

Saddled Wrasse

Notolabrus fucicola



Saddled Wrasse, *Notolabrus fucicola*, photo courtesy of Mark Norman

Also known as the Purple or Southern Wrasse, this species is very common in kelp beds on exposed rocky reefs such as Wilsons Promontory or along western Victoria. It is easily distinguished by the four or five regular short yellow blotches along the top of the body at the base of the dorsal fin. The body colour can be uniform grey, green or, in mature males, purple.