



The Nightstalkers!

Top 12 Eels of the Caribbean

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 <p>REEF 1. Green Moray Eel</p> <p>Up to 8 ft.</p>	<p>Large, heavy body with no markings, Uniform green to brown.</p>
 <p>REEF 2. Spotted Moray Eel</p> <p>Up to 4 ft.</p>	<p>Covered with dark spots and blotches over pale under color. Can have dark margin on border of continuous dorsal fin.</p>
 <p>REEF 3. Goldentail Moray Eel</p> <p>Up to 2 ft.</p>	<p>Reticulated pattern usually yellow on brown.</p>

REEF 4. Purplemouth Moray Eel




Up to 4 ft.

18

Finely mottled to uniform brown with brilliant yellow-gold iris.

REEF 5. Chestnut Moray Eel



Up to 13 in.

20

Small white spots along edge of jaw. Jaws do not close only tips make contact.

REEF 6. Honeycomb Moray Eel



Up to 2 ft.

22

Semicircle black spots outlined in white line upper edge of dorsal fin. Honeycomb or netlike pattern on body.

REEF 7. Chain Moray Eel



Up to 2.5 ft.

24

Yellow chain-like markings on black.





REEF 8. Sharptail Eel



Up to 3.5 ft.

26

Small plain yellow spots on head. Large diffuse pale spots on body.

<p>REEF 9. Goldspotted Eel</p>  <p>Up to 3.5 ft.</p>	<p>Bright yellow-gold spots with diffuse black borders on body and head.</p>
<p>REEF 10. Surf Eel</p>  <p>Up to 19 in.</p>	<p>Long sharply pointed snout extends well beyond mouth with underslung jaw. Nostril openings flush with lower snout forward of jaw.</p>
<p>REEF 11. Margintail Conger</p> 	<p>Large eye with dark outer ring and pale patch above. Dorsal fin starts well back from head.</p>
<p>REEF 12. Manytooth Conger</p>  <p>Up to 3 ft.</p>	<p>Dark border on dorsal, tail and anal fins. Upper and lower jaws of equal length.</p>