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SHELF ROCKFISH* FOUND OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST



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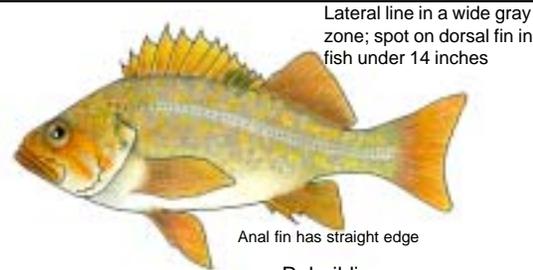
Mouth large; chin projects
Body color brick-red to brown



BOCACCIO ROCKFISH Rebuilding



WIDOW ROCKFISH Rebuilding



CANARY ROCKFISH Rebuilding
Anal fin has straight edge



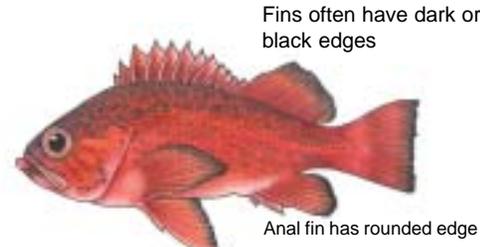
YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH Rebuilding



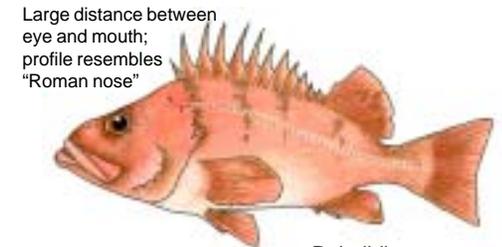
CHILIPEPPER ROCKFISH



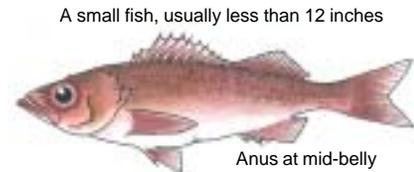
YELLOWTAIL ROCKFISH North of Point Conception



VERMILION ROCKFISH Anal fin has rounded edge



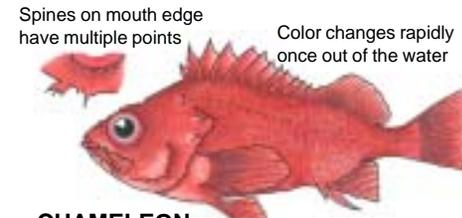
COWCOD ROCKFISH Rebuilding



SHORTBELLY ROCKFISH Anus at mid-belly



SPECKLED ROCKFISH South of Point Reyes



CHAMELEON ROCKFISH Uncommon

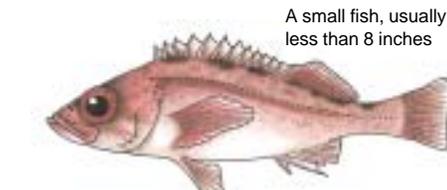


DWARF-RED ROCKFISH Very rare

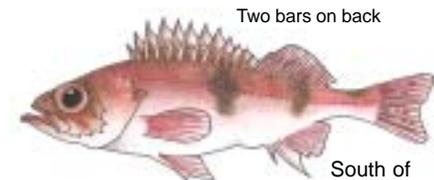
Mouth large; chin projects forward
Body color gunmetal gray



