Reintroduce into selected reaches and monitor
 - Task 6.5-6 (priority 3): Determine reasons for success/failure and rectify as necessary
 - Task 8.2 (priority 3): Collect hatchery stocks

Background

This task is used to identify potential repatriation streams, evaluate potential donor populations and repatriation sites, conduct repatriation to identified streams, monitor populations post-repatriation, and supplement hatchery populations as needed. Repatriations consist of multiple stockings into each repatriation stream successively for 3 to 5 years or until monitoring of the streams determines the populations are established or considered unsustainable. Established streams are then surveyed at least once every five years. It is an ongoing effort to find and evaluate new waters where repatriation may be possible. This task encompasses all New Mexico streams within the Gila River basin where repatriation might occur. Repatriation stockings can be direct transfers of fish from a wild population or stocking from a hatchery such as ARCC. This task is also used for collecting live fish for the purposes of direct stocking, quarantine at ARCC, or development and maintenance of brood stock at ARCC.

Results

Several ongoing repatriation projects were continued in 2021, including post-repatriation surveys and fish collection.

Bear Creek

The Tadpole Fire burned the headwaters of Bear Creek in 2020. To mitigate the potential for negative effects from the fire, 221 Loach Minnow were salvaged from Bear Creek on July 7, 2020 and transferred to ARCC. Loach Minnow will be restocked into Bear Creek when habitat is suitable . Department and USFWS staff surveyed Bear Creek on May 18, 2021 to determine the upstream extent of Loach Minnow on the Department's Double E Wildlife Management Area. One Loach Minnow was captured along with other native fishes (Table 3). Observations during the survey indicated that habitat in the upstream reaches on the Department's property are limiting due to stream intermittency.

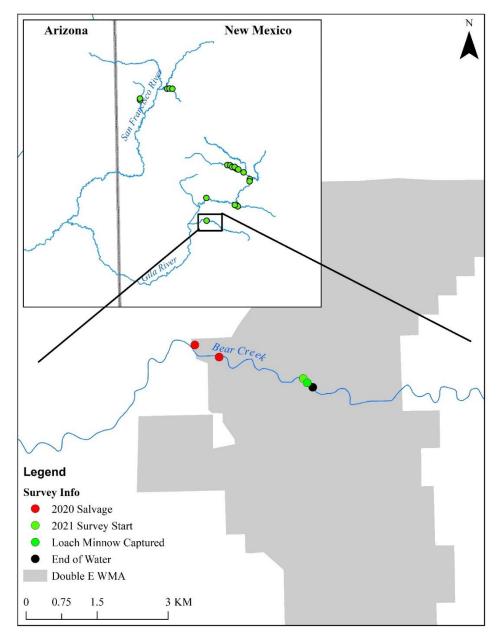


Figure 4. Location of Loach Minnow salvage in 2020 and Loach Minnow survey conducted in 2021 in Bear Creek.

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Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Desert Sucker	90	28.48	53.57
Loach Minnow	1	0.32	0.60
Longfin Dace	216	68.35	128.57
Sonora Sucker	9	2.85	5.36

Table 3. Total number of fish captured, percent composition, and density in Bear Creek in 2021.

Harden Cienega Tanks

Department personnel surveyed several stock tanks in the headwaters of Harden Cienega along with personnel from Arizona Game and Fish on July 13 and 14, 2021. Results from the surveys are reported in the Arizona Game and Fish 2021 report. Additional surveys of stock tanks that were not visited in 2021 are planned for 2022.

Negrito Creek

Department and USFWS staff surveyed Negrito Creek on May 20, 2021. Negrito Creek is a tributary to the Tularosa River in the San Francisco River drainage. Access is difficult due to private land located at the mouth of Negrito Creek. Staff opportunistically surveyed possible Loach Minnow habitat and only recorded species observed. No Loach Minnow or Spikedace were captured in 3,137 seconds of electrofishing but Desert Sucker, Longfin Dace, Sonora Sucker, and Speckled Dace *Rhinicthys osculus* were captured (Table 4). However, in 2020 Department and USFS staff opportunistically surveyed possible Loach Minnow habitat in Negrito Creek and captured one loach minnow in 816 seconds of electrofishing. This past survey confirmed presence of Loach Minnow in Negrito Creek, however future surveys need to be conducted to confirm long-term presence and to determine distribution and abundance.

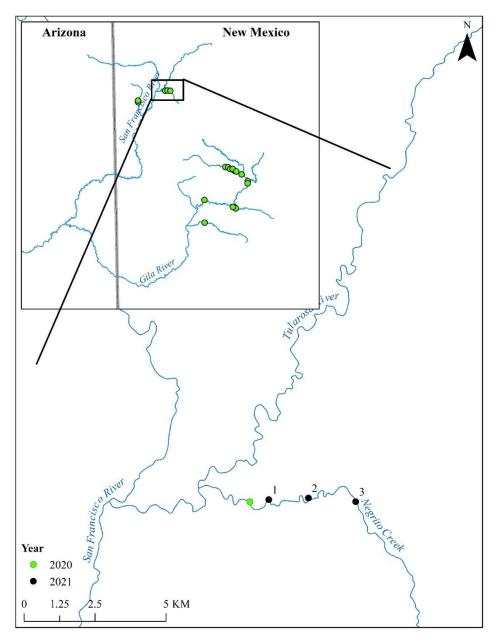


Figure 5. Location of sites sampled in Negrito Creek in 2020 and 2021. Note that Loach Minnow were only captured in 2020.

Table 4. Total number of fish captured, percent composition, and catch per unit effort	
(CPUE) in Negrito Creek in 2021.	

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Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	CPUE (fish/hour)
Desert Sucker	158	35.27	181.32
Longfin Dace	51	11.38	58.53
Sonora Sucker	70	15.63	80.33
Speckled Dace	169	37.72	193.94

Saliz Canyon

Stocking of Loach Minnow into Saliz Canyon began in 2016 (Table 5). Stocking was postponed in 2018 due to habitat degradation resulting from the Owl Fire (Ferguson and Wick 2019). In June 2019, Department and USFWS staff visually assessed the stocking reach of Saliz Canyon. Suitable habitat was found, the substrate was less embedded than in 2018, and other fish species appeared to have recovered. Loach Minnow stocking resumed in 2019. Department and USFWS staff conducted surveys in Saliz Canyon on May 17 and 19, 2021. Ten Loach Minnow (37 – 64 mm TL) were captured at the stocking location, however none were captured at an upstream site. The capture of Loach Minnow less than 40 mm TL in 2021 and 2020 indicate that stocked fish have successfully reproduced in Saliz Canyon (Ferguson and Zeigler 2021). Stocking efforts appear to have established Loach Minnow in Saliz Canyon but the repatriated population appears to be spatially limited. Additional access locations for new repatriation and monitoring efforts should be assessed.

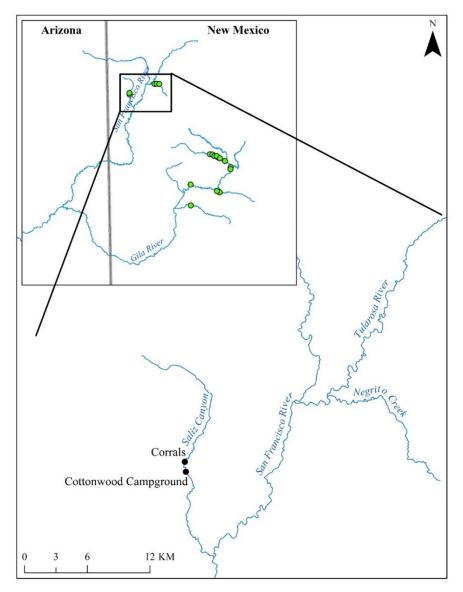


Figure 6. Location of sites sampled in Saliz Canyon in 2021.

Table 5. Summary of Loach Minnow stocking into Saliz Canyon.

Date	Number Stocked	Source (population)
November 16, 2016	103	Tularosa River
November 29, 2017	243	ARCC (San Francisco)
June 3, 2019	305	ARCC (San Francisco)

Table 6. Number of fish captured, percent composition, and density in Saliz Canyon at Cottonwood Campground in 2021.

Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Desert Sucker	14	1.31	6.65
Loach Minnow	10	0.93	4.75
Longfin Dace	461	43.04	219.11
Speckled Dace	586	54.72	278.52

Table 7. Number of fish captured, percent composition, and density in Saliz Canyon at Corrals in 2021.

Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Desert Sucker	33	4.51	42.62
Loach Minnow	0	0.00	0.00
Longfin Dace	569	77.84	734.81
Speckled Dace	129	17.65	166.59

Sapillo Creek

Department and USFS staff surveyed Sapillo Creek on May 11 - 13, 2021. Native and nonnative fishes were captured in the creek (Figure 8). Only native species (Longfin Dace and Speckled Dace) were captured at Site 1, the most upstream site, and at Site 2 (Table 8). Downstream at Site 3 and the site located in the Gila River at the mouth of Sapillo Creek, both native species and nonnative species were captured. Density could not be calculated for the Gila River site because area sampled was not measured. Although large predatory nonnatives such as Flathead Catfish *Pylodictis olivaris* and Smallmouth Bass were not captured in Sapillo Creek, they were present in the Gila River at their confluence. Habitat appears suitable for both Loach Minnow and Spikedace, and both species should be repatriated to the stream to establish populations while nonnative densities remain low.

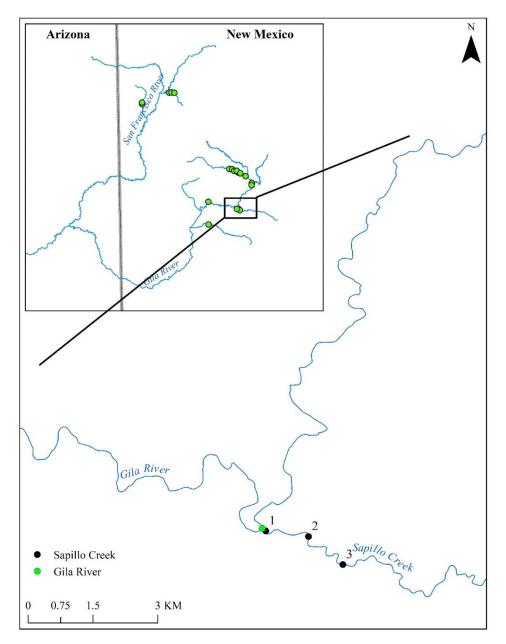


Figure 7. Location of sites sampled in Sapillo Creek and in the Gila River at the mouth of Sapillo Creek in 2021.

	Site 1		Site 2		Site 3		Gila River at mouth of Sapillo	
Species	N	Density (fish/100 m ²)	N	Density (fish/100 m ²)	N	Density (fish/100 m ²)	Ν	CPUE (fish/hr)
Native								
Desert Sucker	0	0	3	0.85	2	0.26	1	5.43
Longfin Dace	32	7.36	0	0	13	5.62	0	0.00
Rio Grande Sucker	0	0	1	0.11	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	0	0	6	1.15	13	3.92	0	0.00
Speckled Dace	11	1.55	0	0	1	0.77	0	0.00
Nonnative								
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27.15
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5.43
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	1	0.43	0	0.00
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5.43

Table 8. Number (N), percent composition (%), and density (fish/100m²) or catch per unit effort (CPUE, fish/hr) of fish captured at three sites sampled in Sapillo Creek and one site sampled in the Gila River at the mouth of Sapillo Creek in 2021.

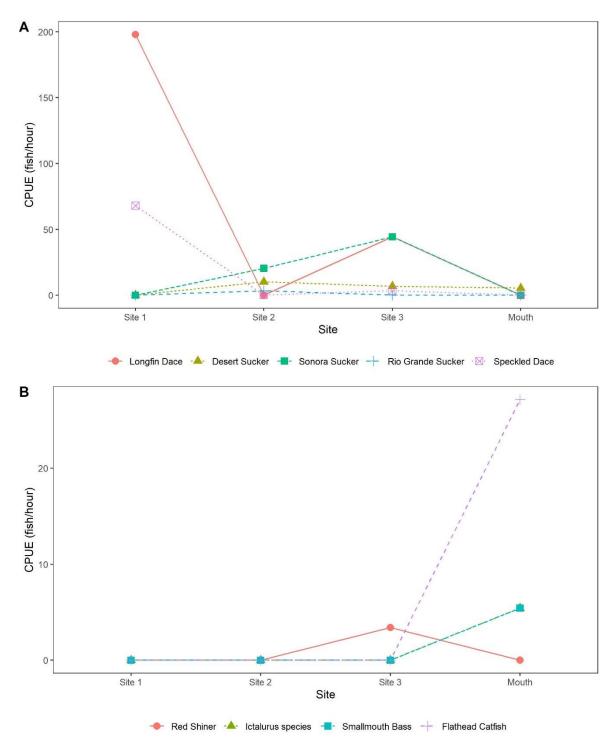


Figure 8. Catch per unit effort (CPUE, fish/hr) of fish captured during Sapillo Creek surveys in 2021. Data are presented as CPUE because habitat measurements were not recorded at the Gila River site at the mouth of Sapillo Creek (Mouth). For clarity, charts are split into native fish species (A), and nonnative fish species (B).

Recommendations

- Negrito Creek does not appear suitable for the repatriation of Spikedace because of stream drying and Loach Minnow appear to already be present in the creek based on 2020 surveys. Tributaries to Negrito Creek should be investigated for potential reintroduction sites.
- Surveys in Saliz Canyon should continue for one more year and be expanded to additional sites to assess presence or dispersal if Loach Minnow continue to persist. Additional repatriation sites should also be assessed.
- Sapillo Creek should be considered as a future repatriation site for Loach Minnow and Spikedace.

