



Ozark cavefish (*Amblyopsis rosae*)

The Ozark cavefish is an endangered animal only found in a few underground, Ozark-mountain streams. Adults are 2-3 inches long and can live 7-10 years. They save energy by swimming very little; there isn't much food in a cave. Their nutrients come from bat droppings, dead leaves, and tiny cave animals. Because caves are dark, these fish do not have eyes, and their skin has no color. The largest known population of this fish is protected in Cave Springs Cave Natural Area in Benton County, Arkansas.