



## Stingray Bay 2025

Species	Range/Habitat	Diet	More Info
<p><b>Southern Stingray-</b> <i>Dasyatis americana</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Atlantic Ocean: Southern U.S., Central and South America</li> <li>•Mostly on seabed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Zoo:</b> Lake smelt, herring, sardines, anchovies, capelin</li> <li>•<b>Wild:</b> Small fish, lobsters, crabs, oysters, bivalves, worms, shrimp</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Size:</b> Up to 6-7 feet wingspan, up to 200 lbs.</li> <li>•Spend time buried in sand on seafloor</li> <li>•More solitary than social</li> <li>•Skeleton is cartilage, no bone</li> <li>•Males have claspers, females much larger than males</li> <li>•Barb made from dentin like material-venom is protein-based toxin, barbs are trimmed every 6-8 months</li> <li>•Reproduction is ovoviviparous</li> <li>•Senses are very strong, use electroreception to sense prey</li> <li>•Suck water in through spiracles and out gill slits</li> </ul> <p><b>Conservation Status: Near Threatened- IUCN</b></p>
<p><b>Cownose Stingray-</b> <i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Atlantic Ocean: U.S., central Africa, northern South America</li> <li>•Mostly open waters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Zoo:</b> Lake smelt, herring, sardines, anchovies, capelin</li> <li>•<b>Wild:</b> Small fish, lobsters, crabs, oysters, clams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Size:</b> Up to 3 feet wingspan, up to 50 lbs.</li> <li>•Social, live in large groups with mass seasonal migration</li> <li>•Skeleton is cartilage, no bone</li> <li>•Males have claspers</li> <li>•Barb made from dentin like material-venom is protein-based toxin, barbs are trimmed every 6-8 months</li> <li>•Reproduction is ovoviviparous</li> <li>•Senses are very strong, use electroreception to sense prey</li> <li>•Suck water in through spiracles and out gill slits</li> </ul> <p><b>Conservation Status: Vulnerable- IUCN</b></p>