



Overlooked Cozumel 12 fish you might be missing!

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 <p>REEF 1. Yellowmouth Grouper</p> <p>Up to 2.5 ft</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Yellowmouth Grouper – 2.5 ft.</p> <p>Body a dense pattern of dots, can be light or dark, OR with a checkerboard type pattern. Tail margins ragged.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Palancar Reefs, Chankanaab, Santa Rosa</p>
 <p>REEF 2. Dog Snapper</p> <p>Up to 3 ft</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Dog Snapper– 3 ft.</p> <p>Triangular shaped marking under eye are the ‘dog tears’.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Schools of juveniles found at Chankanaab.</p>
 <p>REEF 3. Blue Runner (Jack)</p> <p>Up to 2.5 ft</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Blue Runner (Jack) – 2.5 ft.</p> <p>Similar to Bar Jack, except without the ‘bar’. Dark tips on the pointed ends of the tail, called its ‘Running Shoes’.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: any place where you can find Bar Jacks. A large school of them is inside the stingray pen by Blue Angel.</p>

4. Chalk Bass (Seabass)

Up to 3 in.

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Chalk Bass (Seabass) – 3 in.

Similar to tobacco fish, except with 'chalky' sides. Found in rubble areas next to reef, hovers over bottom, often found in small (3-5) groups.

*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Almost anywhere, in rubble areas and dead coral next to reef

5. Lantern Bass (Seabass)

Up to 2.6 in.

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Lantern Bass (Seabass) – 2.5 in.

White belly with blotched orange 'Chinese Lanterns' on belly. Solid gold braid mid-belly. Often, but not always, will have 4 black spots on base of tail. Perches on rubble next to reefs.

*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Colombia Shallows, Chankanaab

Photo by Jonathan Lavan

6. Peppermint Basslet (Seabass)

Up to 3.5 in.

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Peppermint Basslet (Seabass) – 3.5 in.

Maroon stripes over pinkish/yellow body. Light blue/white margins on tail, dorsal and anal fins. Stays in dark recesses, small caves, under coral heads, often near ceiling. Shy.

*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Palancar Reefs, Colombia, Santa Rosa

7. Cherubfish (Angelfish)

Up to 3.5 in.

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Cherubfish (Angelfish) – 3 in.

Deep cobalt blue with orange face/chin. Behaves more like a damselfish than angelfish.

Bottom hugging, likes rocks, rubble, and vegetation to hide in. VERY shy, will flit into a crevice if you hover over it. Try looking at it 3-4 feet away.

*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Delila Wall, Cedral Wall, Tunich Drop Off.

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8. Greenblotch Parrotfish

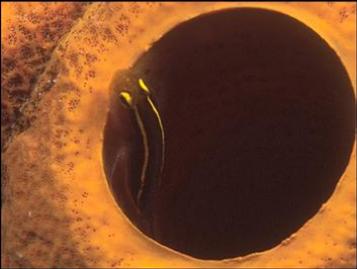
Up to 4.5 in.

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Greenblotch Parrotfish – 4.5 in.

All have 3-4 white stripes on belly. Found in rubble, rocks, algae and sea grass beds, but also found on tops of reefs as well

*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Delila Wall, Cedral Wall, Tunich Drop Off

<p>REEF 9. Bluelip Parrotfish Aka Rosy or Slender Parrotfish</p>  <p>35</p>	<p>Bluelip Parrotfish – 5 in. AKA Slender or Rosy parrotfish. Initial phase peachy, or with white stripes. IP will dart about in small groups, moving fast and changing direction together. IP stays very close to the bottom, rubble, rocks at sides of reef.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Paradise, Columbia Shallows</p>
<p>REEF 10. Barsnout Goby</p>  <p>Up to 1.75 in.</p> <p>36</p>	<p>Barsnout Goby – 1.75 in. Dark with broad white stripes from eye to tail, white bar on snout. Found perched on coral heads, cleaning stations and cleaning fish. The only cleaning-type goby found in Cozumel.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Paradise, Chankanaab</p> <p>Photo by Alex Griffin</p>
<p>REEF 11. Yellowline Goby</p>  <p>Up to 2 in.</p> <p>35</p>	<p>Yellowline Goby – 2 in. Black body with yellow stripes from eye to tail. In Cozumel, usually found with WHITE stripes. Lives in tube and vase sponges, shy.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Anywhere with a tube sponge</p>
<p>REEF 12. Yellowface Pikeblenny</p>  <p>41</p>	<p>Yellowface Pikeblenny – 3 in. Long eel-like body with a flattened snout. Usually only the head sticking out of the sand. Territorial.</p> <p>*Most likely to find in Cozumel at: Chankanaab, Paradise</p> <p>Photo by Tracey Griffin</p>