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Ocellaris Anemonefish

Amphiprion ocellaris

Up to about 3 in

Three white bars cross orange body near anemone tentacles.



Mandarinfish

Synchiropus splendidus

Up to about 3 in

Brilliant winding bands of blue, orange and green.



Painted Frogfish

Antennarius pictus

Up to about 12 in

Look for low body bumps and a banded lure.



Orange Skunk Anemonefish

Amphiprion sandaracinos

Up to about 5½ in

Orange body with a white line along its back.



Copperband Butterflyfish

Chelmon rostratus

Up to 8 in

Long narrow snout, orange bands and rear dorsal eyespot.



Bargibant's Pygmy Seahorse

Hippocampus bargibanti

Up to about 1 in

Tiny stout seahorse with rounded bumps matching sea-fan polyps.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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Fire Dartfish

Nemateleotris magnifica

Up to about 3½ in

Pale head fades to orange-red beneath tall dorsal flag.



Moorish Idol

Zanclus cornutus

Up to about 9½ in

Black-and-yellow markings, tubular snout and long curved dorsal streamer.



Bluestreak Cleaner Wrasse

Labroides dimidiatus

Up to about 5 in

Dark side stripe broadens toward tail; watch cleaning stations.



Regal Angelfish

Pygoplites diacanthus

Up to about 10 in

Orange-yellow body crossed by blue-white, dark-edged bars.



Ribbon Eel

Rhinomuraena quaesita

Up to about 4¼ ft

Ribbon-thin body and flared nostrils at a sandy hole.



Blueface Angelfish

Pomacanthus xanthometopon

Up to about 15 in

Look for blue face markings and yellow eye mask.

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