

BONYTAIL

- Most endangered of the 4 big-river fishes, and rarest of the three species of chub.
- Native to the upper Colorado River.
- For the most part, the species is considered extirpated in the wild.
- Around 1980, some bonytail were taken from Lake Mojave to a fish hatchery to be used as brood stock.
- Releases back into the system have not been very successful.

Data Source: US Fish and Wildlife

<http://www.fws.gov/grandjunctionfishandwildlife/endangeredfish.html>

*Because bonytail populations were extirpated before biologists had a chance to study them in the wild, very little is known of their life history, their habitat requirements, or the reasons why they declined and disappeared.



Little girl and 'catch of the day', including eight bonytail and one Colorado pikeminnow. These fish were captured from the Colorado River near Moab, Utah around 1920. Photo courtesy of Verlyn Westwood.