Work Planned for 2022

- Investigate additional access points in Saliz Canyon for monitoring and repatriation of Loach Minnow.
- Survey Negrito Creek tributaries for potential repatriation of Loach Minnow and Spikedace.
- Repatriate Loach Minnow and Spikedace to Sapillo Creek.
- Continue assessment of tanks in the Harden Cienega Creek drainage in New Mexico for nonnative fish with AZGFD. Develop plans for removal of nonnative fish in tanks within the Harden Cienega Creek drainage.

REMOTE SITE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT (TASK NM-2017-1)

Strategic Plan Goals:

- Prevent extinction and manage toward recovery
 - Goal 1. Identify critical streams and populations in need of protection and potential replication.
 - Goal 9. Monitor to quantitatively measure and evaluate project success in improving the status of target species and their habitats.
 - Goal 10. Maintain accurate Program tracking records.

Recovery Objectives

- Loach Minnow Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 1.1 (priority 1): Identify all populations and determine level of protection
 - Task 2.5 (priority 1): Monitor community composition including range of natural variation
 - Task 3.1-2 (priority 2): Identify nature and significance of interaction with nonnative fishes
 - Task 6.2 (priority 3): Identify and prepare sites for reintroduction
- Spikedace Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 1.1 (priority 1): Identify all populations and determine level of protection
 - Task 2.5 (priority 1): Monitor community composition including range of natural variation
 - Task 3.1-2 (priority 2): Identify nature and significance of interaction with nonnative fishes
 - Task 6.2 (priority 3): Identify and prepare sites for reintroduction

Background

Much of the Gila River Basin in New Mexico is extremely remote and thus difficult to sample. The distribution of priority and nonnative species in the remote sections of the Gila River and its forks were last surveyed in the mid-2000s and Department records indicate that the remote lower canyons of the San Francisco River have never been surveyed. The system is dynamic and there have been significant changes in the basin in recent years. Remote surveys in the middle and east forks of the Gila River was surveyed in the summer 2017 and the upper reaches were surveyed in the summer 2018. The East Fork Gila River and tributaries, excluding Black Canyon Creek were surveyed in 2019. Black Canyon Creek was surveyed in 2020 and the lower West Fork Gila River was surveyed in 2021. The upper West Fork Gila is scheduled to be surveyed in 2022. This is an ongoing project with plans to monitor at least one remote site location per year until the assessment is complete, and then update status approximately every ten years.

Results

The remote sites of the West Fork Gila River were last sampled in 2006 and 2007. On May 25 – 27 and June 8, 2021, Department, USFWS, and USFS staff sampled the lower portion of this group of sites. Upper sites were scheduled to be sampled but were postponed due to the Johnson Fire. Loach Minnow, Roundtail Chub, and Spikedace were present during sampling (Table 9). Nonnative fish species captured included Brown Trout, Common Carp *Cyprinus carpio*, Flathead Catfish, *Oncorhynchus* spp., Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Bullhead, and Western Mosquitofish *Gambusia affinis*.

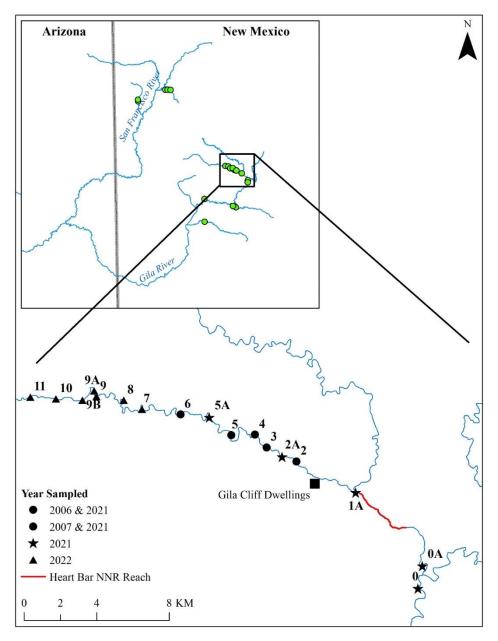


Figure 9. Location of remote inventory sites in the West Fork Gila River sampled in 2006, 2007, and 2021. Upper sites are expected to be sampled in 2022.

	Site 0			_	Site 0A			
		Percent	Mean Density		Percent	Mean Density		
Species	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)		
Native								
Desert Sucker	1	3.3	0.3	2	3.0	1.1		
Loach Minnow	3	10.0	0.5	15	22.7	8.1		
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sonora Sucker	24	80.0	6.4	36	54.6	4.7		
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nonnative								
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Common Carp	0	0	0	5	7.6	0.6		
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	1	1.5	0.1		
Oncrohynchus sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Smallmouth Bass	1	3.3	0.3	7	10.6	1.1		
Western Moquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Yellow Bullhead	1	3.3	0.2	0	0	0		

Table 9. Total number of fishes captured, percent composition, and Mean Density (fish/100 m^2) in West Fork Gila River at remote sites Site 0, Site 0A, Site 1A, Site 2, Site 2A, Site 3, Site 4, Site 5, Site 5A, and Site 6 in 2021.

_	Site 1A			Site 2			
		Percent	Mean Density		Percent	Mean Density	
Species	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)	
Native							
Desert Sucker	0	0	0	116	30.5	36.6	
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	1	0.3	0.5	
Longfin Dace	31	51.7	10.1	42	11.1	12.2	
Roundtail Chub	1	1.7	0.2	1	0.3	0.1	
Sonora Sucker	22	36.7	12.0	30	7.9	4.8	
Speckled Dace	2	3.3	1.8	148	39.0	69.4	
Spikedace	3	5.0	3.6	41	10.8	16.0	
Nonnative							
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oncrohynchus sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Western Moquitofish	1	1.7	0.4	0	0	0	
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	1	0.3	0.1	

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	Site 2A				Site 3			
		Percent	Mean Density		Percent	Mean Density		
Species	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)		
Native								
Desert Sucker	116	29.9	36.3	64	30.5	9.7		
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Longfin Dace	13	3.4	3.4	0	0	0		
Roundtail Chub	7	1.8	2.3	10	4.8	2.9		
Sonora Sucker	68	17.5	23.0	48	22.9	13.2		
Speckled Dace	165	42.5	47.8	85	40.5	35.8		
Spikedace	19	4.9	5.1	2	1.0	2.2		
Nonnative								
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Oncrohynchus sp.	0	0	0	1	0.5	2.2		
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Western Moquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Table 9 continued.

Site 4 Site 5 Mean Density Mean Density Percent Percent $(fish/100 m^2)$ composition $(fish/100 m^2)$ composition Species Ν Ν Native Desert Sucker 66 28.8 19.8 16 16.2 4.5 Loach Minnow 0 0 0 0 0 0 Longfin Dace 4 1.8 0.2 7 7.1 1.0 2 0.9 Roundtail Chub 0.9 0 0 0 37 2.9 Sonora Sucker 16.2 11.4 11 11.1 Speckled Dace 113 49.3 54.3 65 65.7 24.0 Spikedace 1 0.4 0.2 0 0 0 Nonnative 3 Brown Trout 1.3 1.3 0 0 0 Common Carp 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Flathead Catfish 0 0 0 0 Oncrohynchus sp. 3 1.3 0.8 0 0 0 Smallmouth Bass 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Western Moquitofish 0 0 0 0 0 Yellow Bullhead 0 0 0 0 0 0

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		Site 5A	A		Site 6	
-		Percent	Mean Density		Percent	Mean Density
Species	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)	Ν	composition	(fish/100 m ²)
Native						
Desert Sucker	15	14.2	3.1	18	17.1	4.3
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	8	7.6	0.6	18	17.2	5.0
Sonora Sucker	30	28.3	3.1	36	34.3	7.5
Speckled Dace	49	46.3	44.0	27	25.7	5.8
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonnative						
Brown Trout	1	0.9	0.1	2	1.9	0.4
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oncrohynchus sp.	3	2.8	0.4	4	3.8	0.9
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Moquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0

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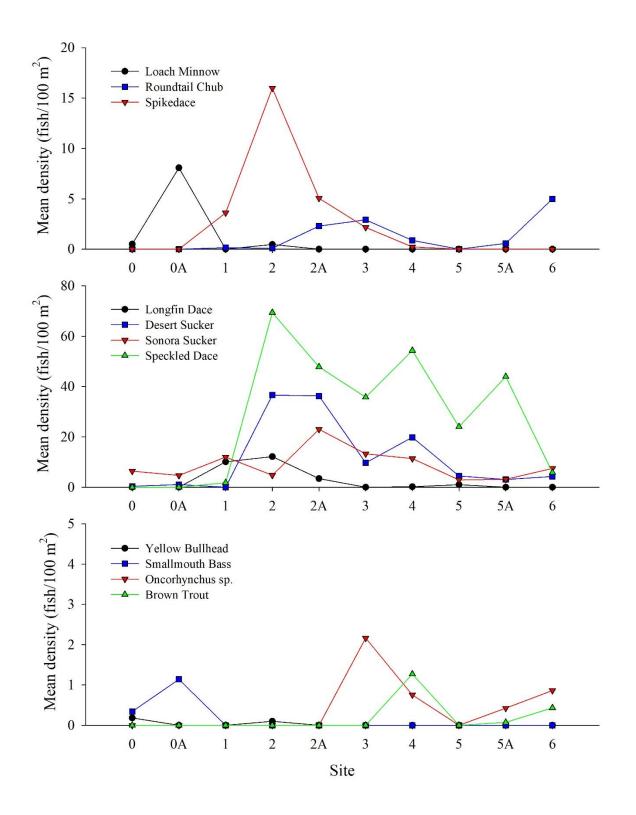


Figure 10. Densities of rare native (top), common native (middle), and nonnative species captured at each site sampled during remote site inventories of the West Fork Gila River in 2021. Note that sites go from the downstream to upstream on the x-axis.

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	Sit	e 0	Site	e 0A	Site	e 1A	Sit	e 2	Site	2A	Sit	e 3	Sit	e 4	Sit	e 5	Site	e 5A	Sit	e 6
Species	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2007	2021
Native																				
Desert Sucker		Х		X			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Loach Minnow		Х		Х				Х												
Longfin Dace						Х		Х		Х				Х		Х				
Roundtail Chub						Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х
Sonora Sucker		Х		Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Speckled Dace						Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Spikedace						Х	Х	Х		Х		Х		Х						
Nonnative																				
Brown Trout							Х				Х		Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х
Common Carp				Х																
Fathead Minnow													Х							
Flathead Catfish				Х																
Rainbow Trout							Х				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х
Smallmouth Bass		Х		Х			Х				Х		Х							
Western Mosquitofish						Х														
Yellow Bullhead		Х						Х												

Table 10. Occurrence of fishes at West Fork Gila River remote sites in 2006 and 2021. X indicates species presence. Grey bars indicate that sampling did not occur that year at that site.

	Sit	e 0	Site	e 0A	Site	e 1A	Sit	e 2	Site	2A	Sit	e 3	Sit	e 4	Site	e 5	Site	5A	Sit	e 6
Species	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2006	2021	2007	2021
Native	2	(1	2	2	CI	(1	(1	2	2	(1	2	2	(1	(1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Desert Sucker		1		2		0	39	116		112	31	64	17	66	31	16		15	32	18
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Loach Minnow		3		15		0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Longfin Dace		0		0		31	0	42		13	0	0	0	4	0	7		0	0	0
Roundtail Chub		0		0		1	88	1		7	23	10	25	2	10	0		8	3	18
Sonora Sucker		24		36		22	188	30		68	45	48	63	37	49	11		30	22	36
Speckled Dace		0		0		2	36	148		165	53	85	35	113	126	65		49	45	27
Spikedace		0		0		3	119	41		19	0	2	0	1	0	0		0	0	0
Nonnative																				
Brown Trout		0		0		0	7	0		0	54	0	1	3	12	0		1	205	2
Common Carp		0		5		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Fathead Minnow		0		0		0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0
Flathead Catfish		0		1		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Rainbow Trout		0		0		0	1	0		0	18	1	10	3	21	0		3	5	4
Smallmouth Bass		1		7		0	2	0		0	8	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish		0		0		1	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead		1		0		0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Table 11. Number of fish captured at West Fork Gila River remote sites in 2006 and 2021. Grey bars indicate that sampling did not occur that vear at that site.

Recommendations

• The West Fork Gila drainage still retains the complete assemblage of native fish species including Loach Minnow and Spikedace. The remaining sites in the upper portion of the West Fork Gila River should be surveyed in 2022 to assess the distribution of native priority species.

Work Planned for 2022

• Survey the 7 remaining sites in the upper West Fork Gila River.

GILA RIVER BASIN PERMANENT SITE MONITORING (TASK NM-2020-1)

Strategic Plan Goals:

- Prevent extinction and manage toward recovery
 - Goal 1. Identify critical streams and populations in need of protection and potential replication.
 - Goal 9. Monitor to quantitatively measure and evaluate project success in improving the status of target species and their habitats.
 - Goal 10. Maintain accurate Program tracking records.

Recovery Objectives

- Loach Minnow Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 1.1 (priority 1): Identify all populations and determine level of protection
 - Task 2.5 (priority 1): Monitor community composition including range of natural variation
 - Task 3.1-2 (priority 2): Identify nature and significance of interaction with nonnative fishes
 - Task 6.2 (priority 3): Identify and prepare sites for reintroduction
- Spikedace Recovery Plan (1991)
 - Task 1.1 (priority 1): Identify all populations and determine level of protection
 - Task 2.5 (priority 1): Monitor community composition including range of natural variation
 - Task 3.1-2 (priority 2): Identify nature and significance of interaction with nonnative fishes
 - Task 6.2 (priority 3): Identify and prepare sites for reintroduction

Background

Annual monitoring of five sites in the Gila River Basin has been completed since 1988. An additional four sites have been added since 1989 (Table 12). This annual sampling is conducted to track changes in presence and density of native and nonnative fishes throughout the Gila River Basin. Data from this effort informs recovery actions for priority species throughout the basin. There are nine permanent sites monitored annually in the Gila River Basin (Figure 11).

