



# Fish Dichotomous Key

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## Step 1

Fish has a lunate shape tail (like a crescent moon)

*go to Step 2*

Fish has any other tail shape

*go to Step 5*

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## Step 2

Fish has a long and thin bill

Sailfish

Fish does not possess a long and thin bill

*go to Step 3*

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## Step 3

Fish has a humped head and long dorsal fin (along length of body)

Mahi Mahi

Fish does not possess long dorsal fin (along length of body)

*go to Step 4*

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## Step 4

Fish is predominantly red in colour

Yellowedge coronation trout

Fish exhibits counter-shading (dark upper, pale lower body)

Southern Bluefin tuna

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## Step 5

Fish has a rounded tail shape

*go to Step 6*

Fish has any other tail shape

*go to Step 10*

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## Step 6

Fish has eight dark vertical bands on the side of the body

Eightbar grouper

Fish does not possess dark vertical bands on the side of its body

*go to Step 7*

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## Step 7

Fish has dark coloured face and horseshoe pattern on side of the body

Horseshoe leatherjacket

Fish has mottled or spotted pattern on the side of body

*go to Step 8*

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## Step 8

Fish has flattened body shape (pancake-like)

Smalltooth flounder

Fish does not possess flattened body shape

*go to Step 9*

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## Step 9

Fish has large oval shaped spots on side of body

Potato rockcod

Fish has small head and polka dot pattern on side of body

Barramundi cod

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## Step 10

Fish has eel-like tail

Estuary cobbler

Fish has truncate tail shape

*go to Step 11*

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## Step 11

Fish is predominantly green/blue in colour

Baldchin groper

Fish is predominantly red in colour

Mangrove Jack