

HABITAT

- Prefer shallow ponds and rivers with aquatic vegetation
- Can tolerate brackish water and tolerate low oxygen waters



Northern Snakehead

Channa argus

INVASIVE

LOCATION

Native to: China and Russia

In Delaware: Nanticoke River, Becks Pond and Nonesuch Creek

HOW TO IDENTIFY

- Long dorsal and anal fins
- Large mouth reaching far beyond eye
- Series of dark, irregular patches on sides and back

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Feeds on native fish, amphibians, small reptiles, and young waterfowl
- Competes for food resources with gamefish such as largemouth bass
- As a top level predator, can alter food webs

