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01



Atlantic Longarm Octopus

Macrotritopus sp.

Size varies (small mantle)

Tiny mantle, extraordinarily long arms; blends into open sand.

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02



Atlantic Spadefish

Chaetodipterus faber

Often about 20 in

Tall, flat silver body with bold vertical black bars.

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03



Bandtail Puffer

Sphoeroides spengleri

Often about 5 in

Tiny puffer with a dark bar across the tail base.

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04



Bar Jack

Caranx ruber

Often about 16 in

Blue line rides above the dark stripe along its back.

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05



Bicolor Damselfish

Stegastes partitus

Often 2–3½ in

Usually dark in front and much paler behind.

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06



Blue Angelfish

Holacanthus bermudensis

Often about 14 in

Adult has a dusky tail trimmed in yellow.

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07



Bluehead Wrasse

Thalassoma bifasciatum

Up to about 10 in

Terminal males wear a vivid blue head with black brackets.

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08



Bluestriped Grunt

Haemulon sciurus

Often about 12 in

Blue horizontal stripes across a bright yellow body.

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09



Cocoa Damselfish

Stegastes xanthurus

Up to about 5 in

Brownish adult with pale-edged scales and a yellowish tail.

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10



Colon Goby

Coryphopterus dicrus

Up to 2 in

Two dark dots stack at the base of the side fin.

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Doctorfish

Acanthurus chirurgus

Up to about 13 in

Faint vertical body bars; sharp spine at tail base.

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12



Dusky Damselfish

Stegastes adustus

Often 2–4 in

Dark, dusky body with pale centers on many scales.

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13



French Angelfish

Pomacanthus paru

Often about 11 in

Dark adult scales each edged with a bright gold fleck.

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14



French Grunt

Haemulon flavolineatum

Often about 7 in

Diagonal yellow stripes beneath the side's midline.

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Goldspot Goby

Gnatholepis thompsoni

Up to about 3 in

Look for the golden spot above and behind the eye.

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Gray Angelfish

Pomacanthus arcuatus

Often 17–19 in

Gray adult with a pale mouth and squarish tail.

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Great Barracuda

Sphyraena barracuda

Up to about 7½ ft

Long silvery body, pointed jaw, and scattered dark flank spots.

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18



Green Razorfish

Xyrichtys splendens

Often 2–4 in

Slender greenish body, blunt forehead, and a blade-like profile.

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Hogfish

Lachnolaimus maximus

Up to about 3 ft

Long piglike snout; mature males can show dark forehead patches.

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20



Lane Snapper

Lutjanus synagris

Often about 14 in

Yellow stripes and a dark blotch high on the flank.

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21



Lantern Bass

Serranus baldwini

Up to about 5 in

Dark rectangular blotches along the sides and vivid orange markings.

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22



Lined Seahorse

Hippocampus erectus

Up to 7½ in tall

Deep chest, curled tail, and fine lines around eyes.

23



Mutton Snapper

Lutjanus analis

Often about 20 in

Olive back, reddish lower fins, and a small dark flank spot.

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24



Ocean Surgeonfish

Acanthurus tractus

Often about 10 in

Oval surgeonfish with a tail-base spine and no doctorfish bars.

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25



Porkfish

Anisotremus virginicus

Often about 10 in

Two bold black face bars and bright yellow body stripes.

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Queen Angelfish

Holacanthus ciliaris

Up to about 18 in

Adult has yellow tail and a blue-ringed forehead crown.

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Redband Parrotfish

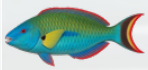
Sparisoma aurofrenatum

Often about 8 in

Adult male: diagonal reddish band below and behind eye.

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Redtail Parrotfish

Sparisoma chrysopterum

Up to about 18 in

Adult greenish parrotfish often shows reddish tail-fin margins.

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29



Ruth’s Nudibranch

Felimare ruthae

Up to 1 in

Look for blue markings, two feelers, and feathery rear gills.

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30



Sailors Choice

Haemulon parra

Often about 12 in

Bronze-gray body with dark speckles and a pale lower flank.

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31



Sand Perch

Diplectrum formosum

Often 5–9 in

Long mottled body with dark bars and a pointed head.

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32



Scrawled Cowfish

Acanthostracion quadricornis

Often about 8 in

Boxy body, forehead horns, and curving blue scribbles.

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33



Scrawled Filefish

Aluterus scriptus

Up to about 39 in

Long flat body patterned with blue lines and spots.

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34



Seaweed Blenny

Parablennius marmoreus

Up to about 3 in

Mottled body with shaggy tufts over both large eyes.

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35



Sergeant Major

Abudefduf saxatilis

Often about 6 in

Five dark bars and a yellow wash across the back.

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Sharpnose Puffer

Canthigaster rostrata

Usually under 3 in

Pointed snout and turquoise lines radiating from the eye.

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Sharptail Eel

Myrichthys breviceps

Up to 40 in

Large pale spots and a hard, pointed, finless tail.

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38

Sheepshead

Archosargus probatocephalus



Often 14–18 in

Tall silvery body with broad, nearly vertical black bars.

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39

Silver Porgy

Diplodus caudimacula



Often about 9 in

Deep silver body with a black saddle at tail base.

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40

Slippery Dick

Halichoeres bivittatus



Up to about 8 in

Two dark lengthwise stripes on a slim, pointed wrasse.

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41

Spotfin Butterflyfish

Chaetodon ocellatus



Often 3–6 in

Black eye bar and a dot on rear dorsal fin.

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42

Stoplight Parrotfish

Sparisoma viride



Often about 15 in

Adult male: green body and yellow patch near gill.

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43

Striated Frogfish

Antennarius striatus



Usually about 4 in

Hairlike skin tassels and a wormlike lure over the mouth.

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44

Striped Parrotfish

Scarus iseri



Up to about 14 in

Initial phase shows dark stripes; terminal adults become blue-green.

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45

Tomtate

Haemulon aurolineatum



Often about 7 in

Slim yellow side stripe and dark spot at tail base.

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White Grunt

Haemulon plumierii



Up to about 18 in

Blue lines curve across the face; body is pale.

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47

Yellow Ray

Urobatis jamaicensis



Up to 14 in wide

Rounded disc, short tail, and mottling like sun-dappled sand.

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48

Yellowfin Mojarra

Gerres cinereus



Up to about 16 in

Silvery body, yellow lower fins, and a sharply protruding mouth.

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49

Yellowtail (Redfin) Parrotfish

Sparisoma rubripinne



Often about 12 in

Initial phase often has a yellow tail and reddish fins.

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50

Yellowtail Snapper

Ocyurus chrysurus



Up to about 30 in

Bright yellow line leads into a deeply forked yellow tail.

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