

Species ID

Small spotted catshark



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This species is distinguished from all its congeners by the following characters: smaller in size, shallow nasoral grooves and laterally situated posterior nasal flaps

Nursehound/bull huss



Note nasal flaps and larger size



Ballan Wrasse



Very varied in color
Largest wrasse and anal fin helps distinguish
Found in both shallow and deep habitats



Corkwing wrasse



*Similar to ballan
Smaller with
distinct black spot in
MIDDLE of caudal fin
Mostly in shallower kelp and seagrass*

Cuckoo Wrasse



Male



Female

Mouth and body shape is more pointed than other wrasse species, mostly in deeper reefs

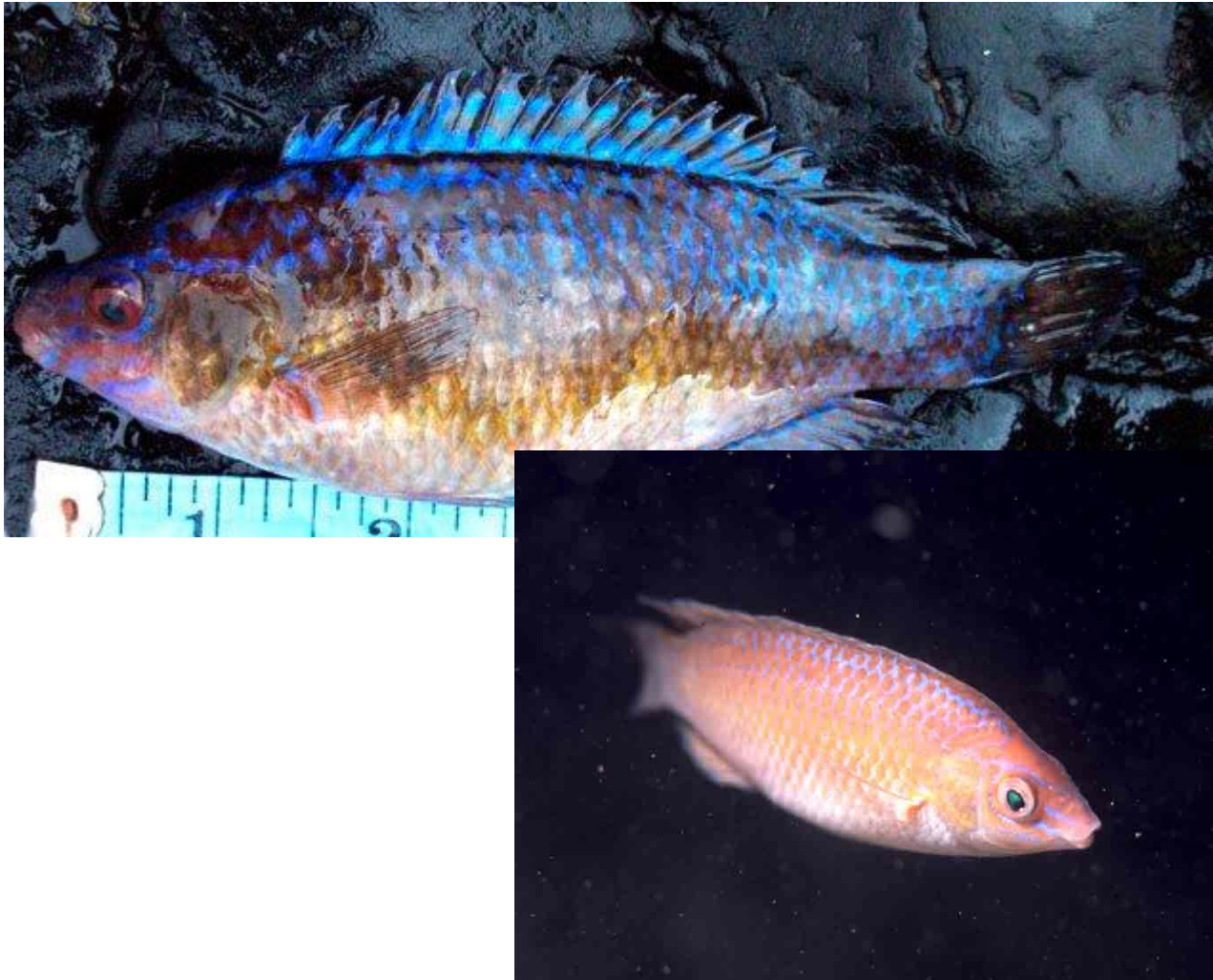
Goldsinny wrasse



*Black spot on top of caudal fin
is the give away, mostly in deeper
reefs*



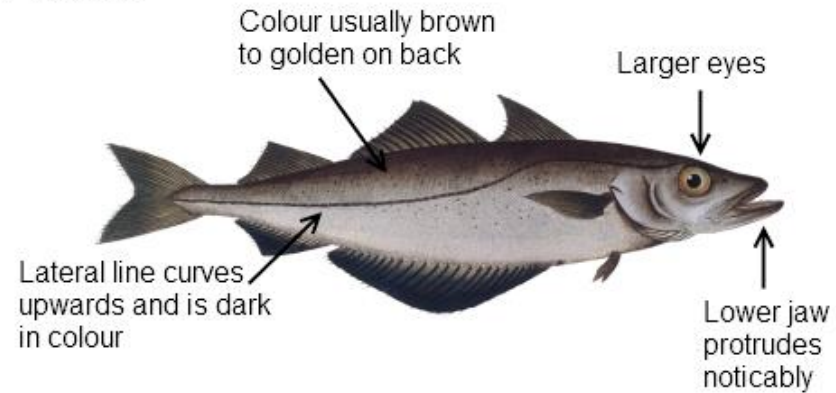
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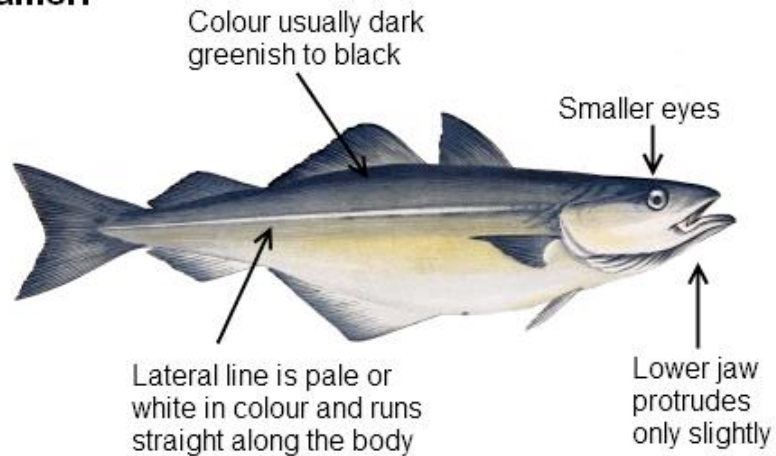
Black vertical band on cadal fin, smaller than similar looking corkwing/ballan and small, pointed mouth helps ID. cadal fin often appears transparent

