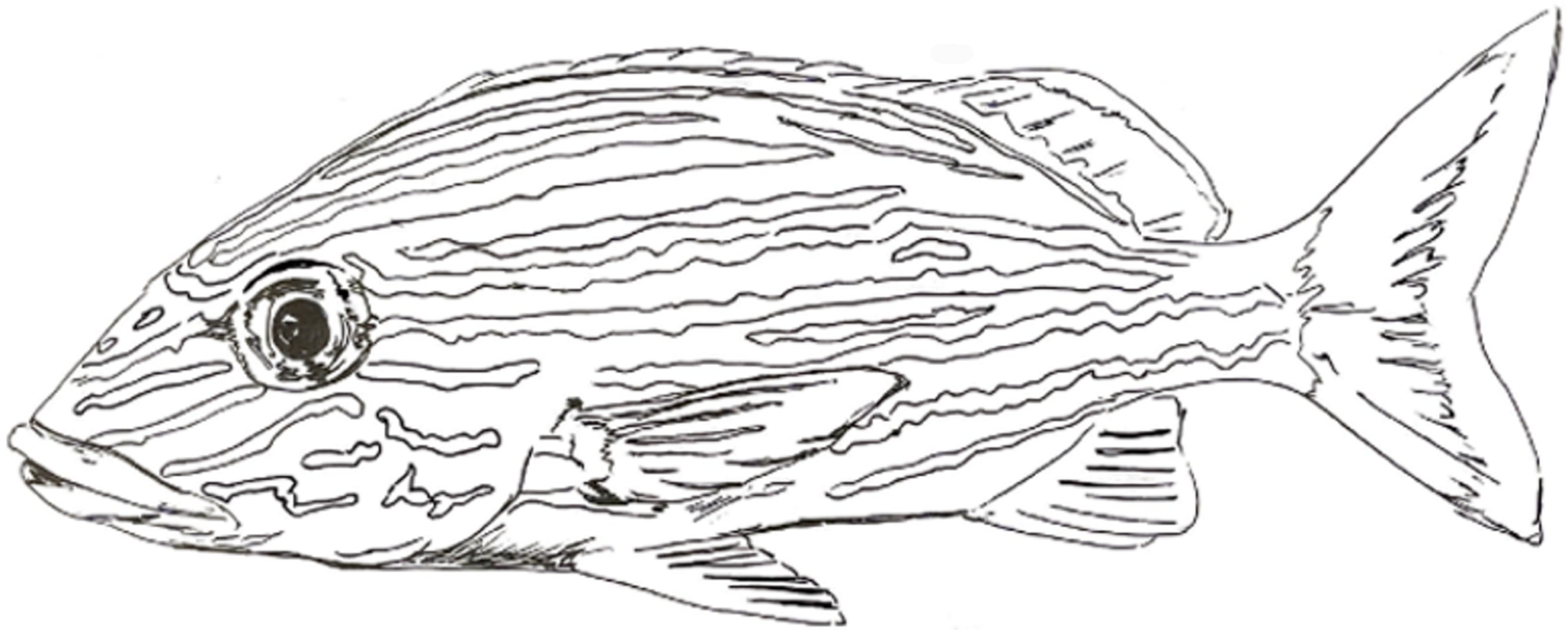


Bluestriped Grunt

Family: Grunts



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Physical Description:

