

## **Double Trouble!**

## TWA: North Vs the South II

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Spanish Mackerel 18-36 inches	Gold coins, or "Spanish" doubloons, on the body. The gold coins do not form lines.
RECE Cero 18-36 inches	Gold dashes/ovals. The ones down the midline of the body almost form a line. In the Mackerel family.
Spotted Goby 1.3 - 2 inches	A dark, well-defined "Spot" in front of the pectoral fin. Three orange stripes from head to dorsal fin. Generally more orange than the fishes in the Bridled Goby Complex, but does have a similar bridle.
Bridled Goby Complex 1.5 - 2 Inches (sand Canyon Goby) Carlos & Alison Estape	Three similar gobies, Sand-Canyon, Patch-Reef, and Bridled. All three have a "Bridle" below the eye. The Sand-Canyon goby has a pale spot on base of the pectoral fin, but not as dark or well-defined as the Spotted goby. The group is generally less colorful than the Spotted goby.

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Rese Whitespotted Soapfish	Usually a few distinct "white spots" sprinkled on the body.
	Sometimes the spots are faded and difficult to see, or they could be absent altogether leaving a solid brown body.
Greater Soapfish	"Greater" number of indistinct spots – mottled. Fins may be bluish.
Red Grouper 12 - 24 inches	"RED- brown" in color. The front part of the dorsal fin is smooth. Does NOT have a black saddle on the base of the tail.
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Nassau Grouper	Has a black saddle on the base of the tail. Front of dorsal fin is notched or spiny.
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R555 Twospot Cardinalfish 3.5-3 inches	"Two Spots" on the back half of body.
	Two yellow streaks on eye. May have a pale spot behind the eye and fins may or may not have dark tips.
Flamefish 2-3 inches	Two spots on back half of body; the one on the base of the tale is usually larger, like a lump of coal that has been charred by "Flames".
	Two yellow streaks on eye. Has a spot behind the eye.

Red Goatfish S-8 Inches	"Red" stripe from nose to tail. Barbels, or "Goat" whiskers, may be visible when feeding. Two broad stripes on dorsal fin; the top stripe is darker than the lower stripe. Bands on tail are very pale.
Spotted Goatfish	Three dark "Spots" on side. Changes to mottled red and white when resting and spots are less visible.
8-18 inches	Pale yellow spots on dark background forming rosettes on body. Nostrils on nose and over eyes are barrel-shaped and of similar size. Reticulate means forming a network. Spots form a "reticulate" of rosettes on the body.
Boldentail Moray	Nostrils are barrel shaped, but the ones above the eyes are flat like "Gold" coins, while the ones on the nose are tubular. Color variable. May be dark brown with "Gold" spots, pale with dark spots, pale with a network of brown lines, or pale body with irregular blotches.
2-3.5 inches	A puffer. Two dark stripes from gill to tail. Tail has tiny blue spots forming streaks.
Sharpnose Puffer 2-15 Inches	Dark stripes from mid-body to tail. Dark margin on top and bottom of the tail.

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