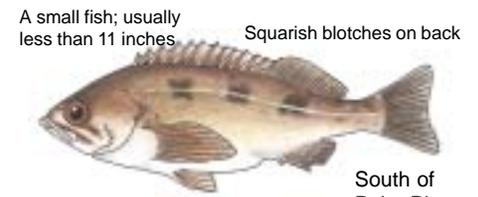
SILVERGRAY ROCKFISH Uncommon



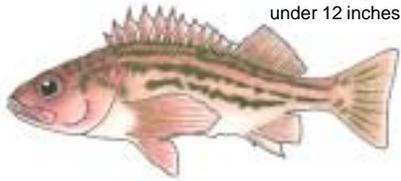
PYGMY ROCKFISH Rarely caught



HALFBANDED ROCKFISH South of Lopez Point

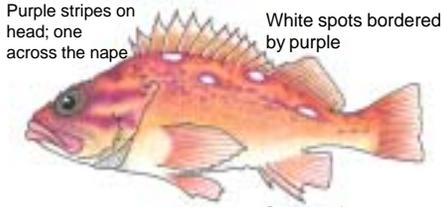


SQUARESPOT ROCKFISH South of Point Pinos



A small fish; usually under 12 inches

GREENSTRIPE ROCKFISH



Purple stripes on head; one across the nape
White spots bordered by purple

ROSY ROCKFISH

South of Point Reyes



Dark green freckles on body and streaks in tail fin

FRECKLED ROCKFISH

South of Point Conception



Gray line bordered by green and red

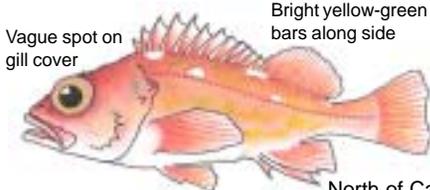
REDSTRIPE ROCKFISH

Uncommon



Distinct dark green spots on head and back

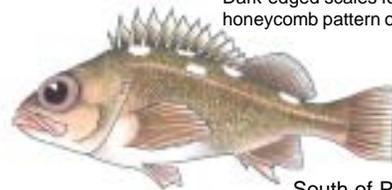
GREENSPOTTED ROCKFISH



Bright yellow-green bars along side
Vague spot on gill cover

ROSETHORN ROCKFISH

North of Cape Mendocino



Dark-edged scales form a honeycomb pattern on sides

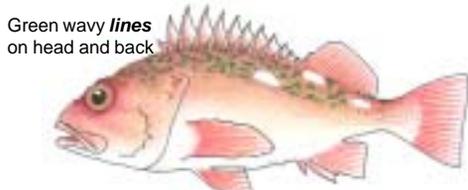
HONEYCOMB ROCKFISH

South of Point Conception



Dark green stripes in tail

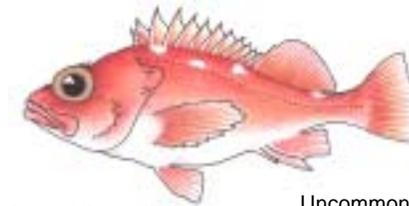
STRIPETAILED ROCKFISH



Green wavy lines on head and back

GREENBLOTCHED/ PINK ROCKFISH

Uncommon



PINKROSE ROCKFISH

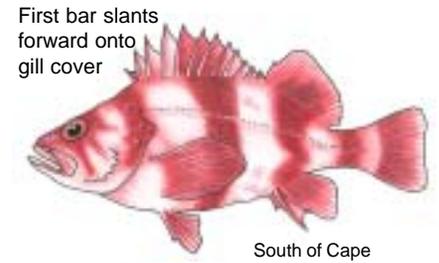
Uncommon



Bars radiate from eye; bronze spots on back

BRONZESPOTTED ROCKFISH

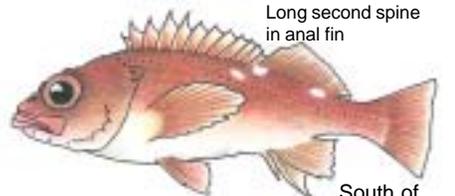
Uncommon



First bar slants forward onto gill cover

FLAG ROCKFISH

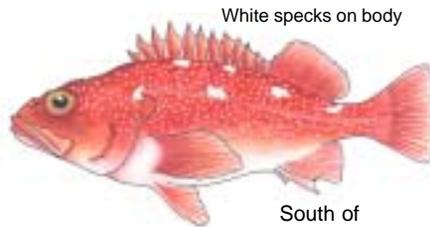
South of Cape Mendocino



Long second spine in anal fin

SWORDSPINE ROCKFISH

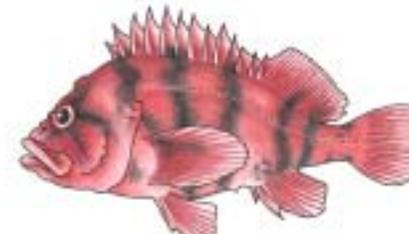
South of Point Pinos



White specks on body

STARRY ROCKFISH

South of Point Reyes



TIGER ROCKFISH

Uncommon



MEXICAN ROCKFISH

Uncommon