

Bony Fish

(Class: Osteichthyes)



Fish require a constant supply of water to maintain their gills to gain oxygen so they are only found on the intertidal reef in places where water is trapped, e.g. in rockpools or beneath rocks.

Included here are some species which may be seen in the sanctuary.

	Names	Description
1	<i>Parablennius tasmanianus</i> Tasmanian Blenny Length to 130 mm	Blennies are small fish with long fringed tentacles over their eyes. They often live in holes beneath rocks or inside larger shells.
2	<i>Bovichtus angustifrons</i> Dragonet Length to 150 mm	This small mottled and quite colourful fish, with a small spine projecting from the rear of the head, has large fan shaped fins and often sits on the bottom of pools.
3	<i>Girella zebra</i> Zebra fish Length to 540 mm	Often occurring in sizable schools around shallow reef areas of the Bluff the juveniles of this fish are often seen in deeper rockpools.
4	<i>Scorpis aequipinnis</i> Sea sweep Length to 560 mm	Enjoying the turbulent water around reef edges, the juveniles of this species are also often seen in rockpools.