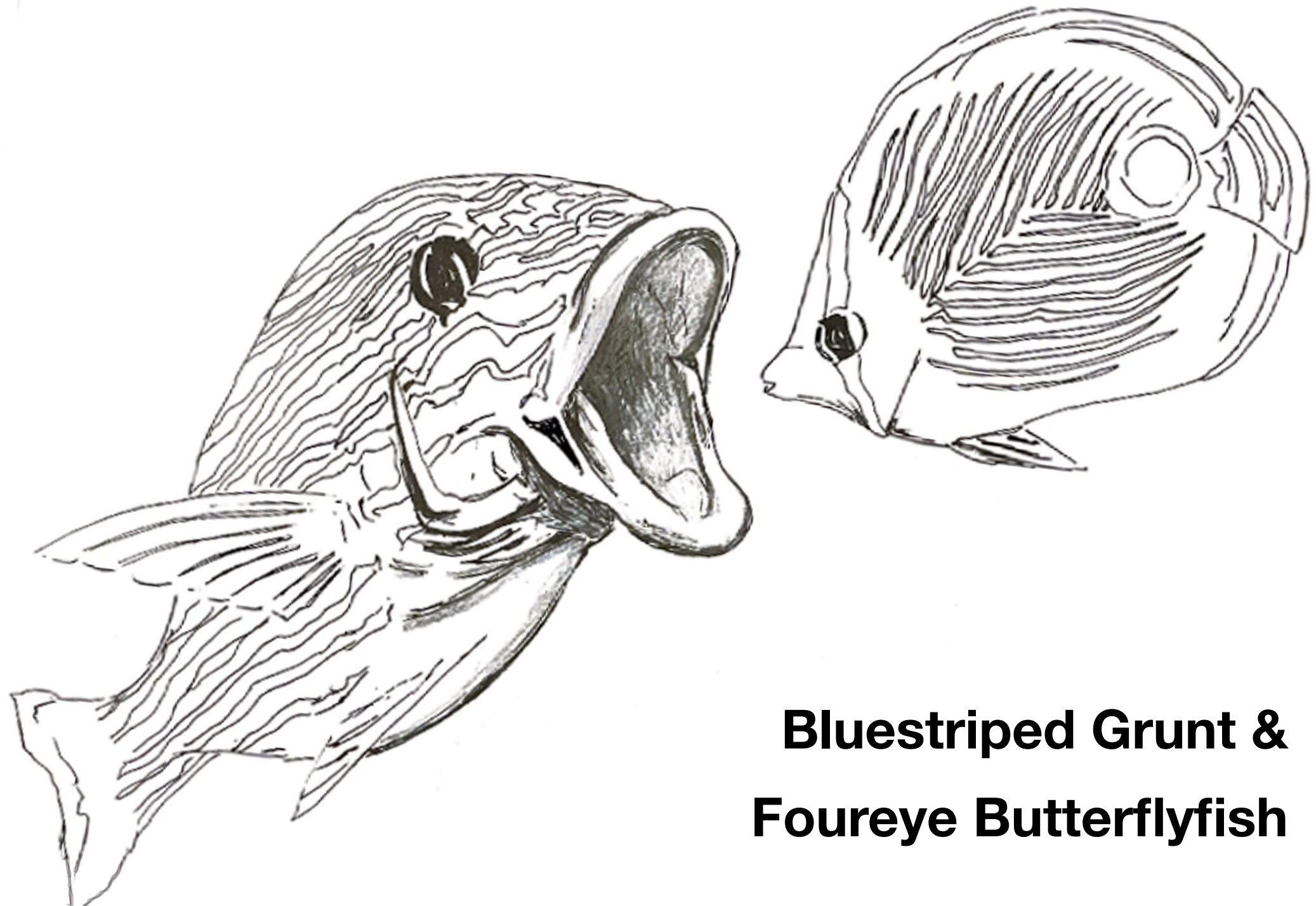
1. Yellow-gold body with bright, electric blue stripes
2. Dark tail and rear dorsal fin with bright yellow edges

Bluestriped Grunts can grow to be about one foot long. They like to hang around protective reefs in small groups. They are a little shy but if you are very quiet and move slowly, you can get a closer look at these bright blue and yellow fish.

Bluestriped Grunts have a very funny and interesting behavior they sometimes do - if you are very lucky you might get to see one open its mouth very wide in the face of another fish. We don't know exactly why they do this - it could be about mating, or territory, or just showing off because they can!