Sampling normally occurs each year in October or early November. At each site, sampling for fish in each individual habitat occurs in rough proportion to its availability within a site. The particular method used to obtain specimens depends upon the habitat type being sampled. Pools and runs are electrofished with two shockers simultaneously, riffles are electrofished and kicknetted into a seine, and sandy shoals are seine (normally 3.0 x 1.2 m, 3.2 mm mesh seine). All fish collected from each habitat are identified, enumerated, measured (nearest 1 mm total length (TL)), and weighed (nearest 1 g) if greater than 99 mm TL. All native fish are released back into the habitat they were captured from and all nonnatives are removed from the system.

Following fish collection, a single measurement of length (nearest 0.1 m), and width (nearest 0.01 m), depth (nearest 0.01 m), and water velocity (nearest 0.01 m/s) are measured at several locations within the sampled area of each sampled habitat. For analysis, these measurements are averaged for each mesohabitat. Substrate composition was characterized visually at several locations within sampled portion of each mesohabitat. Other habitat features, such as overhead cover, debris, and vegetation, are also noted.

Table 12. Gila River Basin	permanent site sampling histo	rv by waterbody and site.

Waterbody	Site Name	Years Sampled	Previous Sites
East Fork Gila River	Fall Springs	1996-present	1988-1995, 4 km upstream
Gila River	Ash Canyon (previously Middle Box)	2012-present	1997-2011, 5 km upstream
Gila River	Cherokee Canyon	2009-present	2009-2019
Gila River	Fisherman's Overlook	1997-2008	
Gila River	Iron Bridge	1988-present	
Gila River	Sunset Diversion	2014-present	2010-2013, above diversion
Middle Fork Gila River	Trailhead	1988-present	
San Francisco River	Glenwood Ranger Station	1997-present	1988-1997, 1 km upstream
Tularosa River	Eagle Peak Road	1988-present	
West Fork Gila River	Gila Cliff Dwellings	1989-present	

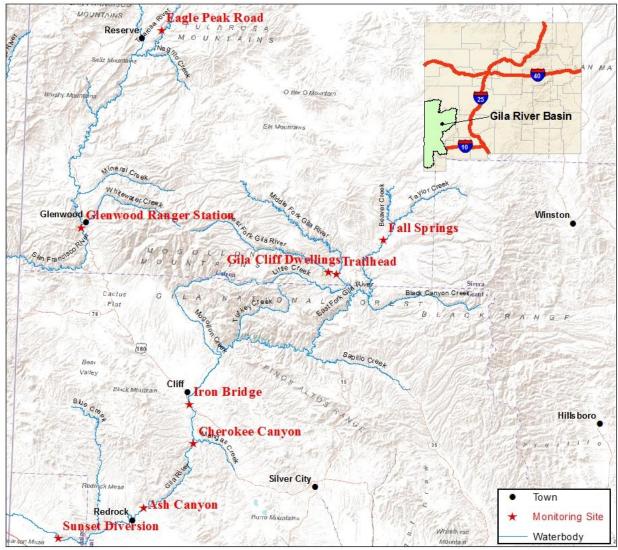


Figure 11. Location of nine annual monitoring sites throughout the Gila River Basin.

Results

Department, USFWS, and USFS personnel surveyed the permanent sites October 25 - 29, 2021. Results from permanent site monitoring in 2021 are listed below by site, in order from most upstream site to most downstream site.

Tularosa River—Eagle Peak Road

The Eagle Peak Road site on the Tularosa River has been sampled since 1988. In that time, 10 fish species have been collected (Table 13 and A1). All expected native species except Loach Minnow were found and one nonnative species (Fathead Minnow *Pimephales promelas*, n = 1) was captured in 2021. The most abundant species was Longfin Dace (Table 14). The only nonnative species collected in the past five years was a single Fathead Minnow that was captured in 2021. Most native species have shown an overall increase in density over the past 4 years (Figure 12). Habitat sampled in 2021 consisted of mostly runs (Table 15).

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	Species	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																																			
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х						Х		Х					Х		Х	Х		Х	
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
	Speckled Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х
Nonnative																																			
	Brook Stickleback															Х								Х		Х	Х								
	Fathead Minnow					Х				Х	Х					Х					Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х					Х
	Green Sunfish																									Х				Х					
	Rainbow Trout										Х																								
	Western		x		x	х		x		х				x	x	x	х	x			x		х	x		х				х					
	Mosquitofish		Λ		л	Λ		Λ		Λ				Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ			Λ		Λ	Λ		Λ				Λ					

Table 13. Occurrence of fishes at Tularosa River Eagle Peak Road site, Catron County, New Mexico, 1988–2021. X indicates species presence.

Table 14. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the Tularosa River at Eagle Peak Road site in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Desert Sucker	82	24.62	35.06
	Longfin Dace	143	42.94	61.14
	Sonora Sucker	95	28.53	40.62
	Speckled Dace	12	3.60	5.13
Nonnative				
	Fathead Minnow	1	0.30	0.43

Table 15. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the Tularosa River at Eagle Peak Road in 2021.

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Pool	75	31.94	0.29 ± 0.00	0.18 ± 0.00
Riffle	48	20.59	0.15 ± 0.00	0.40 ± 0.00
Run	111	47.48	0.18 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.01

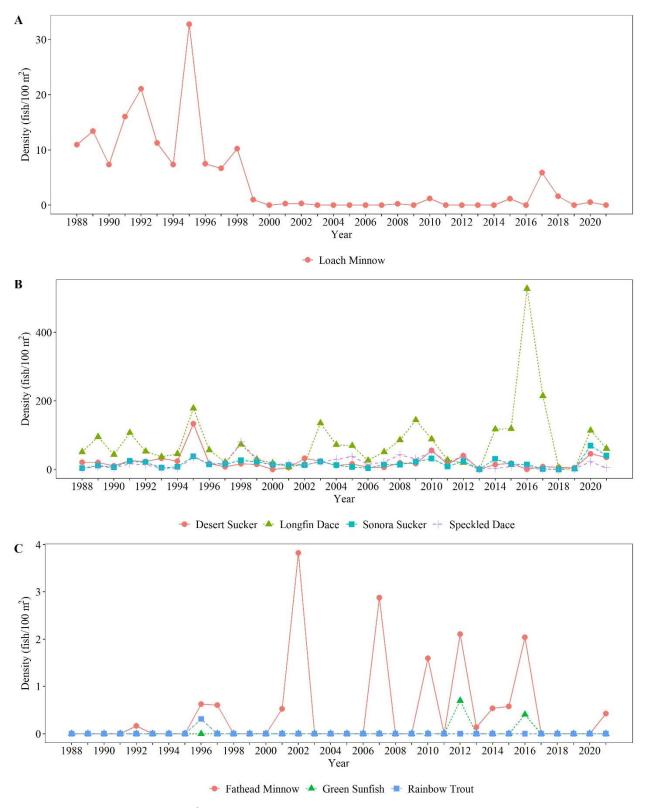


Figure 12. Density (fish/100 m²) of fish captured at Tularosa River Eagle Peak Road site from 1988 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

San Francisco River—Glenwood Ranger Station

The Glenwood Ranger Station site on the San Francisco River has been a permanent site since 1988. The site was impacted by ash flows as a result of the Whitewater-Baldy Fire in the spring of 2012 and no fish were collected in 2012 (Table A2). One Fathead Minnow was collected in 2013. Desert Sucker, Longfin Dace, and Sonora Sucker had recolonized the site by 2014, and in 2015 all native fish species that were present before the fire were collected. In 2017, Spikedace were recorded in the San Francisco River for the first time since 1950. Spikedace were stocked approximately 15 miles upstream of the permanent site location in the San Francisco River four times between 2008 and 2014. Spikedace were captured again at the site in 2019, 2020 and 2021. In 2020, Smallmouth Bass were captured at the site for the first time (Table 16). Captured Smallmouth Bass in the San Francisco River upstream of Pleasanton, NM. No Smallmouth Bass were captured in 2021. Native Catostomids were the most abundant species in 2021 (Table 17). No Loach Minnow were captured at the site for the first time since 2014. Most species showed a decrease in abundance as compared to 2020 (Figure 13). Run habitat made up 53.1% of the habitat sampled within the site (Table 18).

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	Species	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																																			
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	z		Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Speckled Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	õ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Spikedace													E																	Х		Х	Х	Х
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Nonnative														RING																					
	Fathead Minnow	Х	Х						Х					ဂ							Х		Х				Х	Х	Х	Х					
	Largemouth Bass				Х		Х																												
	Rainbow Trout			Х	Х	Х		Х				Х	Х		Х													Х							
	Smallmouth Bass																																	Х	
	Western Mosquitofish	Х		Х				Х					Х				Х																	Х	

Table 16. Occurrence of fishes at San Francisco River Glenwood Ranger Station site, Catron County, New Mexico, 1988–2020. X indicates species presence.

Table 17. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the San Francisco River at Glenwood Ranger Station in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Desert Sucker	28	66.67	9.67
	Longfin Dace	1	2.38	0.35
	Sonora Sucker	9	21.43	3.11
	Speckled Dace	3	7.14	1.04
	Spikedace	1	2.38	0.35

Table 18. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the San Francisco River at Glenwood Ranger Station in 2021.

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Pool	28	9.52	1.00 ± 0.00	0.31 ± 0.00
Riffle	108	37.37	0.22 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.03
Run	154	53.11	0.43 ± 0.00	0.37 ± 0.00

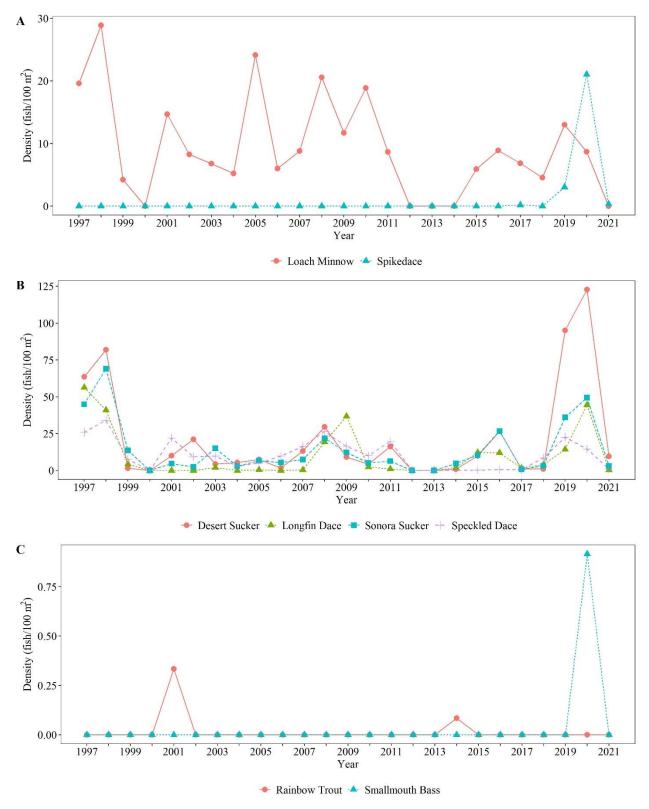


Figure 13. Density of fish species captured at San Francisco River at Glenwood Ranger Station site from 1997 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

East Fork Gila River—Fall Springs

Sampling began at the East Fork Gila River Fall Springs site in 1988. The site was shifted downstream from its original location on private property to the Gila National Forest in 1996. The new site has similar characteristics to the original site and data from the two sites have been combined for long term reporting. Loach Minnow have not been captured at the site since 1999 and Spikedace have not been captured since 2000 (Table 19 and A3). Yellow Bullhead was the most abundant species captured in 2021, while Sonora Sucker was the most abundant native species captured (Table 20). However, Desert Sucker and Sonora Sucker density decreased from 2020 to 2021 (Figure 14). The majority of the habitat sampled in 2021 consisted of runs (Table 21).

Table 19. Occurrence of fishes at East Fork Gila River Fall Springs site, Catron County, New Mexico, 1988–2021. X indicates species presence.

																		Ye	ear																
	Species	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																																			
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Loach Minnow		Х	Х								Х	Х																						
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х					Х		Х														
	Roundtail Chub	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х									
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	_	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Speckled Dace	Х								NO					Х	Х								Х											
	Spikedace	Х	Х	Х			Х			6			Х	Х																					
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Nonnative										Ĝ																									
	Channel Catfish	Х	Х							ō																	Х								
	Catfish spp.			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	-				Х				Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Fathead Minnow	Х		Х			Х							Х																					
	Green Sunfish																	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х			Х									
	Largemouth Bass						Х				Х								Х										Х						
	Smallmouth Bass				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Western Mosquitofish	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
	Yellow Bullhead												х				Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х		Х

Table 20. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the East Fork Gila River at Fall Springs in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Desert Sucker	3	6.82	0.63
	Sonora Sucker	9	20.45	1.89
Nonnative				
	Ictalurus spp.	12	27.27	2.53
	Smallmouth Bass	1	2.27	0.21
	Yellow Bullhead	19	43.18	4.00

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Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Pool	55	11.59	0.56 ± 0.00	0.31 ± 0.01
Riffle	78	16.48	0.34 ± 0.00	0.72 ± 0.00
Run	342	71.93	0.41 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.00

Table 21. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the East Fork Gila River at Fall Springs in 2021.

