



Bonaire Top 25 Plus

Fishinar 5/21/2013, Jonathan Lavan – Instructor

1 Surgeonfish, 4 Parrotfish, 2 Butterflyfish, 3 Damselfish, 2 Wrasse, 1 Grunt, 2 Chromis, 3 Snapper, 1 Jack, 1 Goatfish, 1 Trumpetfish, 1 Grouper, 1 Soldierfish, 1 Hogfish, 1 Trunkfish

- **Stoplight Parrotfish** – 2 ft., Terminal phase (TP): yellow stoplight on gill cover and/ or yellow stoplight at base of tail. Initial phase (IP); pinecone or Indian corn pattern.
- **Brown Chromis**- 6 ½ in., border of dorsal fin and tips of tail fin yellow. Dark spot at base of pectoral fin.
- **Blue Tang** (Surgeonfish)- 15 in., yellow to white scalpel, slightly steeper profile & more prominent lips than other Surgeonfish; juvenile yellow.
- **Bicolor Damselfish** – 4 in., black fore-body, white rear-body, tri-color varies greatly.
- **Sergeant Major** (Damselfish) – 7 in., "stripes" like stripes on a Sergeant Major's uniform; black with yellow. Male guarding eggs- blue body wash overall.
- **Yellow Goatfish** – 15 ½ in., barbels look like the goatee on a goat. Large red eye, nose less pointed than Yellowtail Snapper.
- **Foureye Butterflyfish** – 6 in., large oscillated spot (false eye) at back. Fins yellowish.
- **French Grunt** – 1 ft., Diagonal patch of stripes below lateral line: French designer stripes; "cigarette smoke".
- **Bluehead** (Wrasse) – 6 in., TP brilliant blue head. IP yellow and spot on dorsal fin; "Blob on Blue".
- **Trumpetfish**- 3 ft., Doesn't look like anything else.
- **Schoolmaster** (Snapper) – 2 ft., Fins yellow like a school bus, visible canine teeth.
- **Blackbar Soldierfish**- 8 ½ in., Black bar behind head. Bright red (on rare occasions pale red) body. Large dark eye. White borders on leading edge on all but pectoral fins.
- **Smooth Trunkfish**– Dark body covered with white spots, area of pale honeycomb markings on central midbody. No anal spines: smooth. Juvenile: dark body with yellowish edged white spots.
- **Bar Jack** – 2 ft., bright blue & black border (bar) on back runs along base of dorsal fin and onto lower tail fin.
- **Princess Parrotfish** – 13 in., border on the tail in all phases. "Princesses wear pink".

- **Queen Parrotfish**- 2 ft., TP: Dramatic blue to green markings around mouth. Light bar on pectoral fin. IP: Broad white stripe with diffuse edges down midbody.
- **Graysby** (Grouper) – 1 ft., three to five dark spots on back along base of dorsal fin; “Grazed by bullets”. Rounded tail with spots overall; juvenile white stripe runs along ridge of nose.
- **Spanish Hogfish**- 2 ft., “Spanish Shawl” on back. Juveniles (white mid-body stripe) are cleaner fish.
- **Blue Chromis**- 5 in., Slender deeply forked tail with dark border.
- **Yellowhead Wrasse**- 8 in., “eye lash” markings all phases.
- **Yellowtail Snapper**- 2 ½ ft., Brilliant yellow mid-body stripe and tail. Snout more pointed than similar Yellow Goatfish.
- **Yellowtail Damselfish**- 7 ½ in., large black body with yellow tail. Juvenile (Jewelfish); blue with bright blue iridescent dots- tail, clear to yellow.
- **Mahogany Snapper**- 15 in., Reddish margin on tail (may be quite narrow and pale). Silver to white often with reddish tinge. Large eye compared to most other Snappers.
- **Banded Butterflyfish** – 6 in., two wide, black mid-body bands.
- **Redband Parrotfish** – 11 in., TP; black tips on tail, reddish band from corner of mouth to below eye, IP- White spot below rear dorsal on tail base.

Other fish mentioned: Ocean Surgeonfish, Doctorfish, Threespot Damselfish, Longfin Damselfish, Spotfin Butterflyfish, Smallmouth Grunt, Bluestriped Grunt, Caesar Grunt, Slippery Dick, Longjaw Squirrelfish, Squirrelfish, Spotted Trunkfish, Honeycomb Cowfish, Striped Parrotfish, Coney, Clown Wrasse, Tarpon, Creole Wrasse, Boga, Fairy Basslet, Sharpnose Pufferfish, Rock Beauty, Masked/Glass Goby, Yellowtail Hamlet, Spotted Drum, Sand Diver, Greater Soapfish, Sharptail Eel, Secretary Blenny, Spinyhead Blenny, Longlure Frogfish.

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