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Queen angelfish

Holacanthus ciliaris

Up to 18 in

Look for the crown spot on its bright forehead.



Foureye Butterflyfish

Chaetodon capistratus

Up to 6 in

White-ringed rear eyespot and dark bar through real eye.



Stoplight Parrotfish

Sparisoma viride

Up to about 25 in

Look for beak; mature green fish show yellow markings.



French Grunt

Haemulon flavolineatum

Up to 12 in

Yellow stripes on pale body angle down the flank.



Spotfin Butterflyfish

Chaetodon ocellatus

Up to 8 in

Look for a tiny dark spot on rear dorsal.



Goldentail Moray

Gymnothorax miliaris

Up to 28 in

Small pale spots over body and yellow-gold tail tip.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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Spotted Drum

Eques punctatus

Up to 10 in

Adults show striped bodies and spotted tails; juveniles streamers.



Bluehead Wrasse

Thalassoma bifasciatum

Up to about 10 in

Terminal males show bright blue heads and alternating bands.



Rock Beauty

Holacanthus tricolor

Up to about 14 in

Bright yellow face and tail frame black adult body.



Smooth Trunkfish

Lactophrys triqueter

Up to 12 in

Rigid triangular body with many pale spots and puckered lips.



Sergeant Major

Abudefduf saxatilis

Up to 9 in

Five dark bars, often yellow along the upper back.



Blue Tang

Acanthurus coeruleus

Up to about 15 in

Blue adult with pale tail spine; juveniles often yellow.

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