

Fish preserves

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Jars filled with Norfolk spot collected from Perdido Bay, Florida, in the late 1970s and early 1980s sit on shelves as part of the [Royal D. Suttkus Fish Collection](#) at the Tulane University Biodiversity Research Institute. With over 7 million specimens in over 200,000 lots, the collection is the largest stockpile of post-larval fishes in the world. Royal D. Suttkus joined the Tulane University faculty in 1950 and immediately began building the modern fish collection on a foundation of just two mounted fish specimens left over from the early natural history museum.

