



Swansea Fish Photo Shoot VI

Sunday 16th July 2023



The 6th Swansea Fish Photo Shoot, organised by the Combined Hunter Underwater Group (CHUG), was run on 16th July 2023. Conditions were great for the photo shoot with 5-8m viz and a brisk 17oC.

Thanks to the fifteen(15) participants who took part and sent in photos: Alison Taylor, Ashley Smith, Chris Lenton, Ezra Boulton, Gina Mascord, Graham McMartin, Hans Staub, Kate Tinson, Margo Smith, Matt Dowse, Nathan Pring, Nichole Lenton, Renee Moth, Rob Olive & Steve Simpson.

This year the scoring system was set aside; instead, teams were asked to submit photos of up to 15 different fish species, along with a list of other species they could supply images for on request.

This resulted in the 2023 album showcasing the diversity of species seen on the 70-80 minute dive, and provide better quality images for divers, and snorkelers, to use as a quick reference in the future.













Special mention to Team Gina who were able to provide images of over 60 species – a solid effort both in terms of observation and recordings (photos). Followed closely by Team Kate and Team Matt.



Between everyone who took part, 76 different species were recorded. This reflects feedback from participant feedback post dive: “fish abundance and diversity was worth the early start!”













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The album below shows photos for each of these species.

<p>Bengal sergeant (<i>Abudefduf bengalensis</i>)</p> 	<p>Big scale scalyfin (<i>Parma oligolepis</i>)</p> 	<p>Black-spotted goatfish (<i>Parupeneus spilurus</i>)</p> 
<p>Blotched hawkfish (<i>Cirrhitichthys aprinus</i>)</p> 	<p>Blue-barred parrotfish (<i>Scarus ghobban</i>)</p> 	<p>Blue-lined goatfish (<i>Upeneichthys lineatus</i>)</p> 
<p>Brown sabretooth blenny (<i>Petroscirtes lupus</i>)</p> 	<p>Cleaner wrasse (<i>Labridoes dimidiatus</i>)</p> 	<p>Common silver belly (<i>Gerres subfasciatus</i>)</p> 
<p>Crested morwong (<i>Cheilodactylus vestitus</i>)</p> 	<p>Crimson banded wrasse (<i>Notolabrus gymnogenis</i>)</p> 	<p>Cut-ribbon wrasse (<i>Stethojulis interrupta</i>)</p> 

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<p>Dwarf lionfish (<i>Dendrochirus brachypterus</i>)</p> 	<p>Dusky butterflyfish (<i>Chaetodon flavirostris</i>)</p> 	<p>Dusky flathead (<i>Platycephalus fuscus</i>)</p> 
<p>Eastern blue grouper (<i>Achoerodus viridis</i>)</p> 	<p>Eastern fortescue (<i>Centropogon australis</i>)</p> 	<p>Eastern smooth boxfish (<i>Anpplocapros inermis</i>)</p> 
<p>Eastern striped trumpeter (<i>Pelates sexlineatus</i>)</p> 	<p>Eastern pomfret (<i>Schuettea scalaripinnis</i>)</p> 	<p>Eastern talma (<i>Chelmonops truncatus</i>)</p> 
<p>Fan-belly leatherjacket (<i>Monacanthus chinensis</i>)</p> 	<p>Girdled parma (<i>Parma unifasciata</i>)</p> 	<p>Green moray (<i>Gymnothorax prasinus</i>)</p> 

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Gunthers wrasse
(*Pseudolabrus guentheri*)



Half-banded seaperch
(*Hypoplectrodes maccullochi*)



Happy moments*
(*Siganus fuscescens*)



Hit and run blenny
(*Plagiotremus tapeinosoma*)



Horned Blenny
(*Parablennius intermedius*)



Immaculate damsel
(*Mecaenichthys immaculatus*)



Kelpfish
(*Chironemus marmoratus*)



