

Family Pomacentridae (damselfishes)

The damselfishes are one of the most abundant groups of coral-reef fishes. They are laterally-compressed fishes with a single, continuous dorsal fin and an anal fin with two spines. Most damselfishes are tropical; however, a few species inhabit cooler temperate waters. Many species are territorial and will zealously defend their small plots against intruders. The family Pomacentridae includes the anemonefish (*Amphiprion* and *Premnas*) that occur exclusively with large tropical sea anemones. From Randall et al. (1996).