







The Fishes of Catalina

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All photos by Janna Nichols unless otherwise indicated

 A bright orange Garibaldi fish swimming in clear blue water near a green reef.	<p>Garibaldi – Bright orange, territorial, ‘bald’. Juveniles have brilliant blue spots.</p>
 A Blacksmith fish with a yellowish body and numerous small black spots, swimming in clear water.	<p>Blacksmith – Black soot marks on its body. Usually schooling. Think of Blacksmith covered in soot.</p>
 A Blackeye Goby with a yellowish body and a prominent black spot on its eye, resting on a sandy bottom.	<p>Blackeye Goby - Black eyes. Black section on first dorsal fin. Large, visible scales. Can be mottled. Often a yellowish tint to fins. Males can show black pelvic fins when mating.</p>
 Two Bluebanded Gobies with bright orange bodies and horizontal blue stripes, resting on a rocky reef.	<p>Bluebanded Goby – Brilliant blue bars on orange background. Down in rocks. Small.</p>



Zebra Goby – Elusive and hidden most of the time. Orange and blue stripes all the way back on its body. (like a zebra!)
(Photo by Douglas Klug)



C-O Sole – Right Eyed flatfish. Big goggly eyes appear to be almost falling off its head. No snout to speak of. Camouflages nicely. Look for C O on tail, and dark spot right in middle of body.



Kelp Perch - Golden kelp color, no stripes, but white blotches along back. Clearish tail. Usually in pairs or more, Hangs out in KELP.



Black Perch – Look for black moustache on upper lip. Light blue line running along base of anal fin. Weird patch of super big scales behind pectoral fin.



Rubberlip Perch – Huge lips, often faint dark bar on back of body. Similar to Pile perch, but tail not forked. Wider bodied.



California Sheephead – Male - White chin. Black, Red Black sections. Develop hump on head. Female - Peach to light brown even coloring. White chin.



Senorita – Cigar shaped schooling fish with Senorita's fan on tail in black.



Rock Wrasse – Male - Has a belt to hold up its pants.
Female - Has little rocks on her back. Both hang out in rocks.