

Rosy Wrasse

Pseudolabrus mortonii



Rosy Wrasse, *Pseudolabrus mortonii*, photo courtesy of Rudie Kuitert.

This smaller wrasse is typically uniform cream to pink in colour, often with a false eyespot (ocellus) on the posterior end of the low dorsal fin. It has a gradually tapering snout compared with other wrasses. This species is most common on deeper rocky reefs (>10 metres), especially the vertical rock walls of southern Port Phillip Bay. Like many wrasses, it is highly inquisitive and will often approach divers.