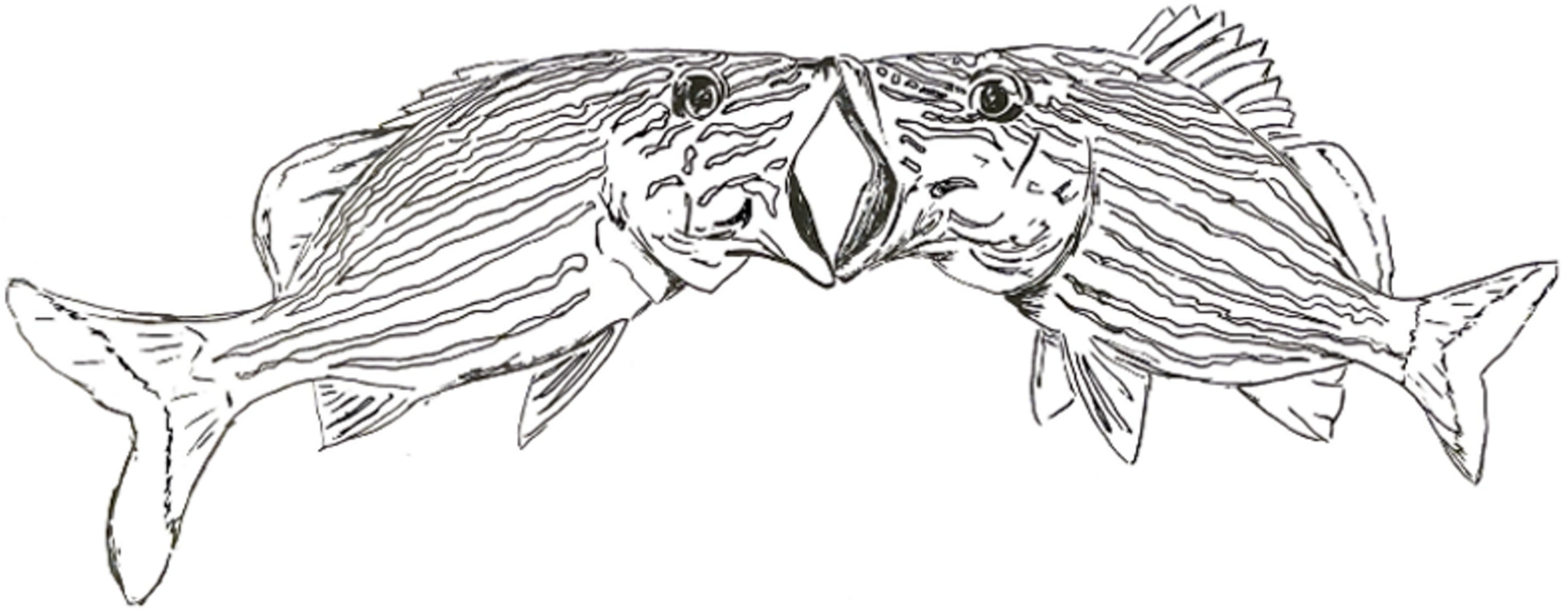
Grunts get their name from the grunting sound they make when they grind teeth together in their throat and the sound gets amplified by their air bladder.

My Fish Notes:



