







## Common Fish of the South Atlantic States

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 A photograph of a Blue Angelfish, characterized by its deep, compressed body and prominent, fan-like tail. The fish has a pale blue body with a yellowish tint and a bright blue stripe along its side.	<p><b>Blue Angelfish – Angelfish Family, 8-14 in.</b> Colorful. Yellow margins on tail, Juv has straight body bars (not curved)</p> <p>Photo by Carol Cox</p>
 A photograph of a Greater Amberjack, showing its elongated, fusiform body and pointed snout. The fish has a silvery body with a dark diagonal band running through its eye.	<p><b>Greater Amberjack – Jack Family, 1-4 ft.</b> Midwater. Elongated body, dark diagonal band through eye</p> <p>Photo by Carol Cox</p>
 A photograph of a Great Barracuda, a long, slender fish with a pointed snout and a series of dark spots along its side. The fish is shown swimming in clear blue water.	<p><b>Great Barracuda – Barracuda Family, up to 6 ft.</b> Midwater. Long, thick body, with indistinct pattern and black spots on the side. Teeth are obvious. Underbite.</p> <p>Photo by Lee Moore</p>
 A photograph of a Spottail Pinfish, a smaller, rounder fish with a prominent black spot on its tail. The fish is shown swimming in shallow, clear water over a sandy bottom.	<p><b>Spottail Pinfish – Porgy Family, 4-8"</b> Smaller and rounder than most Porgy, large black spot covers entire base of tail. Spot on the tail, round like the head of a pin.</p> <p>Photo by Mark Hooper</p>



**Atlantic Spadefish – Spadefish Family, 6-18 in.**  
Midwater.  
Shape resembles a spade, often in schools

Photo by Jeff Haines



**Tomtate – Grunt Family, 5-8 in.**  
Variable. Prominent yellow stripe through eye to tail, thinner yellow stripes as well, often black spot at tail. Juv: 2-3 black stripes and spot at tail.

Photo by Jeff Haines



**Gag – Grouper Family, 1.5-2 ft.**  
Darker gray body, dusky scrawls that look like worms, fine lines radiate from eyes, thin blue margin on tail, tail is never ragged. (If you ate worms, you'd gag too).

Photo by Carol Cox



**Bank Sea Bass – Sea Bass Family, 5-9 in.**  
Dark pattern on sides – think of teller windows at the bank. Sits on the bottom like a lazy banker.

Photo by Lee Moore



**Black Sea Bass – Sea Bass Family, 6-18 in.**  
Dark gray to black, scales obvious and edged in black, white margins on tail, white tips on dorsal.

Photo by Carol Cox



**Belted Sandfish – Sea Bass Family, 2.5-3.5 in.**

Dark wedge-shaped belt on side, pointing down to large white (sand) patch on belly.

Photo by Lee Moore



**Slippery Dick – Wrasse Family, 2-7 in.**

Three distinct life stages. All have bi-colored ear spot and dark midbody stripe.

Photo by Jeff Haines



**Seaweed Blenny – Blenny Family, 1.5-3 in.**

Variable colors. All have light blue lines on face (seaweed fronds). Prominent forked cirri. Often found in holes or old barnacles.

Photo by Carol Cox



**Cubby – Drums/Croakers Family, 5-8 in.**

Adults are dark with thin, evenly spaced lines. Juv has cubby hole between eyes.

Photos by Carol Cox