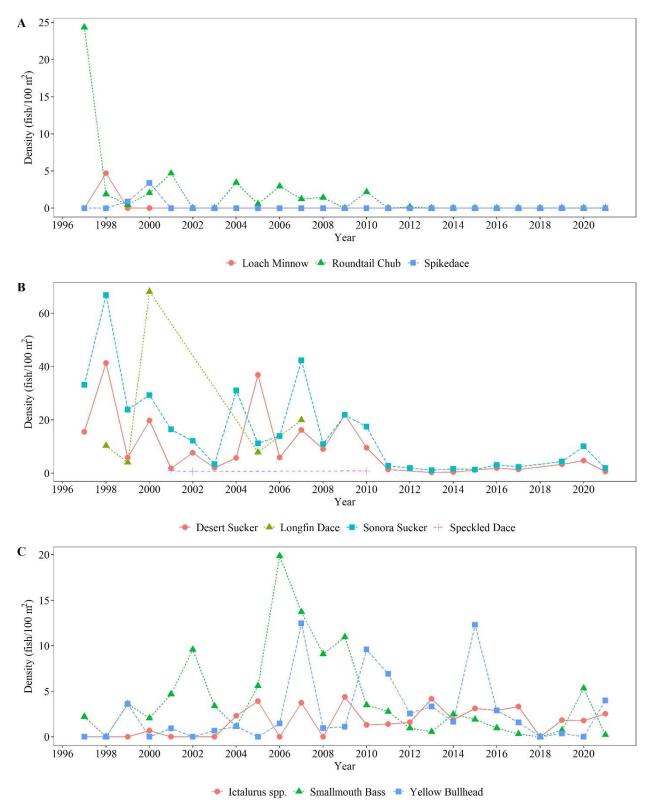


Figure 14. Density of fish species captured at East Fork Gila River at Fall Springs site from 1996 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

West Fork Gila River—Gila Cliff Dwellings

The Gila Cliff Dwellings site on the West Fork Gila River was added as a permanent site in 1989. From 2001 through 2003, and during 2011 and 2012, wildfires (i.e., Cub, Dry Lakes, Miller, and Whitewater-Baldy) burned portions of the West Fork Gila River Drainage. Ash flows, caused by intense summer storms and spring snowmelt, negatively affected on fishes in the West Fork Gila River. In 2014, Loach Minnow were collected for the first time since 2001 and had been collected annually until 2021 (Table 22 and A4). Speckled Dace was the most abundant species captured in 2021. No nonnative fishes were present in 2021 (Table 23). Spikedace decreased slightly in density from 2020 to 2021 (Figure 15). Runs were the most abundant habitat sampled, making up 65.8% of the habitat sampled within the site (Table 24).

Table 22. Occurrence of fishes at West Fork Gila River Cliff Dwellings site, Catron County, New
Mexico, 1989–2020. X indicates species presence.

	Year																																	
	Species	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																																		
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Gila Trout																															Х	Х	
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х													Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Roundtail Chub			Х	Х			Х				Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х							Х				
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Speckled Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Spikedace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Nonnative																																		
	Brown Trout				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х										
	Rainbow Trout	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х			Х			Х	Х	Х									Х	Х	Х	
	Smallmouth Bass	Х		Х	Х	Х				Х							Х	Х														Х	Х	
	Western Mosquitofish			Х	Х								Х																					
	Yellow Bullhead		Х					Х	Х	Х															Х									

Table 23. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the West Fork Gila	ί
River at Gila Cliff Dwellings in 2021.	

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Desert Sucker	7	9.86	2.43
	Longfin Dace	1	1.41	0.35
	Sonora Sucker	27	38.03	9.37
	Speckled Dace	32	45.07	11.11
	Spikedace	4	5.63	1.39

River at Olla Cli	III Dweinings in 2021.			
Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Riffle	98	34.16	0.20 ± 0.01	0.66 ± 0.01
Run	190	65.84	0.51 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.01

Table 24. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings in 2021.

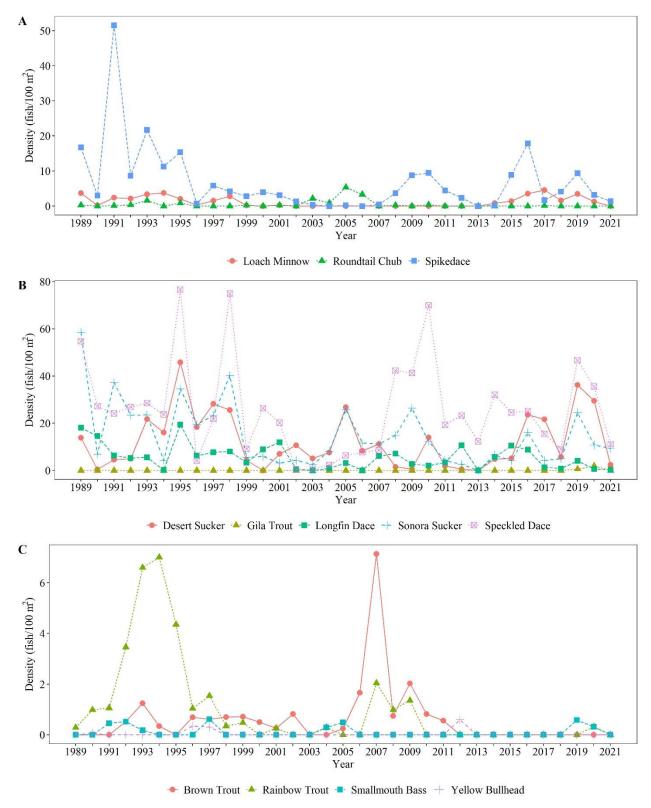


Figure 15. Density of fish species captured at West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings site from 1989 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

Middle Fork Gila River—Trailhead

The Trailhead site on the Middle Fork Gila River is an original permanent site where sampling began in 1988. High densities of nonnatives were common at this site until 2012 when the Whitewater Baldy Fire burned large areas of the watershed. Ash flows, silt and debris affected the site during the monsoon seasons of 2012 and 2013. The 2012 sampling had the fewest fish collected since sampling began, followed by a small recovery of native species in 2013. In 2014 and 2015, the diversity of native fish species remained high, but Yellow Bullhead was the second most common species (Table A5). In 2017, all native fish species were documented in the same year for the first time since 1995. Spikedace have not been captured since 2017 and Loach Minnow were not captured for the third consecutive year in 2021 (Table 25). Yellow Bullhead was the most abundant species in 2021 (Table 26), though the overall number of fishes captured was low (n = 17). Smallmouth Bass decreased sharply in density from the previous year (Figure 16). Pool habitat was the most common habitat sampled within the site (Table 27).

Table 25. Occurrence of fishes at Middle Fork Gila River Trailhead site, Catron County, New Mexico, 1988–2021. X indicates species presence.

		Year 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21																																	
	Species	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																																			
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х															Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х											Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	
	Roundtail Chub	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х					Х	Х	Х		Х		Х				Х		Х		
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Speckled Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х										Х		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				
	Spikedace	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х												Х	Х		Х				Х	Х	Х	Х				
Nonnative																																			
	Black Bullhead	Х																																	
	Bluegill					Х																													
	Brown Trout	Х	Х	Х			Х														Х	Х	Х	Х											
	Common Carp																							Х	Х			Х		Х			Х		Х
	Fathead Minnow	Х			Х		Х																	Х	Х				Х						
	Flathead Catfish																									Х									Х
	Green Sunfish					Х					Х							Х			Х			Х	Х										
	Rainbow Trout		Х				Х					Х	Х	Х								Х	Х						Х				Х		
	Red Shiner																						Х												
	Smallmouth Bass	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х						Х			Х	Х	Х
	Western Mosquitofish		Х			Х		Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х					Х
	Yellow Bullhead	Х	Х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х			х	Х		х	Х	Х	х	Х

Table 26. Total number of fishes captured, percent composition, and density in the Middle Fork Gila River at Trailhead in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Sonora Sucker	1	5.88	0.45
Nonnative				
	Common Carp	2	11.76	0.90
	Flathead Catfish	1	5.88	0.45
	Smallmouth Bass	1	5.88	0.45
	Western Mosquitofish	4	23.53	1.80
	Yellow Bullhead	8	47.06	3.60

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Pool	157	70.73	0.66 ± 0.01	NA
Run	65	29.27	0.73 ± 0.04	NA

Table 27. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the Middle Fork Gila River at Trailhead in 2021.

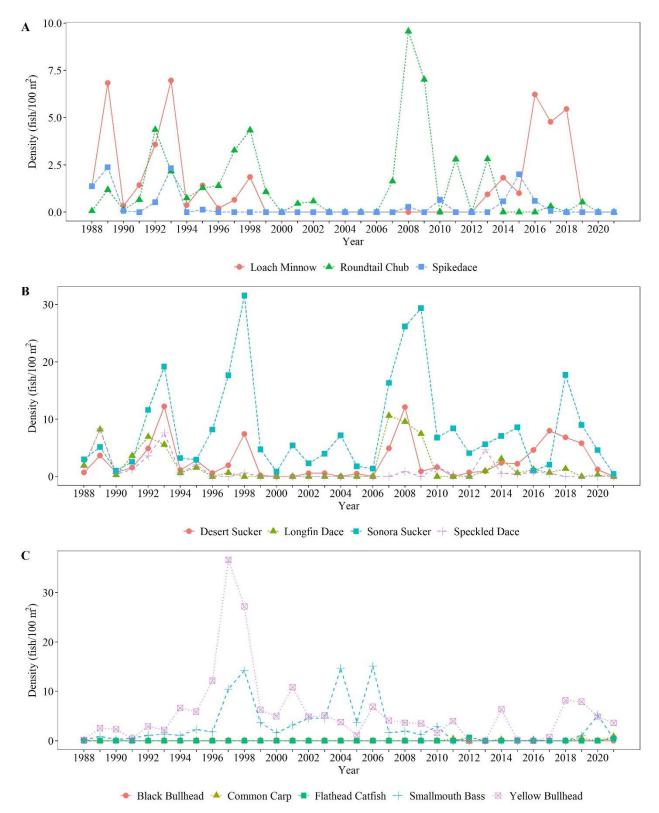


Figure 16. Density of fish species captured at Middle Fork Gila River at Trailhead site from 1988 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

Gila River—Iron Bridge

The Iron Bridge site on the Gila River is one of the original permanent monitoring sites where sampling began in 1988. All native fish species, with the exception of Roundtail Chub were consistently captured at the site until 2021 (Table 28 and A6). Desert Sucker, Roundtail Chub, Sonora Sucker, and Spikedace were absent during sampling in 2021. Loach Minnow was the most abundant species collected (Table 29). Riffles made up most of the habitat sampled (Table 30). Density of most native fishes decreased from that measured in 2020 (Figure 17).

Table 28. Occurrence of fishes at the Gila River Iron Bridge site, Grant County, New Mexico, 1988-	-
2021. X indicates species presence.	

	Year Species 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 10 20 3 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21																																		
	Species	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																																			
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Roundtail Chub				Х																														
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Spikedace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	z	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
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Nonative														MONITORIN																					
	Black Bullhead												Х	II																					
	Channel Catfish	Х												Ő																					Х
	Common Carp				Х			Х																				Х							
	Fathead Minnow											Х	Х	G						Х								Х						Х	
	Flathead Catfish	Х			Х							Х										Х										Х			
	Green Sunfish		Х		Х																			Х						Х					
	Largemouth Bass			Х	Х	Х																													
	Red Shiner			Х			Х		Х	Х		Х	Х			Х	Х			Х	Х			Х	Х			Х						Х	
	Smallmouth Bass		Х		х	Х												х				Х				Х									
	Western Mosquitofish	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Yellow Bullhead												х																						

Table 29. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the Gila River at Iron Bridge in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Loach Minnow	9	81.82	10.60
	Longfin Dace	1	9.09	1.18
Nonnative	-			
	Channel Catfish	1	9.09	1.18

Table 30. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the Gila River at Iron Bridge in 2021

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Riffle	49	57.51	0.31 ± 0.00	0.98 ± 0.00
Run	36	42.49	0.21 ± 0.00	0.65 ± 0.00

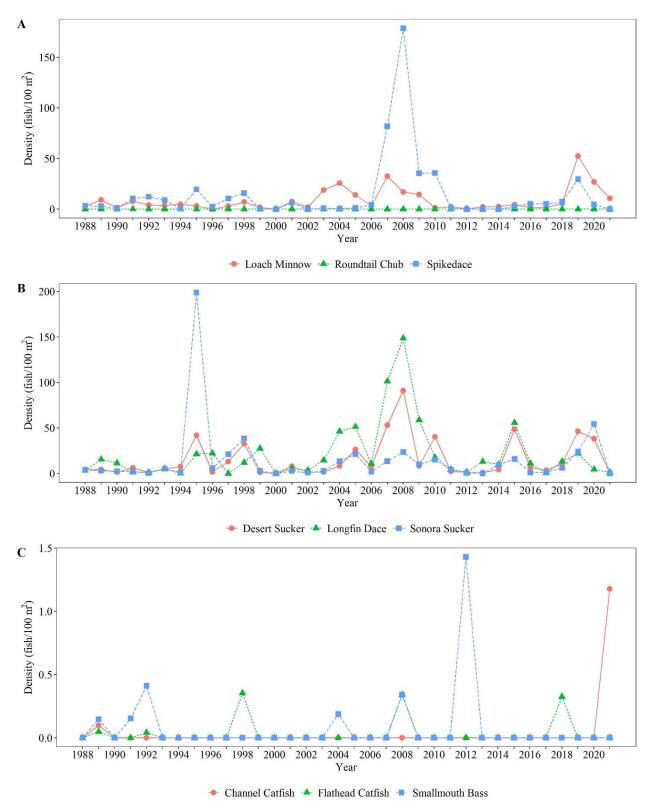


Figure 17. Density of fish species captured at Gila River at Iron Bridge site from 1988 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

Gila River—Cherokee Canyon

Sampling at the Gila River Cherokee Canyon site began in 2009. Several native fish species have commonly been collected at the site (Table 31 and A7). Desert Sucker were consistently captured each year from 2014 until 2020. Several nonnative fish species were present in 2021, including Channel Catfish *Ictalurus punctatus*, Common Carp, Red Shiner *Cyprinella lutrensis*, and Yellow Bullhead (Table 32). Loach Minnow density decreased sharply from the previous year and no Spikedace were collected in 2021. (Figure 18). Runs were the most common habitat sampled in 2021 (Table 33).

