

## SHEEPSHEAD (*Archosargus probatocephalus*)

**COLOR:** Black and white alternating vertical bars. Black fins.

**HEAD:** Large incisor teeth protrude from mouth.



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## PINFISH (*Lagodon rhomboides*)

**COLOR:** Yellow horizontal lines run down body. Dark shoulder spot centered on lateral line. Dark vertical bars.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Pigfish (pg. 93), red porgy (pg. 91), scup (pg. 92), sea bream (pg. 90).

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## SEA BREAM (*Archosargus rhomboidalis*)

**COLOR:** Blue-silver. Narrow horizontal bronze stripes. Dark blotch behind operculum, immediately below lateral line; fades after death (darkened on photo to illustrate location).



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## RED PORGY (*Pagrus pagrus*)

**COLOR:** Head and body silver-red. Pink dorsal, caudal and pectoral fins.

**HEAD:** Round rear nostril.



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## SCUP (*Stenotomus chrysops*)

**COLOR:** Silver. Faint, irregular vertical bars on body; fade quickly after death.

**FINS:** Anterior dorsal fin ray is the longest; rays decrease in size towards caudal fin.

**HEAD:** Steep forehead.



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## PIGFISH (*Orthopristis chrysoptera*)

**COLOR:** Gray with bronze and yellow markings.

**FINS:** First and second dorsal fin rays short. Concave tail.

**HEAD:** Pointed snout. Steep forehead.



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## ATLANTIC SPADEFISH (*Chaetodipterus faber*)

**COLOR:** Dark vertical bars; occasionally absent on large adults.

**BODY:** Disk shaped. Laterally compressed.

**FINS:** Anterior lobes of second dorsal and anal fin longest.



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## CUNNER (*Tautoglabrus adspersus*)

**COLOR:** Gray-brown.

**FINS:** Dorsal fin terminates in soft lobe.

**HEAD:** Pointed head with terminal mouth. Sharp, even teeth; sometimes protruding.



MAY BE CONFUSED WITH: Tautog (pg. 96).

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## TAUTOG (*Tautoga onitis*)

**COLOR:** Green-brown blotched.  
White chin.

**FINS:** Dorsal fin terminates in  
soft lobe.

**HEAD:** Blunt head with terminal  
mouth. Teeth irregular; protrud-  
ing.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Cunner (pg. 95).

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