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Queen angelfish

Holacanthus ciliaris

Up to 18 in

Look for the crown spot on its bright forehead.



Goldentail Moray

Gymnothorax miliaris

Up to 28 in

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



Yellowtail Snapper

Ocyurus chrysurus

Up to 30 in

Bright yellow stripe leads into deeply forked yellow tail.



Great Barracuda

Sphyraena barracuda

Up to about 6½ ft

Long silver fish with projecting jaw and separated dorsal fins.



Black Durgon

Melichthys niger

Up to 20 in

Dark triggerfish with pale lines along both rear fin bases.



Balloonfish

Diodon holocanthus

Up to 20 in

Large dark blotches and long spines; fins lack spots.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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French Angelfish

Pomacanthus paru

Up to 16 in

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



Princess Parrotfish

Scarus taeniopterus

Up to about 14 in

Terminal blue fish shows short yellow dash above pectoral fin.



Foureye Butterflyfish

Chaetodon capistratus

Up to 6 in

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



Blue Chromis

Azurina cyanea

Up to 6 in

Electric blue, with black edges on a deeply forked tail.



Blue Tang

Acanthurus coeruleus

Up to about 15 in

Blue adult with pale tail spine; juveniles often yellow.



Smooth Trunkfish

Lactophrys triqueter

Up to 12 in

Rigid triangular body with many pale spots and puckered lips.

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