















# Hey Dude, Let's Go Diving!

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## Top 12 Fish of Laguna Beach Shore Dives

	<p><b>Garibaldi</b> – 5 to 10, max 14 in., A Damselfish, bright orange, territorial, 'bald'. Juveniles have brilliant blue spots. Marine State Fish of California.</p>
	<p><b>Blacksmith</b> – 4 to 8, max 12 in., A Damselfish, black soot marks on its body. Usually schooling. Think of Blacksmith covered in soot.</p>
	<p><b>Kelp/Calico Bass</b> – 12 to 24, max 28.5 in., White rectangular patterns on sides. White underbelly. Often schooling up in the kelp.</p>
	<p><b>California Sheephead</b>– 1 to 2 ft, Up to 3 ft. A Wrasse, JP- Bright red with white midbody stripe and large black spots on rear dorsal, anal fins and upper base of tail. Typically less than 6 in. in length. IP- White chin, pink to reddish brown. Typically 6 to 12 in. TP- White chin, Bulbous hump on nape. Canine teeth protrude from front of mouth.</p>
	<p><b>Barred Sand Bass</b>- 10 to 18, max 26 in., Narrow dark bar below eye. Several irregular dusky bars or bands on side.</p>

	<p><b>Senorita</b> – 3 to 8, 10 in., A Wrasse, cigar shaped schooling fish with Senorita's fan on tail in black.</p>
	<p><b>Rock Wrasse</b>- 12 to 14, max 15 in., Male, has a belt to hold up its pants. Female, has little rocks on her back. Both hang out in rocks.</p>
	<p><b>Painted Greenling</b>– 4 to 6, Up to 10 in. A Greenling, five to six bold, dark (usually red) bars encircle fins and body. Pointed snout, two pairs of cirri, one above eyes and another midway between eyes and dorsal fin.</p>
	<p><b>Blackeye Goby</b>- 1.5 to 4, Up to 6 in. Usually small, blue opalescent spots below eye. Eye often dark. Back edge on foredorsal fin.</p>
	<p><b>Black Perch</b> – 5 to 12.5, Max 15.5 in., 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.</p>
	<p><b>Opaleye</b>- 6 to 20, max 26 in., a Sea Chub, one to three white spots on back. Bright blue to blue-green eyes.</p>
	<p><b>California Scorpionfish</b>- 7 to 14, max 17 in., Brownish-red speckles throughout, hollow- looking eyes. Patterns on dorsal fins.</p>

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