Krefft's goby
(*Bathygobius krefftii*)



Lance blenny
(*Aspidontus dussumieri*)



Long-fin pike
(*Dinolestes lewini*)















Luculentus wrasse
(*Pseudolabrus luculentus*)















Luderick
(*Girella tricuspidata*)















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<p style="text-align: center;">Mado sweep (<i>Atypichthys strigatus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Maori wrasse (<i>Ophthalmolepis lineolatus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Moon wrasse (<i>Thalassoma lunare</i>)</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Moorish idol (<i>Zanclus cornutus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pineapple fish (<i>Cleidopus gloriamaris</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">One-spot puller (<i>Chromis hypsilepis</i>)</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Old wife (<i>Enoplosus armatus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pygmy leatherjacket (<i>Brachaluteres jacksonianus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Rainbow cale (<i>Odax acroptilus</i>)</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Red morwong (<i>Cheilodactylus fuscus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Samsonfish (<i>Seriola hippos</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sand whiting (<i>Sillago ciliate</i>)</p> 





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<p>Sawtail surgeonfish (<i>Prionurus microlepidotus</i>)</p> 	<p>Scat (Butterfish) (<i>Selenotoca multifasciata</i>)</p> 	<p>Schooling bannerfish (<i>Heniochus diphreutes</i>)</p> 
<p>Sea mullet (<i>Mugil cephalus</i>)</p> 	<p>Senator wrasse (<i>Pictilabrus laticlavus</i>)</p> 	<p>Sergeant Baker <i>Latropiscis purpurissatus</i></p> 
<p>Sergeant major (<i>Abudefduf vaigiensis</i>)</p> 	<p>Silver sweep (<i>Scorpiis lineolata</i>)</p> 	<p>Six spine leatherjacket (<i>Meuschenia freycineti</i>)</p> 
<p>Slender roughy (<i>Optivus agastos</i>)</p> 	<p>Snake-skin wrasse (<i>Eupetrichthys angustipes</i>)</p> 	<p>Snapper (<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>)</p> 

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<p style="text-align: center;">Spangled emperor (<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Stars-and-stripes puffer (<i>Arothron hispidus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Stripey (<i>Microcanthus strigatus</i>)</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Sydney cardinalfish (<i>Apogon limenus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tarwhine (<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threadfin butterflyfish (<i>Chaetodon auriga</i>)</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Three bar porcupinefish (<i>Dicotylichthys punctulatus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tube-worm blenny** (<i>Plagiotremus rhinorhynchos</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Velvet leatherjacket*** (<i>Meuschenia scaber</i>)</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Venus tuskfish (<i>Choerodon venustus</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weeping toadfish (<i>Torquigener pleurogramma</i>)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">White-ear (<i>Parma microlepis</i>)</p> 

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<p>Yellow fin bream (<i>Acanthopagrus australis</i>)</p>  A photograph of a yellow fin bream (Acanthopagrus australis) swimming in clear, greenish water. The fish has a yellowish-brown body with vertical stripes and a prominent yellow fin.	<p>Yellow-finned leatherjacket (<i>Meuschenia trachylepis</i>)</p>  A photograph of a yellow-finned leatherjacket (Meuschenia trachylepis) against a dark background. The fish has a brownish body with a yellow stripe along its side and a yellow fin.	<p>Yellow sabretooth blenny (<i>Petroscirtes fallax</i>)</p>  A photograph of a yellow sabretooth blenny (Petroscirtes fallax) against a dark background. The fish has a blue body with a yellow stripe along its side and a yellow fin.
<p>Yellow tail scad (<i>Trachurus novaezelandiae</i>)</p>  A photograph of a yellow tail scad (Trachurus novaezelandiae) against a dark background. The fish has a silver body with a yellow stripe along its side and a yellow tail.		

* AKA Black rabbitfish

** AKA Blue stripe fang blenny

*** AKA Smooth leatherjacket