								Year						
	Species	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native														
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Spikedace	Х	Х	Х						Х		Х	Х	
Nonnative														
	Channel Catfish									Х		Х		Х
	Common Carp									Х		Х		Х
	Fathead Minnow	Х					Х				Х	Х	Х	
	Flathead Catfish			Х	Х		Х	Х		Х				
	Red Shiner										Х	Х	Х	Х
	Western Mosquitofish	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
	Yellow Bullhead		Х											Х

Table 31. Occurrence of fishes at the Gila River Cherokee site, Grant County, New Mexico, 2009–2021. X indicates species presence.

Table 32. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the Gila River at Cherokee Canyon in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Loach Minnow	7	21.21	1.50
	Longfin Dace	4	12.12	0.86
	Sonora Sucker	3	9.09	0.64
Nonnative				
	Channel Catfish	4	12.12	0.86
	Common Carp	6	18.18	1.29
	Red Shiner	8	24.24	1.71
	Yellow Bullhead	1	3.03	0.21

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Pool	92	19.71	0.65 ± 0.00	0.58 ± 0.00
Riffle	74	15.79	0.24 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.03
Run	267	57.10	0.38 ± 0.00	0.57 ± 0.04
Shoal	35	7.40	0.22 ± 0.00	0.39 ± 0.00

Table 33. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the Gila River at Cherokee Canyon in 2021.

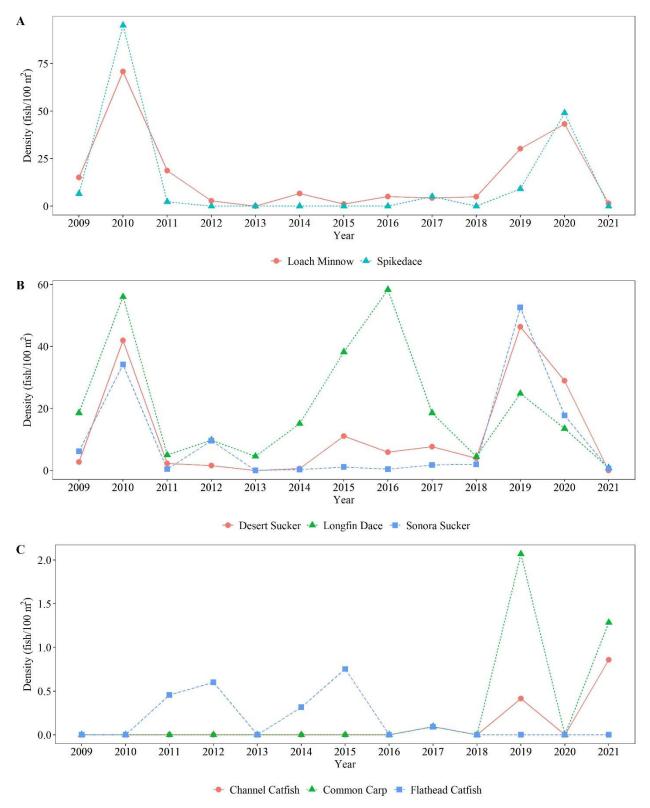


Figure 18. Density of fish species captured at Gila River at Cherokee Canyon site from 2009 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

Gila River—Ash Canyon

Sampling began at the Gila River Middle Box site in 1997. To allow for better access, the site was shifted slightly downstream from its original location to the Ash Canyon confluence in 2012. The new site, located on the Department's Redrock property, has similar characteristics to the original site and data from the two sites have been combined for long term reporting. Since 1997, 11 fish species have been collected at the site (Table 34 and A8). Red Shiner was the most abundant species captured in 2021 (Table 35). Density of Loach Minnow was low compared to that of recent years (Figure 19). Runs were the most common habitat sampled within the site (Table 36).

														Yea	r											
	Species	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native																										
	Desert Sucker	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	
	Loach Minnow	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Longfin Dace	Х	Х	Х	7	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Sonora Sucker	Х	Х	Х	I ON	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	
	Spikedace	Х	Х	Х	TINOM	Х		Х	Х				Х		Х										Х	
					E																					
Nonnative					ÔR																					
	Channel Catfish		Х	Х	ORING	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
	Common Carp				۲ <u>۲</u>							Х			Х		Х		Х			Х			Х	
	Fathead Minnow		Х			Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х		Х		Х	
	Flathead Catfish					Х	Х	Х		Х				Х			Х		Х		Х	Х				
	Red Shiner	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Western Mosquitofish					Х	Х	Х					Х			Х		Х			Х		Х	Х	Х	

Table 34. Occurrence of fishes at the Gila River Ash Canyon site, Grant County, New Mexico, 2012–2021. X indicates species presence.

Table 35. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the Gila River at Ash Canyon in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Loach Minnow	1	5.56	0.27
	Longfin Dace	1	5.56	0.27
Nonnative				
	Channel Catfish	3	16.67	0.81
	Red Shiner	13	72.22	3.50

Table 36. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the Gila River at Ash Canvon in 2021.

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Riffle	147	39.46	0.29 ± 0.00	0.80 ± 0.00
Run	183	49.16	0.31 ± 0.00	0.34 ± 0.00
Shoal	42	11.38	0.25 ± 0.00	0.51 ± 0.00

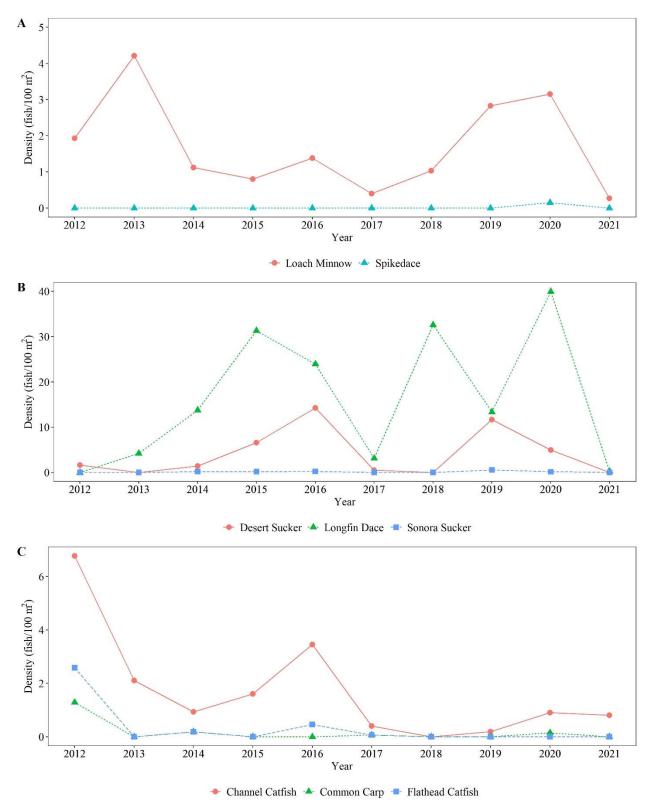


Figure 19. Density of fish species captured at Gila River at Ash Canyon site from 2012 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into priority species (A), all other native species (B), and prominent concerning nonnative species (C).

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Gila River—Sunset Diversion

Sunset Diversion is the newest permanent monitoring site, with sampling beginning in 2010. The Gila River Sunset Diversion was selected as a replacement for the Fisherman's Overlook site due to limited accessibility. Data from the Sunset Diversion and Fisherman's Overlook sites have not been combined due to differences between habitats at each site caused by the diversion. Only three native fish species have been collected at the site since 2010 (Table 37 and A9). No water was flowing over the diversion in 2021, and habitat below the diversion was maintained only by seepage through the diversion. Most species previously captured were present in 2021, excluding Sonora Sucker and Common Carp. The most abundant species captured was Red Shiner (Table 38). Longfin Dace were not captured in 2020 and density remained low in 2021 (Figure 20). Run habitat below the diversion made up 76.1% of the habitat sampled (Table 39).

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	Species	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Native													
	Desert Sucker		Х			Х		Х	Х		Х		Х
	Longfin Dace		Х			Х	7	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
	Sonora Sucker						NO		Х				
							M						
Nonnative							MONITORING						
	Black Bullhead						ITO						Х
	Channel Catfish	Х	Х	Х		Х	DR	Х	Х	Х			Х
	Common Carp					Х	Z	Х					
	Fathead Minnow					Х	<u>(</u>)	Х	Х		Х		Х
	Flathead Catfish					Х		Х	Х				Х
	Red Shiner	Х	Х			Х		Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
	Western Mosquitofish		Х		Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х

Table 37. Occurrence of fishes at the Gila River Sunset Diversion site, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, 2010–2021. X indicates species presence.

Table 38. Number, percent composition, and density of fish captured in the Gila River at Sunset Diversion in 2021.

	Species	Number Caught	Percent Composition	Density (fish/100 m ²)
Native				
	Desert Sucker	2	1.83	0.49
	Longfin Dace	5	4.59	1.22
Nonnative				
	Black Bullhead	2	1.83	0.49
	Channel Catfish	28	25.69	6.81
	Fathead Minnow	3	2.75	0.73
	Flathead Catfish	1	0.92	0.24
	Red Shiner	65	59.63	15.81
	Western Mosquitofish	3	2.75	0.73

Habitat Type	Area Sampled (m ²)	Composition (%)	Depth (m)	Velocity (m/s)
Pool	45	10.88	0.54 ± 0.00	0.01 ± 0.00
Riffle	53	13.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.59 ± 0.01
Run	313	76.11	0.30 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.01

Table 39. Area sampled, habitat composition, depth (mean \pm standard error (SE), if n > 1), and mean velocity (mean \pm SE, if n > 1) of all habitat types sampled within the Gila River at Sunset Diversion in 2021.

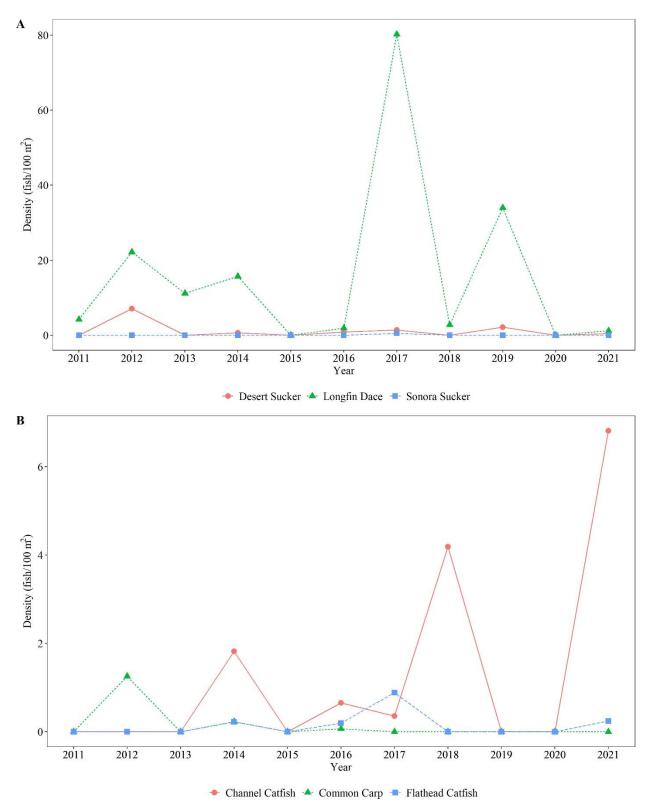


Figure 20. Density of fish species captured at Gila River below Sunset Diversion site from 2011 to 2021. For clarity, charts are split into native species (A), and prominent concerning nonnative species (B). No priority species have ever been captured at this site.

Recommendations

• The permanent site long term dataset is essential to track changes in presence and density of native fishes in the Gila River Basin and should be continued annually.

Work Planned for 2022

• Permanent site monitoring is not be continued under this Agreement in 2022.

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APPENDIX A. FISH CAPTURES AND DENSITIES AT LONG-TERM GILA RIVER BASIN PERMANENT SITE MONITORING.

	1	1988	1	1989		1990		1991		1992
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	147	20.89	134	20.20	66	10.55	161	26.11	138	23.07
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.17
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	77	10.94	89	13.41	46	7.36	99	16.05	126	21.07
Longfin Dace	360	51.15	631	95.11	271	43.33	660	107.02	318	53.17
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	27	3.84	76	11.46	42	6.72	153	24.81	127	21.23
Speckled Dace	16	2.27	63	9.50	27	4.32	101	16.38	81	13.54
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	2	0.30	0	0	2	0.32	62	10.37
Total N	627		995		452		1176		853	
Area	703.8		663.4		625.4		616.7		598.1	
Density	89.1		150.0		72.3		190.7		142.6	

Table A1. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the Tularosa River at the Eagle Peak Road site, 1988 - 2021. Native species are bolded.

