



## Caribbean Top 25 Redux

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- **Blue Tang** (Surgeonfish)- 15 in., yellow to white scalpel, slightly steeper profile & more prominent lips than other Surgeonfish; juvenile yellow.
- **Stoplight Parrotfish** (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.
- **Foureye Butterflyfish** (Butterflyfish) – 6 in., large oscillated spot (false eye) at back. Fins yellowish. Two real eyes, plus two false eyes = Four Eyes!
- **Bicolor Damselfish** (Damselfish) – 4 in., black fore-body, white rear-body, tri-color varies greatly.
- **Bluehead** (Wrasse) – 6 in., TP brilliant blue head. IP yellow and spot on dorsal fin; “Blob on Blue”.
- **French Grunt** (Grunt) – 1 ft., Diagonal patch of stripes below lateral line: French designer stripes; “cigarette smoke”.
- **Sergeant Major** (Damselfish) – 7 in., "stripes" like stripes on a Major's uniform; black with yellow. Male guarding eggs- blue body wash overall not to be confused with Night Sergeant.
- **Brown Chromis** (Chromis) - 6 ½ in., border of dorsal fin and tips of tail fin yellow. Dark spot at base of pectoral fin.
- **Yellowtail Snapper** (Snapper) - 2 ½ ft., Brilliant yellow mid-body stripe and tail. Snout more pointed than similar Yellow Goatfish.
- **Blue Chromis** (Chromis) - 5 in., Slender deeply forked tail with dark border.
- **Bar Jack** (Jack) – 2 ft., bright blue & black border (bar) on back runs along dorsal fin and onto lower tail fin. Like a crowbar.
- **Yellow Goatfish** (Goatfish) – 15 ½ in., barbels look like the goatee on a goat. Large eye, less pointed nose than Yellowtail Snapper
- **Trumpetfish** (Trumpetfish) - 3 ft., Long and slender, almost tube shaped. A big long trumpet.
- **Yellowhead Wrasse** (Wrasse) - 8in., “eye lashes” all phases.

- **Schoolmaster** (Snapper) – 2 ft., Fins yellow like a school bus, visible canine teeth. Almost always schooling, so they are schoolmasters.
- **Graysby** (Grouper) – 1 ft., “Grazed by bullets” rounded tail with spots overall; juvenile white stripe runs along ridge of nose.
- **Princess Parrotfish** (Parrotfish) – 13in., Skirt on the tail in all phases. “Princesses wear pink”.
- **Yellowtail Damselfish** (Damselfish) - 7 ½ in., large black body with yellow tail. Juvenile (Jewelfish); blue with bright blue iridescent dots- tail, clear to yellow.
- **Fairy Basslet** (Basslet) - 3in., Bicolored- purple to violet front and yellow to gold rear. Dark spot on dorsal fin. Several streaks on head run across eye.
- **Spanish Hogfish** (Hogfish) - 2 ft., “Spanish Shawl” on back. Juveniles (white mid-body stripe) are cleaner fish.
- **Ocean Surgeonfish** (Surgeonfish) – 15 in., Scalpel dark, Pectoral is “clear as the ocean”.
- **Redband Parrotfish** (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.
- **Banded Butterflyfish** (Butterflyfish) – 6 in., two wide, black mid-body bands.
- **Sharpnose Pufferfish** (Pufferfish) - 4 ½ in., white to pale yellowish tail has dark borders.
- **Threespot Damselfish** (Damselfish) - 5 in., Spot 1; yellow gold crescent above eye, Spot 2; dark spot on base of pectoral fin, Spot 3; Black saddle on base of tail. Juvenile; yellow with spot on back and lower dorsal and second spot on saddle of tail.

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