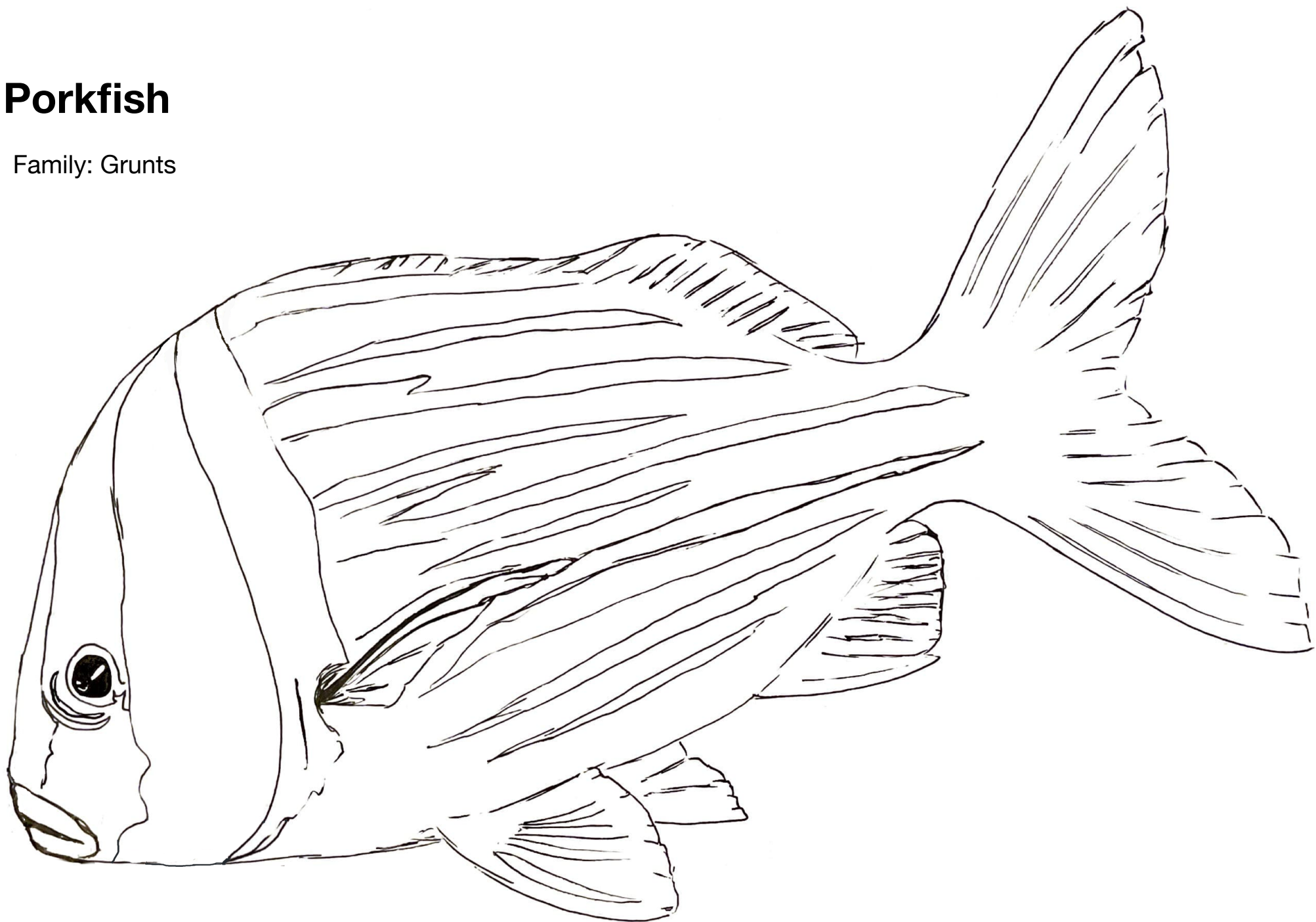
**Bluestriped Grunt &
Foureye Butterflyfish**

Bluestriped Grunt



Porkfish

Family: Grunts



Porkfish

Family: Grunt

Physical Description:

1. Two bold black diagonal bands on their head that run over their eyes and just behind their gills
2. They have a distinctive profile with a high back and steeply sloping forehead
3. Bright yellow head
4. A black stripe along the length of their body
5. A black spot at the base of the tail
6. Bright yellow fins and tail
7. Yellow-gold and silver body stripes

Porkfish can grow to be almost a foot long and you'll see them swimming over the reef in small groups or alone during the day.

At night, they hunt for their food - worms, and small mollusks (like snails or clams) and crustaceans (like shrimps, crabs, or copepods).

It's so fun to see Porkfish when out snorkeling on the reef because they're so easy to spot and they aren't very shy. If you swim slowly and quietly, they don't mind if you come by for a closer look at their pretty faces!

Juvenile Porkfish play a very important role on the reef - they are cleaner fish who help keep all the other fish clean and healthy. This is also how they get their food - they eat algae and small parasites off of other fish.

My Fish Notes: