



Roatan Top 25

Fishinar 3/20/2014, Jonathan Lavan – Instructor

- **Foureye Butterflyfish** – 6 in., large oscillated spot (false eye) at back. Fins yellowish.



- **Blue Chromis**- 5 in., bright metallic blue with black running along top & bottom of body. Tail deeply forked.



- **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.



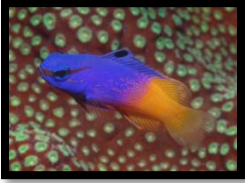
- **Blue Tang (Surgeonfish)**- 15 in., yellow to white scalpel, slightly steeper profile & more prominent lips than other Surgeonfish; juvenile yellow.



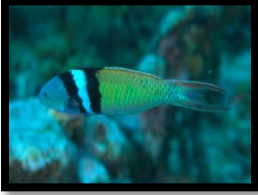
- **Bicolor Damselfish** – 4 in., black fore-body, white rear-body, juvenile: tri-color varies greatly.



- **Fairy Basslet**- 3 in., Bi-color with lavender fore-body and yellow rear-body. Black spot on forehead, black streak through eye. Elongated ventral fins. Often found hovering “upside down” around cavelets on walls in mid-depth.



- **Bluehead (Wrasse)** – 6 in., TP brilliant blue head. IP yellow and spot on dorsal fin; “Blob on Blue”.



- **Yellowtail Snapper**- 2 ½ ft., Brilliant yellow mid-body stripe and tail. Snout more pointed than similar Yellow Goatfish.



- **Sergeant Major (Damsel fish)** – 7 in., "stripes" like stripes on a Sergeant Major's uniform; black with yellow. Male guarding eggs- blue body wash overall.



- **French Grunt** – 1 ft., Diagonal patch of stripes below lateral line: French designer stripes; “cigarette smoke”.



- **Yellowhead Wrasse**- 8 in., “eye lash” markings all phases.



- **Indigo Hamlet**- 6 in., diamond shaped, small seabass, blue with unevenly spaced white body bars.



- **Yellowtail Damselfish**- 7 ½ in., large black body with yellow tail. Juvenile (Jewelfish); blue with bright blue iridescent dots- tail, clear to yellow.



- **Bar Jack** – 2 ft., bright blue & black border (bar) on back runs along base of dorsal fin and onto lower tail fin.



- **Sharpnose Pufferfish**- 4.5 in., White to pale yellowish tail has dark borders.



- **Creole Wrasse**- 12in., Mottled purples and pinks sometimes with yellow and black, Black blotch on head. Juvenile: pink to purple with white body bars.



- **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.



- **Striped Parrotfish** – 13 in., unlike similar Princess no border on top and bottom of tail in all phases. Juvenile may have yellow nose.



- **Schoolmaster (Snapper)** – 2 ft., Fins yellow like a school bus, visible canine teeth.



- **Threespot Damselfish**- 5 in., Spot one on upper side of tail base, spot two in base of pectoral fin, spot three yellow of upper eye lid. Juvenile: yellow with additional larger black spot on back and lower dorsal fin.



- **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.



- **Banded Butterflyfish** – 6 in., two wide, black mid-body bands.



- **Rock Beauty (Angelfish)** - 12 in. Bright yellow with black covering from behind head on. Tail yellow, blue marks surrounding eyes, orange border on anal fins, grayish beak-like mouth.



- **Spanish Hogfish**- 2 ft., Mauve “Spanish Shawl” on back. Juveniles (white mid-body stripe) are cleaner fish.



- **Brown Chromis**- 6 ½ in., border of dorsal fin and tips of tail fin yellow. Dark spot at base of pectoral fin.



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