

Opaleye



Description: This oval, perch-shaped fish is usually a dark olive green with large opalescent blue eyes. The opaleye has 1-3 yellow spots on its upper back right below its dorsal fin.

Defense: Opaleye use camouflage to hide from predators. Also, the spots on their back are “false eye spots”, designed to confuse predators.

Where they are Found: These opaleye are found from Baja California to San Francisco, CA in shallow rocky areas and kelp beds. They can also be found under piers.

Feeding: Opaleye feed on algae and occasionally on small invertebrates such as shrimp and amphipods.

WOW!!! Many fishermen use green peas as bait to catch opaleye because they look similar to algae!