

Parrot Fish

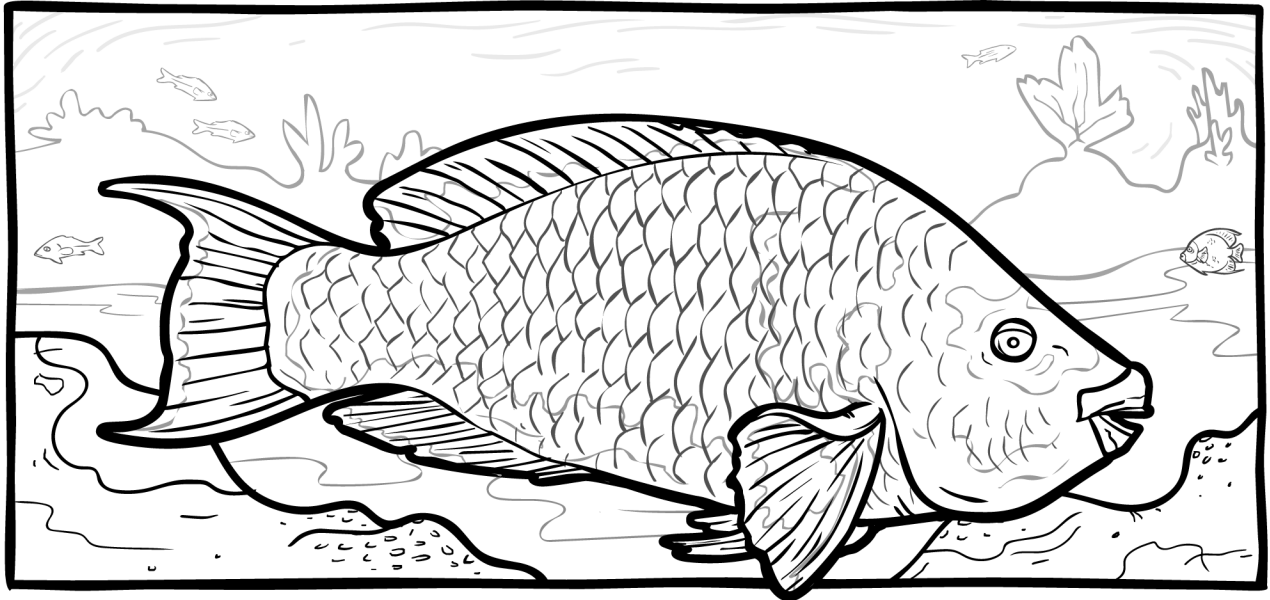
# Rainbow Parrot Fish *(Scarus guacamaia)*

## Instant ID

- Large, oval-shaped fish with a squared tail
- Teeth fused into a beak with two plates on each jaw
- Orange-brown head and bright green rear body
- Can grow up to four feet long

## Native Niches

- Inhabits coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass beds
- Prefers shallow waters at depths of 9-75 feet
- Found in reefs across the western Atlantic Ocean



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## Favorite Foods

- Primarily feeds on algae at the bottom of the ocean
- Uses beak to scrape plants and algae off corals

## Critter Characteristics

- Can live up to seven years
- Largest plant-eating fish in the Atlantic Ocean
- Requires both mangroves and coral reefs to complete its life cycle
- Waste can form white clouds in the water

## Population Protection

- Listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as Near Threatened
- Learn more at [FloridasCoralReef.org](http://FloridasCoralReef.org)