	-	1993	1	1994	1	1995	1	1996	1	1997
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	173	32.47	103	24.41	285	133.40	55	17.21	25	7.58
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.63	2	0.61
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	60	11.26	31	7.35	70	32.76	24	7.51	22	6.67
Longfin Dace	197	36.97	193	45.75	381	178.33	181	56.64	70	21.23
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.31	0	0
Sonora Sucker	27	5.07	33	7.82	81	37.91	47	14.71	53	16.08
Speckled Dace	21	3.94	14	3.32	77	36.04	56	17.52	56	16.99
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	1	0.24	0	0	1	0.31	0	0
Total N	478		375		894		367		228	
Area	532.8		421.9		213.7		319.6		329.7	
Density	89.7		88.9		418.4		114.8		69.2	

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	1	.998	1	1999		2000		2001	-	2002
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.29
Desert Sucker	31	16.69	44	14.77	0	0	20	5.27	111	32.64
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.53	13	3.82
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	19	10.23	3	1.01	0	0	1	0.26	1	0.29
Longfin Dace	136	73.24	88	29.54	35	18.71	29	7.65	52	15.29
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	49	26.39	67	22.49	26	13.90	50	13.19	43	12.64
Speckled Dace	148	79.70	91	30.55	26	13.90	65	17.14	49	14.41
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	6	3.21	19	5.01	4	1.18
Total N	383		293		93		186		274	
Area	185.7		297.9		187.0		379.2		340.1	
Density	206.25		98.35		49.72		49.05		80.57	

Table A1 continuned. Tularosa River at Eagle Peak Road site.
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	2	2003	2	2004	2	2005	4	2006	,	2007
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	60	24.54	36	11.70	31	16.04	22	6.80	22	6.33
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.88
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	331	135.38	223	72.45	134	69.35	86	26.60	178	51.25
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	56	22.90	39	12.67	14	7.25	13	4.02	50	14.40
Speckled Dace	54	22.09	92	29.89	73	37.78	49	15.16	76	21.88
Western Mosquitofish	55	22.50	14	4.55	0	0	0	0	4	1.15
Total N	556		404		252		170		340	
Area	244.5		307.8		193.2		323.3		347.3	
Density	227.41		131.26		130.41		52.58		97.90	

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	2	2008	2	2009	2	2010	-	2011	2	2012
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	0	0	0	0	2	0.80	0	0	1	0.35
Desert Sucker	81	19.57	43	16.99	139	55.46	37	15.56	114	40.04
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	4	1.60	0	0	6	2.11
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.70
Loach Minnow	1	0.24	0	0	3	1.20	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	356	86.01	365	144.23	222	88.58	66	27.76	57	20.02
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	60	14.50	57	22.52	80	31.92	21	8.83	69	24.23
Speckled Dace	177	42.76	78	30.82	130	51.87	57	23.98	107	37.58
Western Mosquitofish	2	0.48	10	3.95	4	1.60	0	0	5	1.76
Total N	677		553		584		181		361	
Area	413.9		253.1		250.6		237.7		284.7	
Density	163.56		218.52		233.02		76.14		126.78	

Table A1 continuned. Tularosa River at Eagle Peak Road site.	Table A1	continuned.	Tularosa	River a	t Eagle	Peak	Road site.
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	-	2013	2	2014	2	2015	2	2016	2	017
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	2	0.28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	8	1.13	54	14.60	63	18.26	2	0.82	24	8.32
Fathead Minnow	1	0.14	2	0.54	2	0.58	5	2.04	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.41	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	4	1.16	0	0	17	5.89
Longfin Dace	6	0.85	435	117.58	410	118.80	1293	527.69	620	214.86
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	3	0.42	115	31.08	53	15.36	35	14.28	5	1.73
Speckled Dace	12	1.70	13	3.51	28	8.11	18	7.35	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	20.41	0	0
Total N	32		619		560		1404		666	
Area	707.0		370.0		345.1		245.0		288.6	
Density	4.53		167.31		162.27		572.99		230.80	

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	2	2018	2	2019	2	2020	2	2021
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brook Stickleback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	4	6.38	4	4.89	81	45.69	82	35.06
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.43
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	1	1.59	0	0	1	0.56	0	0
Longfin Dace	3	4.78	1	1.22	202	113.95	143	61.14
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	0	0	2	2.45	123	69.39	95	40.62
Speckled Dace	0	0	2	2.45	40	22.57	12	5.13
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	8		9		447		333	
Area	62.72		81.78		177.26		233.87	
Density	12.75		11.01		252.17		142.38	

Table A1 continuned. Tularosa River at Eagle Peak Road site.

	1	1997	1	998		1999		2000		2001
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	Ν	Density	N	Density
Desert Sucker	311	63.51	204	81.90	5	1.51			30	10.02
Fathead Minnow	0	0	5	2.01	2	0.61			0	0
Loach Minnow	96	19.61	72	28.90	14	4.24			44	14.70
Longfin Dace	276	56.36	102	40.95	14	4.24			0	0
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	0.33
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Sonora Sucker	220	44.93	172	69.05	45	13.63			14	4.68
Speckled Dace	127	25.94	85	34.12	25	7.57			66	22.05
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	2	0.80	3	0.91			0	0
Total N	1030		642		108				155	
Area	489.7		249.1		330.1				299.3	
Density	210.35		257.73		32.72				51.78	

Table A2. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the San Francisco River at the Glenwood Ranger Station site, 1997 - 2021. Native species are bolded. Note that no sampling occurred in 2000 and 2012 at this site.

		2002		2003	4	2004	2	2005	2	2006
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Desert Sucker	69	21.17	9	4.37	24	5.44	18	7.49	3	1.63
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	27	8.28	14	6.80	23	5.21	58	24.13	11	5.99
Longfin Dace	0	0	4	1.94	0	0	1	0.42	0	0
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	8	2.45	31	15.05	13	2.95	16	6.66	10	5.45
Speckled Dace	30	9.20	20	9.71	13	2.95	12	4.99	18	9.81
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	12	5.82	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	134		90		73		105		42	
Area	325.9		206.0		441.3		240.3		183.5	
Density	41.11		43.69		16.54		43.69		22.89	

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		2007	2	2008	2	2009		2010		2011
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	Ν	Density	N	Density	Ν	Density
Desert Sucker	39	13.20	46	29.60	35	9.12	18	4.20	49	16.34
Fathead Minnow	2	0.68	0	0	1	0.26	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	26	8.80	32	20.59	45	11.72	81	18.90	26	8.67
Longfin Dace	1	0.34	30	19.30	141	36.73	10	2.33	3	1.00
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	22	7.45	34	21.88	47	12.24	22	5.13	19	6.34
Speckled Dace	48	16.25	41	26.38	63	16.41	43	10.04	59	19.68
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	138		183		332		174		156	
Area	295.5		155.4		383.9		428.5		299.9	
Density	46.71		117.74		86.49		40.61		52.02	

Table A2 continued. San Francisco River at the Glenwood Ranger Station site.

		2012	,	2013	2	2014	2	2015	4	2016
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Desert Sucker			0	0	11	0.93	78	9.81	158	26.57
Fathead Minnow			1	3.00	13	1.09	2	0.25	1	0.17
Loach Minnow			0	0	0	0	47	5.91	53	8.91
Longfin Dace			0	0	23	1.93	97	12.20	71	11.94
Rainbow Trout			0	0	1	0.08	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker			0	0	56	4.71	83	10.44	159	26.74
Speckled Dace			0	0	0	0	2	0.25	3	0.50
Spikedace			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N			1		104		309		445	
Area			33.3		1188.7		795.1		594.6	
Density			3.00		8.75		38.86		74.84	

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	2	2017	-	2018	2	2019	2	2020	/	2021
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Desert Sucker	26	1.11	3	1.05	219	95.05	268	122.72	28	9.67
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	160	6.86	13	4.56	30	13.02	19	8.70	0	0
Longfin Dace	38	1.63	11	3.86	33	14.32	97	44.42	1	0.35
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.92	0	0
Sonora Sucker	19	0.81	9	3.16	83	36.02	108	49.45	9	3.11
Speckled Dace	11	0.47	24	8.42	52	22.57	32	14.65	3	1.04
Spikedace	4	0.17	0	0	7	3.04	46	21.06	1	0.35
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.83	0	0
Total N	258		60		424		576		42	
Area	2333.6		284.9		230.4		218.4		289.6	
Density	11.06		21.06		184.02		263.76		14.50	

Table A2 continued. San Francisco River at the Glenwood Ranger Station site.

	1	1997	1	998	1999	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	7	15.49	44	41.39	13	5.86
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ictalurus spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	5	4.70	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	11	10.35	9	4.05
Roundtail Chub	11	24.34	2	1.88	1	0.45
Smallmouth Bass	1	2.21	0	0	8	3.60
Sonora Sucker	15	33.20	71	66.79	53	23.88
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	2	0.90
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	18	16.93	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	8	3.60
Total N	34		151		94	
Area	45.2		106.3		222.0	
Density	75.24		142.06		42.35	

Table A3. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the East Fork Gila River at the Fall Springs site, 1997 - 2021. Native species are bolded. No sampling occurred in 2018.

	2	2000		2001		2002
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	29	19.76	4	1.88	12	7.67
Fathead Minnow	1	0.68	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ictalurus spp.	1	0.68	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	100	68.12	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	3	2.04	10	4.69	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	3	2.04	10	4.69	15	9.58
Sonora Sucker	43	29.29	35	16.41	19	12.14
Speckled Dace	0	0	2	0.94	1	0.64
Spikedace	5	3.41	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	130	88.56	55	25.79	89	56.86
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	2	0.94	0	0
Total N	315		118		136	
Area	146.8		213.3		156.5	
Density	214.59		55.33		86.89	

	2	2003	2	2004		2005	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Desert Sucker	3	2.03	5	5.74	66	36.93	
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green Sunfish	0	0	1	1.15	1	0.56	
Ictalurus spp.	0	0	2	2.30	7	3.92	
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	1	0.56	
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	14	7.83	
Roundtail Chub	0	0	3	3.45	1	0.56	
Smallmouth Bass	5	3.38	1	1.15	10	5.60	
Sonora Sucker	5	3.38	27	31.02	20	11.19	
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	27	18.27	4	4.60	0	0	
Yellow Bullhead	1	0.68	1	1.15	0	0	
Total N	41		44		120		
Area	147.8		87.0		178.7		
Density	27.75		50.55		67.14		

Table A3 continuned. East Fork Gila River at Fall Springs site.

	2	.006	2	2007		2008
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	8	5.88	13	16.20	19	9.09
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	6	7.48	8	3.83
Ictalurus spp.	0	0	3	3.74	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	16	19.94	0	0
Roundtail Chub	4	2.94	1	1.25	3	1.44
Smallmouth Bass	27	19.86	11	13.71	19	9.09
Sonora Sucker	19	13.97	34	42.36	23	11.01
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	15	11.03	7	8.72	3	1.44
Yellow Bullhead	2	1.47	10	12.46	2	0.96
Total N	75		101		77	
Area	135.97		80.257		208.91	
Density	55.16		125.85		36.86	

		2009	2	2010		2011	
Species	Ν	Density	Ν	Density	Ν	Density	
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Desert Sucker	20	21.92	22	9.57	1	1.38	
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green Sunfish	1	1.10	0	0	0	0	
Ictalurus spp.	4	4.38	3	1.31	1	1.38	
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Roundtail Chub	0	0	5	2.18	0	0	
Smallmouth Bass	10	10.96	8	3.48	2	2.77	
Sonora Sucker	20	21.92	40	17.41	2	2.77	
Speckled Dace	0	0	2	0.87	0	0	
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	5	5.48	5	2.18	63	87.22	
Yellow Bullhead	1	1.10	22	9.57	5	6.92	
Total N	61		107		74		
Area	91.3		229.8		72.2		
Density	66.84		46.57		102.45		

Table A3 continuned. East Fork Gila River at Fall Springs site.

	2012		2	2013		2014
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	2	0.56	0	0
Desert Sucker	0	0	1	0.28	2	0.41
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	2	0.32	0	0	0	0
Ictalurus spp.	10	1.61	15	4.17	9	1.86
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	1	0.16	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	6	0.96	2	0.56	12	2.49
Sonora Sucker	12	1.93	4	1.11	8	1.66
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	32	5.14	2	0.56	42	8.70
Yellow Bullhead	16	2.57	12	3.34	8	1.66
Total N	79		38		81	
Area	622.4		359.4		482.6	
Density	12.69		10.57		16.78	

	2	2015	2	2016	2	2017	
Species	Ν	Density	Ν	Density	N	Density	
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Desert Sucker	7	1.21	10	1.94	9	1.42	
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ictalurus spp.	18	3.12	15	2.91	21	3.32	
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Smallmouth Bass	11	1.91	5	0.97	2	0.32	
Sonora Sucker	8	1.39	16	3.10	15	2.37	
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	180	31.19	57	11.05	23	3.64	
Yellow Bullhead	71	12.30	15	2.91	10	1.58	
Total N	295		118		80		
Area	577.1		515.9		631.9		
Density	51.12		22.87		12.66		

Table A3 continuned. East Fork Gila River at Fall Springs site.

	2	2019	2	2020		2021
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	9	3.29	8	4.74	3	0.63
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ictalurus spp.	5	1.83	3	1.78	12	2.53
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	2	0.73	9	5.33	1	0.21
Sonora Sucker	12	4.39	17	10.07	9	1.89
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	1	0.37	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	1	0.37	0	0	19	4.00
Total N	30		37		44	
Area	273.3		168.8		475.0	
Density	10.98		21.92		9.26	

	1	989	1990		1	1991	
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Desert Sucker	97	13.86	7	0.46	30	4.53	
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow	26	3.72	3	0.20	16	2.42	
Longfin Dace	127	18.15	222	14.59	42	6.35	
Rainbow Trout	2	0.29	15	0.99	7	1.06	
Roundtail Chub	2	0.29	0	0	1	0.15	
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	3	0.45	
Sonora Sucker	410	58.60	105	6.90	247	37.32	
Speckled Dace	383	54.74	414	27.22	160	24.18	
Spikedace	117	16.72	46	3.02	341	51.53	
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	2	0.30	
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	1	0.07	0	0	
Total N	1164		813		849		
Area	699.7		1521.1		661.8		
Density	166.36		53.45		128.29		

Table A4. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the West Fork Gila River at the Gila Cliff Dwellings site, 1989 - 2021. Native species are bolded.

