

FINDING NEMO

At the Tennessee Aquarium

Meet the real fish behind the flashy undersea superstars! The animated antics of characters like “Nemo” and “Dory” in the Walt Disney presentation of Pixar film’s animated fish tale *Finding Nemo* are “reel” close to the fish and facts found at the Aquarium. See if you can “catch” the creatures in action.

CHARACTER	SPECIES	AQUARIUM HOME	FUN FACTS
Nemo, Marlin	Clownfish	Philippines Tank, River Journey, Level A	Clownfish make their homes within the stinging tentacles of sea anemones. They coat themselves with anemone jelly for protection.
Peach	Starfish	Many different tanks, River Journey, Level A	We have leather stars, bat starfish and chocolate chip sea stars. Starfish move by “sucking” water into one “arm,” which swells, causing the starfish to move.
Sheldon	Spotted Seahorse	Caribbean Reef Tank, River Journey, Level A	One of the largest species of seahorse, they can grow up to 12 inches in length. Colors vary from black, yellow and cream with spots.
Jacques	Scarlet Cleaner Shrimp	Pacific Waters Tank, River Journey, Level A	These crustaceans pick debris and microorganisms off fish and coral. Cleaner shrimp even swim inside fish mouths (and out again) to remove parasites.
Gurgle	Royal Gramma	Caribbean Reef Tank, River Journey, Level A	They stake claims in the coral for their homes and defend them if another fish swims too close. Royal grammas can even swim upside down.

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Dory	Blue Tang	Pop-up Tank, River Journey, Level A Shark Island, Ocean Journey, Level 4	This surgeonfish is one of 75 species in the family. It has two scalpel-like spines at the base of the tail fin. Blue tangs feed on algae that they collect off the coral reef.
Bloat	Pufferfish	Gulf of Mexico, River Journey & Secret Reef, Ocean Journey	This fish gets its name because it appears to “puff-up” when threatened. It sucks up lots of water, and by doing this becomes “too large” to be eaten.
Crush, Squirt	Green Sea Turtle	Gulf of Mexico, River Journey & Secret Reef, Ocean Journey	One of the largest species of sea turtle, it gets its name from the green fat found inside its body rather than the color of its shell.
Anchor	Bonnethead Shark	Gulf of Mexico, River Journey	This shark is one of 12 species of hammerhead sharks. It gets its name from the unique shape of its head. The average size is about 5 feet.
Mr. Ray	Cownose Ray	Gulf of Mexico, River Journey	These creatures glide through the water using their wing-like fins. Stingrays have a venomous barbs located at the end of their tails for protection.
Barracuda	Barracuda	Gulf of Mexico, River Journey	There are 20 different species of barracuda. They can reach lengths of 10 feet. These fish stay at the top of the water column and are considered to be very curious fish.

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