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Cayman Islands

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Nassau Grouper

Epinephelus striatus

Up to 4 ft

Look for broad bars and dark saddle at tail.



Queen angelfish

Holacanthus ciliaris

Up to 18 in

Look for the crown spot on its bright forehead.



French Angelfish

Pomacanthus paru

Up to 16 in

Dark adult with yellow-edged scales and yellow eye rings.



Banded Butterflyfish

Chaetodon striatus

Up to 8 in

Silver disk with broad black bars and delicate chevrons.



Stoplight Parrotfish

Sparisoma viride

Up to about 25 in

Look for beak; mature green fish show yellow markings.



Bluestriped Grunt

Haemulon sciurus

Up to 18 in

Narrow blue lines across a yellow body and head.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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Yellowtail Snapper

Ocyurus chrysurus

Up to 30 in

Bright yellow stripe leads into deeply forked yellow tail.



Smooth Trunkfish

Lactophrys triqueter

Up to 12 in

Rigid triangular body with many pale spots and puckered lips.



Green Moray

Gymnothorax funebris

Usually 5–6 ft

Long greenish eel head peering from shaded reef crevices.



Rock Beauty

Holacanthus tricolor

Up to about 14 in

Bright yellow face and tail frame black adult body.



Bluehead Wrasse

Thalassoma bifasciatum

Up to about 10 in

Terminal males show bright blue heads and alternating bands.



Blue Tang

Acanthurus coeruleus

Up to about 15 in

Blue adult with pale tail spine; juveniles often yellow.

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