

## Not-So-Common Fish of the Northeast US & Canada

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Black Sea Bass – Sea Bass Family, up to 24in.

Centropristis striata

Dark gray to black overall color. Look for white edges to tail and tips of dorsal spines, and each scale outlined in black.



Photo by Mike Eversmier

Striped Bass - Temperate Bass Family, up to 6 ft.

Morone saxatilis

Greenish to bluish on top, with brassy highlights. Dark stripes above and below lateral line. Ones below are shorter.

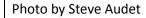


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**Shorthorn Sculpin – Sculpin Family**, up to 19 inches.

Myoxocephalus scorpius

Larger head, shorter spines on side of head. Shades of brown. Stouter than a Longhorn Sculpin.

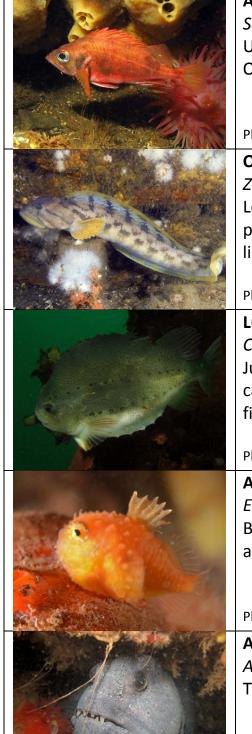


Longhorn Sculpin – Sculpin Family, up to 18 inches.

Myoxocephalus octodecemspinosus

Longer and thinner than a Shorthorn, very thin "caudal peduncle", very long spine on cheek. Banding on fins.

Photo by Steve Audet



Acadian Redfish - Scorpionfish Family, up to 12 in.

Sebastes fasciatus

Underslung jaw, reddish in color. Swim bladder. Rocky habitat. Often found in darker places, under overhangs, in cracks.

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Ocean Pout - Eelpout Family, to 3.5 ft.

Zoarces americanus

Long, tapering body, big overbite. Mottled, some chain-like patterning on sides. Yellowish brown to olive in color. Thick lines radiate from eyes.

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**Lumpfish – Lumpfish Family**, up to 2.3 ft.

Cyclopterus lumpus

Juvenile shown, can get big. Can look like a large football. Color can be highly variable. Males more colorful than females. Pelvic fins are suction cup.

Photo by Val Feehan

**Atlantic Spiny Lumpsucker – Lumpfish Family**, up to 4.5 in. *Eumicrotremus spinosus* 

Bumpy skin, first dorsal fin looks like a little crown. Pelvic fins act as suction cup. Various colors.

Photo by Jason Robins

Atlantic Wolffish - Wolffish Family, up to 5 ft.

Anarhichas lupus

Teeth usually showing, uniform gray in color.

Photo by Amy Maurer



**Northern Searobin – Searobin Family**, up to 15 in.

Prionotus carolinus

Big, wing-like pectoral fins. Part of the pec fins are split off to act as walking legs. Hides in sand to surprise prey. Large sloping curved head that reminds us of a duck bill. More often seen at night.

Photo by Jason Feick



**Atlantic Torpedo – Torpedo Electric Ray Family**, up to 6 ft. *Torpedo nobiliana* 

Very large, round, electric ray. Sandy or mud bottoms. Up to 220 volts – nothing to mess with, but not aggressive. Smooth skin, no thorns. Dark gray to brown.

Photo by Jason Feick

Goosefish - Goosefish Family, up to 4 ft.

Lophius americanus

Large, flat head, round like a mickey mouse shaped pancake. Ambush predator, and has spine he can wiggle around like a lure.

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