





Virgin Gorda – Lesser Seen Fish

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 A Queen Angelfish (Holacanthus ciliaris) is shown in profile, facing right. It has a bright yellow body with a blue crown and a yellow tail. The fish is swimming over a sandy bottom with some coral.	<p>Queen Angelfish – <i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue crown with light blue jewels in it• Yellow tail (the Queen has gold)• Juvenile – body bars are curved
 A French Angelfish (Pomacanthus paru) is shown in profile, facing right. It has a dark, almost black body with a pattern of small, bright yellow-green spots. The fish is swimming over a sandy bottom.	<p>French Angelfish – <i>Pomacanthus paru</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scales dipped in French's Mustard• Often in pairs• Juvenile has a yellow O on the tail – think of Oooooo La La!
 A Reef Butterflyfish (Chaetodon sedentarius) is shown in profile, facing left. It has a white body with a black bar through the eye and on the rear body. The fish is swimming over a sandy bottom.	<p>Reef Butterflyfish – <i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black bar through eye and on rear body• Imagine “ReeF” written on side of fish, with the bars being part of the letters R and F (I know it’s a stretch...)
 A Spotfin Butterflyfish (Chaetodon ocellatus) is shown in profile, facing right. It has a white body with yellow fins and a small black spot on the edge of the dorsal fin. The fish is swimming over a sandy bottom.	<p>Spotfin Butterflyfish – <i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow fins, with small black spot on edge of dorsal fin• Night coloring different!



Harlequin Bass – *Serranus tigrinus*

- Black and White harlequin pattern
- Some hints of pale yellow
- Pointy head



Coney – *Cephalopholis fulva*

- Many color variations: Reddish brown, to brown, to bicolor, to yellow.
- 2 dots on lower lip (Coney Island tattoo)
- 2 dots at base of tail



Tobaccofish – *Serranus tabacarius*

- U-shaped border on tail is like a dental imprint “chewing tobacco”
- Orange to brown color is the color of tobacco



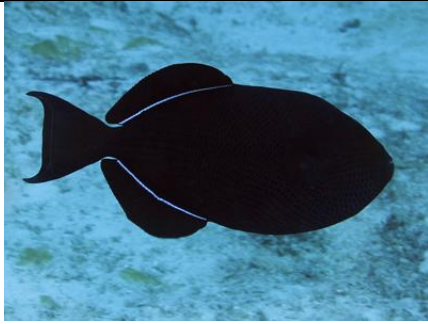
Honeycomb Cowfish – *Acanthostracion polygonius*

- Spines above eyes (cowfish have these, not trunkfish though)
- Honeycomb pattern over body
- Blueish greenish in color



Scrawled Cowfish – *Acanthostracion quadricornis*

- Blue-green to yellow base color
- Scrawly blue markings over body
- Blue line goes from mouth, along bottom of side, to anal fin
- Spines above eyes (cowfish have these, not trunkfish though)



Black Durgon – *Melichthys niger*

- Black body with pale blue lines at base of dorsal and anal fins



Queen Triggerfish – *Balistes vetula*

- Long, trailing tips to dorsal and tail fins
- 2 thick blue stripes on face
- Small lines around the eye (Queen's eye makeup)



Glasseye Snapper – *Heteropriocanthus cruentatus*

- Silver bars on reddish body.
- Silvery marks can be faint, and change instantly
- Large red eye