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Galápagos

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King Angelfish

Holacanthus passer

Up to about 14 in

Dark adult with one narrow white bar and yellow tail.



Barberfish

Johnrandallia nigrirostris

Up to about 8 in

Yellow fish with pale face and black eye mask.



Galápagos Ringtail Damselfish

Stegastes beebei

Up to about 6 in

Dark adult shows white ring at the tail base.



Pacific Creolefish

Cephalopholis colonus

Up to about 14 in

Look for pale back spots on a schooling midwater grouper.



Giant Hawkfish

Cirrhitus rivulatus

Up to about 24 in

Blunt head and sturdy fins on a rocky perch.



Flag Cabrilla

Epinephelus labriformis

Up to about 24 in

Stocky grouper with pale specks and dark tail-base saddle.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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Guineafowl Puffer

Arothron meleagris

Up to about 16 in

Dark body dusted with white dots; some are yellow.



Blue-barred Parrotfish

Scarus ghobban

Up to about 30 in

Adult male shows pink scale edges and colored chin lines.



Razor Surgeonfish

Prionurus laticlavius

Up to about 24 in

Yellow tail and three bony knobs at tail base.



Pacific Seahorse

Hippocampus ingens

Up to about 12 in

Long snout, small crown and a tightly curled tail.



Blue-and-Gold Snapper

Lutjanus viridis

Up to about 12 in

Golden body with five pale blue, dark-edged side stripes.



Cortez Rainbow Wrasse

Thalassoma lucasanum

Up to about 6 in

Terminal males show blue face and broad yellow shoulder bar.

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