	1	992	1	1993		994
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	6	0.52	7	1.25	2	0.34
Desert Sucker	57	4.94	122	21.75	94	16.06
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	25	2.16	19	3.39	22	3.76
Longfin Dace	61	5.28	31	5.53	1	0.17
Rainbow Trout	40	3.46	37	6.60	41	7.01
Roundtail Chub	4	0.35	9	1.60	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	6	0.52	1	0.18	0	0
Sonora Sucker	271	23.47	132	23.53	25	4.27
Speckled Dace	311	26.93	160	28.52	139	23.75
Spikedace	100	8.66	122	21.75	66	11.28
Western Mosquitofish	4	0.35	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	885		640		390	
Area	1154.8		560.9		585.2	
Density	76.63		114.09		66.64	

	1995		1996		1997	
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	0	0	2	0.69	2	0.61
Desert Sucker	158	45.88	53	18.38	92	28.27
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	7	2.03	1	0.35	5	1.54
Longfin Dace	67	19.46	18	6.24	25	7.68
Rainbow Trout	15	4.36	3	1.04	5	1.54
Roundtail Chub	3	0.87	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	2	0.61
Sonora Sucker	119	34.55	56	19.42	76	23.36
Speckled Dace	264	76.66	12	4.16	71	21.82
Spikedace	53	15.39	2	0.69	19	5.84
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	1	0.35	1	0.31
Total N	686		148		298	
Area	344.38		288.38		325.4	
Density	199.20		51.32		91.58	

Table A4 continued. West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings site.

	1	998	1	1999		2000
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	2	0.70	3	0.72	1	0.50
Desert Sucker	73	25.58	18	4.30	0	0
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	8	2.80	1	0.24	0	0
Longfin Dace	23	8.06	14	3.34	18	8.98
Rainbow Trout	1	0.35	2	0.48	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	1	0.24	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	115	40.30	23	5.49	12	5.99
Speckled Dace	214	74.99	38	9.07	53	26.44
Spikedace	12	4.20	12	2.87	8	3.99
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	4	2.00
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	448		112		96	
Area	285.4		418.7		200.5	
Density	156.98		26.75		47.89	

	2001		2002		2003	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	1	0.26	3	0.82	0	0
Desert Sucker	27	7.01	39	10.63	14	5.14
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	1	0.26	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	46	11.95	2	0.55	0	0
Rainbow Trout	1	0.26	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	1	0.26	0	0	6	2.20
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	12	3.12	16	4.36	7	2.57
Speckled Dace	78	20.26	1	0.27	2	0.73
Spikedace	12	3.12	5	1.36	1	0.37
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	179		66		30	
Area	385.0		366.8		272.2	
Density	46.50		17.99		11.02	

Table A4 continued. West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings site.

	2	2004	2005		2	2006	
Species	N	Density	N	Density	Ν	Density	
Brown Trout	0	0	1	0.24	3	1.66	
Desert Sucker	26	7.57	110	26.80	15	8.30	
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longfin Dace	3	0.87	13	3.17	0	0	
Rainbow Trout	1	0.29	0	0	0	0	
Roundtail Chub	3	0.87	22	5.36	6	3.32	
Smallmouth Bass	1	0.29	2	0.49	0	0	
Sonora Sucker	28	8.16	106	25.83	21	11.63	
Speckled Dace	8	2.33	26	6.33	14	7.75	
Spikedace	0	0	1	0.24	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total N	70		281		59		
Area	343.3		410.5		180.6		
Density	20.39		68.46		32.66		

	2007		2008		2009	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	14	7.14	3	0.74	3	2.03
Desert Sucker	22	11.22	6	1.49	1	0.68
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	12	6.12	29	7.18	4	2.71
Rainbow Trout	4	2.04	4	0.99	2	1.35
Roundtail Chub	0	0	1	0.25	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	22	11.22	60	14.86	39	26.40
Speckled Dace	17	8.67	171	42.35	61	41.29
Spikedace	1	0.51	15	3.71	13	8.80
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	92		289		123	
Area	196.1		403.8		147.8	
Density	46.91		71.57		83.25	

Table A4 continued. West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings site.

	2	010	2011		2012	
Species	N	Density	N	Density	Ν	Density
Brown Trout	2	0.82	2	0.56	0	0
Desert Sucker	34	14.00	7	1.96	2	0.59
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	5	2.06	12	3.35	36	10.64
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	1	0.41	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	30	12.35	15	4.19	9	2.66
Speckled Dace	170	70.01	69	19.28	79	23.34
Spikedace	23	9.47	16	4.47	8	2.36
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	2	0.59
Total N	265		121		136	
Area	242.8		357.9		338.4	
Density	109.13		33.81		40.19	

	2	2013	2	2014	2	2015
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	0	0	17	4.83	22	5.14
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	3	0.85	6	1.40
Longfin Dace	0	0	20	5.69	45	10.52
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	0	0	23	6.54	18	4.21
Speckled Dace	25	12.28	113	32.12	105	24.54
Spikedace	0	0	1	0.28	38	8.88
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	25		177		234	
Area	203.7		351.8		428.0	
Density	12.28		50.31		54.68	

Table A4 continued. West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings site.

	2	2016	2017		2	2018
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	107	23.61	143	21.73	7	5.75
Gila Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	16	3.53	30	4.56	2	1.64
Longfin Dace	40	8.83	9	1.37	1	0.82
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	1	0.15	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	73	16.11	28	4.26	6	4.93
Speckled Dace	114	25.15	102	15.50	11	9.04
Spikedace	81	17.87	11	1.67	5	4.11
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	431		324		32	
Area	453.2		658.0		121.7	
Density	95.09		49.24		26.30	

	2	019	2	2020	2	2021
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	62	36.25	93	29.50	7	2.43
Gila Trout	1	0.58	6	1.90	0	0
Loach Minnow	6	3.51	4	1.27	0	0
Longfin Dace	7	4.09	2	0.63	1	0.35
Rainbow Trout	0	0	1	0.32	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	1	0.58	1	0.32	0	0
Sonora Sucker	42	24.55	34	10.79	27	9.37
Speckled Dace	80	46.77	112	35.53	32	11.11
Spikedace	16	9.35	10	3.17	4	1.39
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	215		263		71	
Area	171.1		315.2		288.0	
Density	125.69		83.43		24.65	

Table A4 continued. West Fork Gila River at Gila Cliff Dwellings site.

		988	1	.989	1	.990	1	1991		1992	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	
Black Bullhead	2	0.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.05	
Brown Trout	1	0.06	1	0.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Desert Sucker	11	0.68	37	3.66	11	0.73	26	1.55	93	4.89	
Fathead Minnow	2	0.12	0	0	0	0	2	0.12	0	0	
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.05	
Loach Minnow	22	1.37	69	6.83	5	0.33	24	1.43	68	3.57	
Longfin Dace	31	1.93	83	8.22	4	0.27	61	3.63	132	6.94	
Rainbow Trout	0	0	5	0.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Roundtail Chub	1	0.06	12	1.19	2	0.13	11	0.65	83	4.36	
Smallmouth Bass	3	0.19	9	0.89	4	0.27	9	0.54	21	1.10	
Sonora Sucker	48	2.99	52	5.15	15	1.00	43	2.56	221	11.61	
Speckled Dace	25	1.56	84	8.32	7	0.47	20	1.19	68	3.57	
Spikedace	22	1.37	24	2.38	1	0.07	0	0	10	0.53	
THARUF	0	0	0	0	1	0.07	0	0	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	66	6.54	98	6.52	31	1.84	4	0.21	
Yellow Bullhead	3	0.19	26	2.57	35	2.33	8	0.48	56	2.94	
Total N	171		468		183		235		758		
Area	1607.7		1009.9		1503.7		1680.4		1903.3		
Density	10.64		46.34		12.17		13.98		39.82		

Table A5. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site, 1988 - 2021. Native species are bolded.

	-	1993		1994		1995		1996	-	1997
Species	N	Density								
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	79	12.22	9	1.11	22	2.82	3	0.60	3	1.96
Fathead Minnow	1	0.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.65
Loach Minnow	45	6.96	3	0.37	11	1.41	1	0.20	1	0.65
Longfin Dace	36	5.57	5	0.62	12	1.54	0	0	1	0.65
Rainbow Trout	9	1.39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	14	2.16	6	0.74	10	1.28	7	1.40	5	3.27
Smallmouth Bass	9	1.39	9	1.11	18	2.30	9	1.80	16	10.46
Sonora Sucker	124	19.17	26	3.21	23	2.94	41	8.19	27	17.65
Speckled Dace	49	7.58	5	0.62	16	2.05	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	15	2.32	0	0	1	0.13	0	0	0	0
THARUF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	2	0.25	0	0	50	9.99	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	14	2.16	54	6.67	46	5.89	61	12.19	56	36.61
Total N	395		119		159		172		110	
Area	646.7		809.1		781.4		500.6		153.0	
Density	61.08		14.71		20.35		34.36		71.91	

Table A5 continued. Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site.

]	1998]	1999	/	2000	4	2001	/	2002
Species	N	Density								
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	12	7.42	1	0.22	0	0	0	0	2	0.57
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	3	1.86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow Trout	1	0.62	1	0.22	1	0.83	0	0	0	0
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	7	4.33	5	1.08	0	0	1	0.45	2	0.57
Smallmouth Bass	23	14.23	17	3.66	2	1.66	7	3.16	16	4.58
Sonora Sucker	51	31.55	22	4.73	1	0.83	12	5.43	8	2.29
Speckled Dace	1	0.62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THARUF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	1	0.62	71	15.28	1	0.83	2	0.90	3	0.86
Yellow Bullhead	44	27.22	29	6.24	6	4.97	24	10.85	17	4.87
Total N	143		146		11		46		48	
Area	161.6		464.7		120.8		221.2		349.2	
Density	88.48		31.42		9.11		20.80		13.75	

Table A5 continued. Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site.

	4	2003	,	2004	,	2005	, 4	2006	,	2007
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.63
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	1	0.57	0	0	3	0.49	0	0	6	4.90
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	1	0.38	0	0	0	0	1	0.82
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	10.61
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.63
Smallmouth Bass	8	4.55	39	14.73	23	3.73	11	15.12	2	1.63
Sonora Sucker	7	3.98	19	7.18	11	1.79	1	1.37	20	16.32
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THARUF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	1	0.57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	9	5.12	10	3.78	7	1.14	5	6.87	5	4.08
Total N	26		69		44		17		51	
Area	175.9		264.8		615.8		72.8		122.5	
Density	14.79		26.06		7.14		23.36		41.62	

Table A5 continued. Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site.

	,	2008	-	2009	-	2010	2	2011	/ -	2012
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown Trout	1	0.28	5	2.19	1	0.32	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.40	0	0
Desert Sucker	43	12.10	2	0.88	5	1.62	0	0	1	0.68
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.00	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.68
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	34	9.56	17	7.45	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow Trout	2	0.56	2	0.88	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Shiner	0	0	9	3.94	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	34	9.56	16	7.01	0	0	7	2.80	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	7	1.97	3	1.31	9	2.91	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	93	26.16	67	29.36	21	6.80	21	8.40	6	4.07
Speckled Dace	3	0.84	0	0	5	1.62	1	0.40	0	0
Spikedace	1	0.28	0	0	2	0.65	0	0	0	0
THARUF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	2	0.88	1	0.32	77	30.79	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	13	3.66	8	3.51	5	1.62	10	4.00	0	0
Total N	231		131		49		122		8	
Area	355.5		228.2		309.1		250.1		147.5	
Density	64.98		57.41		15.86		48.79		5.42	

Table A5 continued. Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site.

	4	2013	,	2014	/	2015	/	2016		2017	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Common Carp	0	0	2	0.23	0	0	1	0.20	0	0	
Desert Sucker	2	0.94	21	2.39	11	2.19	23	4.62	127	7.97	
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	2	0.40	0	0	0	0	
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow	2	0.94	16	1.82	5	1.00	31	6.22	76	4.77	
Longfin Dace	2	0.94	27	3.07	3	0.60	6	1.20	11	0.69	
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	1	0.20	0	0	0	0	
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Roundtail Chub	6	2.81	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.31	
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.20	0	0	
Sonora Sucker	12	5.62	62	7.04	43	8.58	5	1.00	33	2.07	
Speckled Dace	10	4.68	5	0.57	2	0.40	4	0.80	9	0.56	
Spikedace	0	0	5	0.57	10	2.00	3	0.60	1	0.06	
THARUF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	2	0.23	48	9.58	3	0.60	0	0	
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	56	6.36	1	0.20	0	0	12	0.75	
Total N	34		196		126		77		274		
Area	213.5		880.4		501.2		498.0		1593.0		
Density	15.93		22.26		25.14		15.46		17.20		

Table A5 continued. Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site.

	/ /	2018	- 	2019	2	2020	2021		
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brown Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Common Carp	0	0	1	0.53	0	0	2	0.90	
Desert Sucker	5	6.81	11	5.80	4	1.23	0	0	
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.45	
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow	4	5.45	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Longfin Dace	1	1.36	0	0	1	0.31	0	0	
Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Roundtail Chub	0	0	1	0.53	0	0	0	0	
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	2	1.06	17	5.21	1	0.45	
Sonora Sucker	13	17.72	17	8.97	15	4.60	1	0.45	
Speckled Dace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
THARUF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.80	
Yellow Bullhead	6	8.18	15	7.92	16	4.91	8	3.60	
Total N	29		47		53		17		
Area	73.4		189.5		326.2		222.5		
Density	39.53		24.80		16.25		7.64		

Table A5 continued. Middle Fork Gila River at the Trailhead site.

0	1	988	1	989	1	990
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	2	0.10	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	93	4.10	90	4.42	55	1.47
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	1	0.05	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	1	0.05	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	1	0.03
Loach Minnow	69	3.05	185	9.09	48	1.28
Longfin Dace	77	3.40	313	15.37	428	11.40
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	1	0.03
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	3	0.15	0	0
Sonora Sucker	87	3.84	61	3.00	97	2.58
Spikedace	74	3.27	58	2.85	44	1.17
Western Mosquitofish	10	0.44	54	2.65	9	0.24
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	410		768		683	
Area	2265.7		2036.2		3753.4	
Density	18.10		37.72		18.20	

Table A6. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the Gila River at the Riverside Iron Bridge site, 1988 - 2021. Native species are bolded.

