







The Fishes of Catalina Part 2

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All photos by Janna Nichols unless otherwise indicated

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|  A photograph of a Kelp Rockfish, showing its light yellow-brown speckled pattern and large, prominent eyes. The fish is positioned horizontally against a dark background. | <p>Kelp Rockfish – Light yellow-brown speckled. Large dumb eyes. Often hangs vertically in kelp.</p> |
|  A photograph of a Treefish, characterized by its vertical yellow and dark brown stripes. It is shown swimming over a rocky reef. | <p>Treefish – Vertical 'tree trunks' on its side. Bright red lips. Can be vivid or dusky colored.</p> |
|  A photograph of a California Scorpionfish, featuring a brownish-red speckled pattern and a prominent, spiny dorsal fin. It is resting on a rocky substrate. | <p>California Scorpionfish – Brownish-red speckles throughout, hollow-looking eyes. Patterns on dorsal fins.</p> |
|  A photograph of a Kelp/Calico Bass, displaying white rectangular patterns on its sides and a white underbelly. The fish is swimming in a kelp-filled environment. | <p>Kelp/Calico Bass – White rectangular patterns on sides. White underbelly. Often schooling up in the kelp.</p> |



Giant Kelpfish – Very slender pelvic fins, varies in color and pattern. Large, hangs in kelp.



Painted Greenling – Red bars painted on with little pointy paintbrush of a snout. Two pair of cirri on forehead.



Halfmoon -- Black dot at top of gill plate. Bluish coloring. Think of dot as a moon. 'Once in a blue moon'.



Opaleye – Blueish to gray coloration. 1-3 white dots on back midbody near dorsal fin. Bright blue (opal) colored eyes.



Sargo – Backwards S shape on gill (S is for Sargo). Black bar is tallest part of fish. Dark and well defined bar.



Horn Shark – look for points on front of dorsal fin.



Bat Ray – Large, bumped up head.
(Photo by Deenie Clinton)



California Moray – Brown speckles, hides in caves and holes between rocks. Opens mouth not to threaten, but ‘breathe’ (move water past gills)