



Similar Silvery Fish of the TWA

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	<p>Ballyhoo – Look for top lobe of tail fin yellowish-orange</p> <p><i>(Balao does not have color on tail)</i></p> <p>Family: Halfbeaks - HEMIRAMPHIDAE</p>
	<p>Needlefish sp. – Look for extremely elongate, cylindrical body, very long jaw forms needle-like beak</p> <p>Family: Needlefish - BELONIDAE</p>
	<p>Houndfish – Look for relatively robust body, beak is stout and straight. Lower tail fin lobe longer than upper lobe.</p> <p>Family: Needlefish - BELONIDAE</p>
	<p>Round scad– Look for numerous small black spots along the lateral line/ mid-body Tail fin often amber or yellowish Small black blotch on top corner of operculum/gill slit</p> <p>Family: Jacks - CARANGIDAE</p>

	<p>Bigeye scad – Look for proportionally large eye Small black blotch on top corner of operculum/gill slit <i>not prominent</i> No noticeable black dots along lateral line like Round scad</p> <p>Family: Jacks - CARANGIDAE</p>
	<p>Mackerel scad – Look for elongated, cigar-shaped body Small black blotch on top corner of operculum/gill slit Tail fin/caudal yellowish-green</p> <p>Family: Jacks - CARANGIDAE</p>
	<p>Redtail scad – Look for elongated, cigar-shaped body Small black blotch on top corner of operculum/gill slit Edges of tail fin/caudal and dorsal fin red-ish Observed to swim in tight, nearly polarized schools</p> <p>Family: Jacks - CARANGIDAE</p>
	<p>Anchovy sp. – Look for pinky-shaped fish Single dorsal fin Snout conical, rounded and overhanging Swim in large, polarized, aggregated schools</p> <p>Family: Anchovy</p>
	<p>Herring sp. – Mouth opens at front, oblique and short Obvious scales, single dorsal fin Swim in large, polarized, aggregated schools (Watch-out: easily confused with scad family!)</p> <p>Family: Herrings</p>
	<p>Silversides sp. – Two well separated dorsal fins Mouth at front of snout, oblique & short Swim in large, polarized, aggregated schools</p> <p>Family: Silversides</p>

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