Snapper ID Chart

Yellowtail Snapper AKA:Yellowtail



The scientific name a of the wellowtail snapper roughly translates to "swift-swimming golden fish". The coloration is characterized by a prominent lateral yellow stripe originating on the snout, widening posteriorly, and covering the caudal fin. The back and upper sides are olive to bluish with yellow irregular spots. The belly and lower sides have narrow longitudinal stripes that are pale red to yellow, and the fins are yellowish.

Silk Snapper AKA:Silky Snapper, Yellow-Eyed Snapper



The yellow iris identifies the silk snapper from its close relatives, the red snapper and the blackfin snapper, both of which possess a red iris. The blackfin also has a vey distinctive black spot at the base of the pectoral fin. Another red-colored snapper, the vermilion snapper, is distigished by its more streamlined body and deeply forked tail. The body of the silk snapper is red overall, darker above and lighter below with fine wavy longitudinal yellow lines. The caudal fin has a dusky margin.

Mutton Snapper AKA: Muttonfish



Mahogany Snapper

