Family Pomacanthidae (angelfishes)

The Family Pomacanthidae is distinguished from similar families by the presence of one or more prominent spines at the angle of the preopercle. Angelfishes have a single, continuous dorsal fin; some species have filamentous extensions of one or more dorsal rays. Most angelfishes are brightly colored and several species are imported for the aquarium trade. Juveniles of the genus *Pomacanthus* often have strikingly different color patterns than adults of the same species.