Pollack/Pollock vs Coal fish/saithe

Pollock



Coalfish



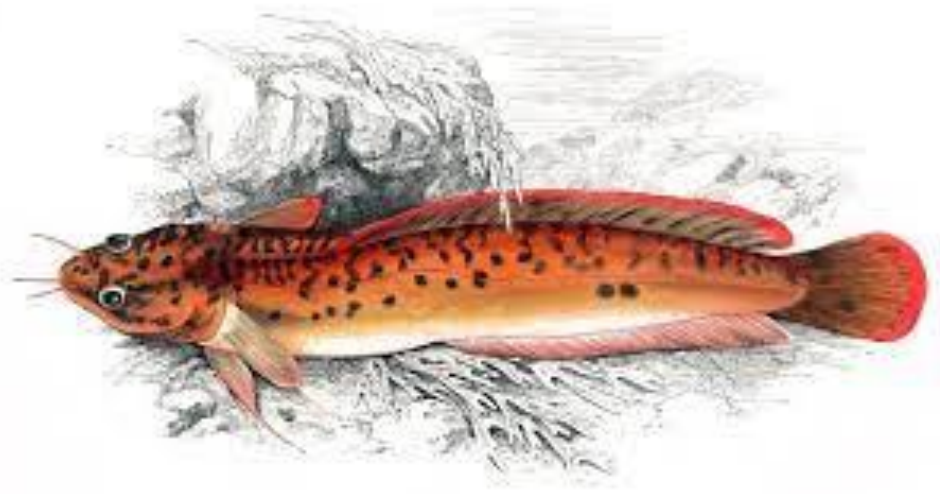
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*Feeler below mouth,
Smaller than pollack,
Plain colours*



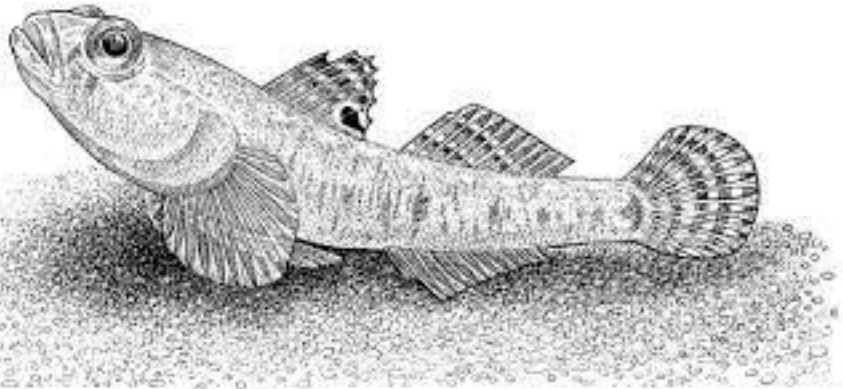
Three bearded rockling



Gaidropsarus vulgaris
Family: Gaidropsaridae
Order: Gadiformes



Sand goby



Pomatoschistus minutus

Family: Gobiidae

Order: Gobiiformes

Gobys are hard to ID in the footage,
'goby spp' is fine



Common/European/spiny spider crab



Maja brachydactyla

Family: Majidae

Order: Decapoda

European lobster



Homarus Gammarus
Family: Nephropidae
Order: Decapoda



Spiny lobster/ crawfish



Palinurus elephas

Family: Palinuridae

Order: Decapoda



Brown/edible crab



Cancer pagurus

Family: Cancridae

Order: Decapoda



Larger than other similar looking
Species, oval shaped shell

Shore crab



*Smaller than edible, carapace
Is less oval and tapers towards
the back*

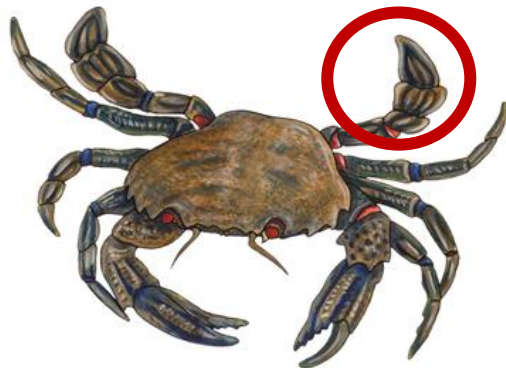
Velvet swimming crab



Necora puber

Family: Portunidae

Order: Decapoda



Darker than shore crab but similar size,
Last set of legs are paddle shaped
rather than pointed

Conger eel/European conger



Conger conger

Family: Congridae

Order: Anguilliformes