	1	991	1	992]	993
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	18	0.92	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	121	6.16	23	0.94	36	5.12
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	1	0.04	0	0
Green Sunfish	6	0.31	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	40	2.04	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	153	7.78	99	4.07	25	3.56
Longfin Dace	35	1.78	24	0.99	36	5.12
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	7	1.00
Roundtail Chub	1	0.05	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	3	0.15	10	0.41	0	0
Sonora Sucker	38	1.93	8	0.33	36	5.12
Spikedace	207	10.53	298	12.24	62	8.82
Western Mosquitofish	18	0.92	9	0.37	4	0.57
Yellow Bullhead	7	0.36	1	0.04	0	0
Total N	647		473		206	
Area	1965.5		2433.9		702.9	
Density	32.92		19.43		29.31	

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	1	1994	1995		1	1996
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	1	0.19	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	39	7.56	129	41.96	7	1.67
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	25	4.85	10	3.25	0	0
Longfin Dace	1	0.19	66	21.47	93	22.17
Red Shiner	0	0	1	0.33	3	0.72
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	7	1.36	611	198.76	25	5.96
Spikedace	4	0.78	60	19.52	10	2.38
Western Mosquitofish	162	31.42	22	7.16	7	1.67
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	5	1.63	1	0.24
Total N	239		904		146	
Area	515.6		307.4		419.5	
Density	46.35		294.07		34.81	

Table A6 continued. Gila River at Riverside Iron Bridge site.

	1	997	1	1998		999
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	31	13.09	92	32.50	6	1.28
Fathead Minnow	0	0	33	11.66	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	1	0.35	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	7	2.96	20	7.06	8	1.71
Longfin Dace	0	0	34	12.01	129	27.61
Red Shiner	0	0	148	52.28	5	1.07
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	50	21.11	109	38.50	14	3.00
Spikedace	25	10.56	45	15.89	1	0.21
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	277	97.84	226	48.38
Yellow Bullhead	1	0.42	2	0.71	0	0
Total N	114		761		389	
Area	236.8		283.1		467.2	
Density	48.14		268.80		83.27	

		2000		2001	2	2002	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	
Channel Catfish			0	0	0	0	
Common Carp			0	0	0	0	
Desert Sucker			28	8.00	8	1.53	
Fathead Minnow			0	0	0	0	
Flathead Catfish			0	0	0	0	
Green Sunfish			0	0	0	0	
Largemouth Bass			0	0	0	0	
Loach Minnow			26	7.43	10	1.91	
Longfin Dace			19	5.43	19	3.63	
Red Shiner			0	0	7	1.34	
Roundtail Chub			0	0	0	0	
Smallmouth Bass			0	0	0	0	
Sonora Sucker			9	2.57	4	0.76	
Spikedace			22	6.28	0	0	
Western Mosquitofish			11	3.14	1	0.19	
Yellow Bullhead			0	0	0	0	
Total N			115		49		
Area			350.1		522.9		
Density			32.85		9.37		

Table A6 continued. Gila River at Riverside Iron Bridge site.

		2003		2004		2005
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	5	1.72	44	8.25	137	26.32
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	55	18.93	137	25.69	73	14.02
Longfin Dace	42	14.45	247	46.32	267	51.29
Red Shiner	7	2.41	2	0.38	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	1	0.19	0	0
Sonora Sucker	8	2.75	72	13.50	111	21.32
Spikedace	3	1.03	2	0.38	6	1.15
Western Mosquitofish	46	15.83	23	4.31	10	1.92
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	166		528		604	
Area	290.6		533.3		520.5	
Density	57.13		99.01		116.03	

	2	2006	2007		2	008
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	25	7.74	98	53.11	267	91.01
Fathead Minnow	2	0.62	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	1	0.34
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	11	3.40	60	32.51	50	17.04
Longfin Dace	35	10.83	187	101.33	436	148.62
Red Shiner	19	5.88	5	2.71	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	1	0.34
Sonora Sucker	6	1.86	25	13.55	69	23.52
Spikedace	14	4.33	151	81.83	524	178.61
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	2	1.08	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	112		528		1348	
Area	323.1		184.5		293.4	
Density	34.67		286.12		459.49	

Table A6 continued. Gila River at Riverside Iron Bridge site.

	2	2009	09 2010		2	2011
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	2	0.06
Desert Sucker	28	8.40	144	40.19	71	2.25
Fathead Minnow	0	0	4	1.12	1	0.03
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	1	0.28	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	48	14.39	5	1.40	77	2.44
Longfin Dace	196	58.77	63	17.58	138	4.37
Red Shiner	0	0	1	0.28	31	0.98
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	34	10.20	54	15.07	129	4.08
Spikedace	118	35.38	128	35.73	39	1.23
Western Mosquitofish	19	5.70	12	3.35	107	3.38
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	443		412		595	
Area	333.5		358.3		3161.2	
Density	132.84		115.00		18.82	

	2	2012 2013		2	2014	
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	1	0.15
Desert Sucker	6	1.23	2	1.13	27	4.11
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	3	0.46
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	2	0.41	4	2.27	17	2.59
Longfin Dace	7	1.43	23	13.04	65	9.90
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	1	0.15
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	7	1.43	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	3	0.61	0	0	61	9.29
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	3	0.61	0	0	7	1.07
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	28		29		182	
Area	489.5		176.4		656.3	
Density	5.72		16.44		27.73	

Table A6 continued. Gila River at Riverside Iron Bridge site.

	2	2015	2	2016		017
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	155	48.65	37	6.60	102	3.54
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	1	0.18	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	14	4.39	8	1.43	40	1.39
Longfin Dace	178	55.87	62	11.06	14	0.49
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	51	16.01	6	1.07	40	1.39
Spikedace	9	2.83	30	5.35	152	5.28
Western Mosquitofish	3	0.94	2	0.36	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	410		146		348	
Area	318.6		560.4		2878.4	
Density	128.70		26.05		12.09	

	2	2018	2	.019	2	2020
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	34	11.04	139	46.40	189	38.20
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	3	0.61
Flathead Catfish	1	0.32	0	0	0	0
Green Sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	18	5.85	157	52.40	133	26.88
Longfin Dace	41	13.32	66	22.03	23	4.65
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	4	0.81
Roundtail Chub	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	19	6.17	72	24.03	269	54.36
Spikedace	22	7.15	89	29.71	22	4.45
Western Mosquitofish	6	1.95	12	4.01	34	6.87
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	141		535		677	
Area	307.9		299.6		494.8	
Density	45.80		178.58		136.82	

Table A6 continued. Gila River at Riverside Iron Bridge site.

	2021				
Species	Ν	Density			
Channel Catfish	1	1.18			
Common Carp	0	0			
Desert Sucker	0	0			
Fathead Minnow	0	0			
Flathead Catfish	0	0			
Green Sunfish	0	0			
Largemouth Bass	0	0			
Loach Minnow	9	10.60			
Longfin Dace	1	1.18			
Red Shiner	0	0			
Roundtail Chub	0	0			
Smallmouth Bass	0	0			
Sonora Sucker	0	0			
Spikedace	0	0			
Western Mosquitofish	0	0			
Yellow Bullhead	0	0			
Total N	11				
Area	84.9				
Density	12.95				

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	2	2009	2	2010		2011
Species	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	8	2.75	119	41.94	5	2.28
Fathead Minnow	1	0.34	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	1	0.46
Loach Minnow	44	15.12	201	70.83	41	18.67
Longfin Dace	54	18.56	159	56.03	11	5.01
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	18	6.19	97	34.18	1	0.46
Spikedace	19	6.53	270	95.15	5	2.28
Western Mosquitofish	1	0.34	0	0	35	15.94
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	1	0.35	0	0
Total N	145		847		99	
Area	291.0		283.8		219.6	
Density	49.82		298.49		45.07	

Table A7. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the Gila River at the Cherokee Canyon site, 2009 - 2021. Native species are bolded.

	2	2012	2013		2	2014
Species	Ν	Density	Ν	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	8	1.60	0	0	2	0.63
Fathead Minnow	0	0	0	0	1	0.31
Flathead Catfish	3	0.60	0	0	1	0.31
Loach Minnow	14	2.80	0	0	21	6.61
Longfin Dace	49	9.81	8	4.58	48	15.11
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonora Sucker	48	9.61	0	0	1	0.31
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	50	10.01	1	0.57	0	0
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total N	172		9		74	
Area	499.3		174.9		317.6	
Density	34.45		5.15		23.30	

		2015		2016	2017		
Species	Ν	Density	Ν	Density	Ν	Density	
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	1	0.09	
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	1	0.09	
Desert Sucker	59	11.11	14	5.92	83	7.66	
Fathead Minnow	1	0.19	0	0	0	0	
Flathead Catfish	4	0.75	0	0	1	0.09	
Loach Minnow	6	1.13	12	5.07	46	4.24	
Longfin Dace	203	38.23	138	58.32	201	18.55	
Red Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sonora Sucker	6	1.13	1	0.42	19	1.75	
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	55	5.08	
Western Mosquitofish	1	0.19	1	0.42	1	0.09	
Yellow Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total N	280		166		408		
Area	531.0		236.6		1083.6		
Density	52.73		70.16		37.65		

Table A7. Gila River at Cherokee Canyon site.

	-	2012	2	013	2	2014	/	2015		2016
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	21	6.77	1	2.11	10	0.94	10	1.61	15	3.46
Common Carp	4	1.29	0	0	2	0.19	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	5	1.61	0	0	15	1.40	41	6.59	62	14.28
Fathead Minnow	2	0.64	19	40.03	0	0	0	0	43	9.91
Flathead Catfish	8	2.58	0	0	2	0.19	0	0	2	0.46
Loach Minnow	6	1.93	2	4.21	12	1.12	5	0.80	6	1.38
Longfin Dace	0	0	2	4.21	147	13.77	195	31.33	104	23.96
Red Shiner	13	4.19	38	80.07	6	0.56	2	0.32	354	81.56
Sonora Sucker	0	0	0	0	2	0.19	1	0.16	1	0.23
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	8	16.86	0	0	0	0	6	1.38
Total N	59		70		196		254		593	
Area	310.3		47.5		1067.8		622.4		434.0	
Density	19.02		147.49		18.36		40.81		136.62	

Table A8. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the Gila River at the Ash Canyon site, 2012 - 2021. Native species are bolded.

	2	2017	2	2018		2019	,	2020		2021
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Channel Catfish	12	0.40	0	0	1	0.19	6	0.90	3	0.81
Common Carp	2	0.07	0	0	0	0	1	0.15	0	0
Desert Sucker	15	0.50	0	0	62	11.69	33	4.96	0	0
Fathead Minnow	0	0	3	1.55	0	0	17	2.55	0	0
Flathead Catfish	2	0.07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loach Minnow	12	0.40	2	1.04	15	2.83	21	3.16	1	0.27
Longfin Dace	94	3.14	63	32.62	71	13.38	266	39.96	1	0.27
Red Shiner	14	0.47	48	24.85	22	4.15	265	39.81	13	3.50
Sonora Sucker	0	0	0	0	3	0.57	1	0.15	0	0
Spikedace	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.15	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	0	0	11	5.69	13	2.45	5	0.75	0	0
Total N	151		127		187		616		18	
Area	2997.9		193.2		530.5		665.6		371.3	
Density	5.04		65.75		35.25		92.55		4.85	

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	2	2011	2	012	2	2013	2	2014	2	015
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	Ν	Density
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1.82		
Common Carp	0	0	3	1.26	0	0	1	0.23		
Desert Sucker	0	0	17	7.12	0	0	3	0.68		
Fathead Minnow	7	1.56	11	4.61	14	9.79	2	0.46		
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.23		
Longfin Dace	19	4.22	53	22.21	16	11.18	69	15.71		
Red Shiner	80	17.78	10	4.19	17	11.88	43	9.79		
Sonora Sucker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Western Mosquitofish	51	11.33	253	106.00	1	0.70	0	0		
Total N	157		347		48		127			
Area	450.0		238.7		143.1		439.4			
Density	34.89		145.38		33.55		28.91			

Table A9. Number (N) and density (fish/100 m^2) of fishes collected in the Gila River at the site below the Sunset Diversion, 2011 - 2021. Native species are bolded. Note that no sampling occurred in 2015 at the site.

	2	016	2	2017		2018	2	2019	20	020
Species	Ν	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density	N	Density
Black Bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel Catfish	10	0.66	2	0.36	3	4.19	0	0	0	0
Common Carp	1	0.07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Sucker	13	0.85	8	1.42	0	0	2	2.19	0	0
Fathead Minnow	5	0.33	10	1.78	0	0	2	2.19	0	0
Flathead Catfish	3	0.20	5	0.89	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfin Dace	29	1.90	452	80.23	2	2.79	31	33.99	0	0
Red Shiner	478	31.37	175	31.06	2	2.79	1	1.10	0	0
Sonora Sucker	0	0	3	0.53	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Mosquitofish	13	0.85	31	5.50	0	0	69	75.65	24	25.93
Total N	552		686		7		105		24	
Area	1523.9		563.4		71.6		91.2		92.6	
Density	36.22		121.77		9.77		115.12		25.93	

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below the Sulfset Diversion.									
	2	2021							
Species	Ν	Density							
Black Bullhead	2	0.49							
Channel Catfish	28	6.81							
Common Carp	0	0							
Desert Sucker	2	0.49							
Fathead Minnow	3	0.73							
Flathead Catfish	1	0.24							
Longfin Dace	5	1.22							
Red Shiner	65	15.81							
Sonora Sucker	0	0							
Western Mosquitofish	3	0.73							
Total N	109								
Area	411.0								
Density	26.52								

Table A9 continued. Gila River at the site below the Sunset Diversion.