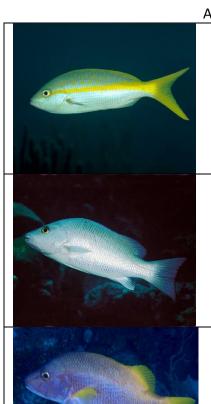


## Snap On, Snap Off, The Snappers!

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## Top 12 Snappers of the Caribbean

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**Yellowtail Snapper**- 1 to 2 ft., Up to 2.5 ft. Yellow midbody stripe from snout becomes broader toward rear as it merges into yellow deeply forked tail. Plankton eater.

**Gray Snapper** - 10 to 18 in., Gray, often with no distinguishing features. Darkish band occasionally runs from lip across eye and onto lower nape. More common in younger individuals in shallow water habits; Mangrove Snapper.

**Schoolmaster**– 10 to 18 in, Up to 2 ft. Fins yellow. Occasionally display bars on back. Juvenile: bars on back and dark band runs from lip across eye and onto lower nape similar to Gray juvenile.



**Lane Snapper** – 8 to 12 in., Up to 15 in. Several narrow yellow body stripes below lateral line. Silvery. Pectoral, ventral and anal fins often yellow; dorsal and tail fins often reddish. Black often indistinct spot just below rear dorsal fin (absent on rare occasions). Juvenile very similar to adult just with bolder colors.



**Dog Snapper**– 1.5 to 2.5 ft., Up to 3 ft. Pale triangular patch under eye (the puppy is crying). May have body bars or lighten or darken dramatically. Very visible canine teeth.



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