







# Life in the Muck, Part 1

## Blue Heron Bridge

(West Palm Beach, Florida)

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	<p><b><u>Leopard Searobin:</u> 3 - 150ft.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look for body &amp; fins covered with leopard-like reddish brown spots</li><li>• Walk on ventral fins using fingerlike spines</li></ul>
	<p><b><u>Bandtail Searobin:</u> 5 - 200ft.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three reddish brown bars on tail;</li><li>• Two long cirri on snout and tentacle over eye (only searobin to have these)</li></ul>
	<p><b><u>Flying Gurnard :</u> 1 - 50ft.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Huge fanlike pectoral fins with brilliant, iridescent blue lines &amp; dot markings</li><li>• Flag-like first two dorsal spines, taller than the rest</li></ul>
	<p><b><u>Polka-dot Batfish :</u> 5 - 250ft.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short nose horn (rostrum) in adults (juvis long)</li><li>• Body &amp; fin spots not uniform</li><li>• Pectoral &amp; Caudal fins have faint, yellow edges &amp; lattice-like markings</li></ul>



**Roughback Batfish : 20 - 400ft.**

- Small species, adults 4" long
- Body with large bucklers and conical spines
- Pectoral & caudal fins have wide, dark margin/edge



**Northern Stargazer : 6 - 120ft.**

- Circular white spots of nearly equal size on head & body
- Delivers electric shock from area behind eyes
- Central dark stripe on tail continues through tail base to just below rear dorsal fin



**Striated Frogfish : 10 - 60ft.**

- Split 'U' shaped lure
- Body colors can vary greatly, all black to "tiger stripes"
- Expert camouflage



**Dwarf Frogfish : 10 - 200ft.**

- Faint dark spot at base of rear dorsal fin
- Brown, yellow and white color variations
- Expert camouflage



**Longsnout Seahorse : 1 - 40ft.**

- Densely scattered round spots throughout head and body
- Body colors can vary greatly
- Expert camouflage



**Lined Seahorse : 1 - 40ft.**

- Lines around cheek and eye
- Body colors can vary greatly, sometimes have long, branched skin flaps
- THE expert camouflage artist



**Banded Jawfish : 3 - 25ft.**

- Prominent black spot on dorsal fin between spines III-VII
- 5-6 dark body bars
- Inside throat dark + 2 oblong pale areas



**Yellowhead Jawfish : 10 - 60ft.**

- Pale Body
- Yellow wash on head
- Black markings on throat vary by region

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