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Roatán

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French Angelfish

Pomacanthus paru

Up to 16 in

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



Black Grouper

Mycteroperca bonaci

Up to about 5 ft

Rectangular dark blotches and squared-off tail on robust body.



Blue Tang

Acanthurus coeruleus

Up to about 15 in

Blue adult with pale tail spine; juveniles often yellow.



Stoplight Parrotfish

Sparisoma viride

Up to about 25 in

Look for beak; mature green fish show yellow markings.



Banded Butterflyfish

Chaetodon striatus

Up to 8 in

Silver disk with broad black bars and delicate chevrons.



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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Bluehead Wrasse

Thalassoma bifasciatum

Up to about 10 in

Terminal males show bright blue heads and alternating bands.



Spotted Moray

Gymnothorax moringa

Often under 3 ft

Pale eye and irregular, dark spots across face and body.



Spotted Drum

Eques punctatus

Up to 10 in

Adults show striped bodies and spotted tails; juveniles streamers.



Smooth Trunkfish

Lactophrys triqueter

Up to 12 in

Rigid triangular body with many pale spots and puckered lips.



Black Durgon

Melichthys niger

Up to 20 in

Dark triggerfish with pale lines along both rear fin bases.



Sergeant Major

Abudefduf saxatilis

Up to 9 in

Five dark bars, often yellow along the upper back.

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