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The early life stages and life histories of eleven species of centrarchids (family Centrarchidae) currently found in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its adjacent waters are described. Species accounts provide information on reproductive biology and the development of eggs, larvae, and juvenile stages. Early life history information and ecological status conclude each account along with detailed line drawings and colored photographs portraying developmental traits of eggs and young. Finally, taxonomic characteristics are summarized to distinguish centrarchid prolarvae and postlarvae (genus level) and adult specimens. A dichotomous identification key is presented for the juvenile stages of the eleven species.