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SPECIES	BEST TIMES	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURE	TACKLE WORLD TIP
Bream - Yellowfin	Estuary, Surf & Ocean rocks during Summer, Autumn and Winter.	Bait: Nippers, prawns and worms. Lures: Estuary: Instinct Bubble, Strada Quika, Assorted Soft Plastics. Surf & Ocean rocks: Instinct Blades and assorted soft plastics	Work your lures and plastics slow and pause between twitches.
Bream - Black	Estuary in Summer, Autumn and Winter.	Bait: Prawn, nippers, squirt and beach worms. Lures: Instinct Bubble, Strada Quika, Assorted Soft Plastics	Work your lures and plastics slow and pause between twitches.
Luderick	Estuary & Ocean rocks during Spring, Summer and Autumn.	Bait: Green & cabbage weed, cunjevoi and worms. Lures: Instinct Blades, flys and Assorted Soft Plastics.	Bait must be presented well as luderick will only take bait that looks natural.
Bonito - Australian	Harbour, offshore & ocean rocks during Autumn, Summer and Spring.	Bait: Pilchard, Mullet Strips and squid. Lures: Bolt Assault, Strada Tracka and squid skirts	
Drummer - Black	Ocean rocks during Summer, Autumn and Winter.	Bait: Cunjevoi, Prawns, crabs and bread. Lures: Instinct Blades, flys and Assorted Soft Plastics	Look for black drummer in agitated, aerated 'white water' washes.
Flathead - Dusky	Estuary during Spring, Summer and Autumn.	Bait: Pilchard, mullet strips and prawns. Lures: Estuary: Bolt assault and riptide mullet soft plastics.	Work the lure so its hitting the bottom. Rip the soft plastics up from the bottom.
Flounder- Small Tooth	Estuary & surf during Spring, Summer and Autumn.	Bait: Pilchard, mullet strips, prawns and squid. Lures: Surf: Riptide mullet and assorted soft plastics. In the Estuary also try the Bolt Assault lures.	Work the lure so its hitting the bottom. Rip the soft plastics up from the bottom.
Kingfish - Yellowtail	Offshore during Spring, Summer and Autumn	Bait: Live yellowtail, slimy mackerel and squid. Lures: Bolt Mystique, Assorted Knife Jigs and Soft Plastics.	

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Marlin - Black, Blue & Stripped	Offshore during Summer and Autumn with the Blues & Strippeds also present in Spring	Bait: Mackerel, tuna, bonito and yellowtail. Lures: Bolt Mystique, Strada Tracka and assorted skirted lures.	Troll live baits or large lures for best results.
Mulloway	Estuary, surf & ocean rocks during Spring and Summer.	Bait: Whole small squid or Yellowtail and Worms. Lures: Estuary: Instinct Twitch Blade and Assorted Soft Plastics. Surf & ocean rocks: Riptide Mullets and Gulp 5", 6" & 7" Jerk Shads.	Estuary: Work blades and soft plastics in deep holes. Surf & ocean rocks: Live baits fished into gutters are very effective.
Tailor	Estuary, surf and ocean rocks during Summer, Autumn and Winter.	Bait: Pilchard, mullet strips and prawns. Lures: Estuary: Bolt Assault & profile lures and Riptide mullet soft plastics. Surf & ocean rocks: Instinct Profile, Arma Metals and Assorted Soft Plastics.	Troll or cast and retrieve lures and soft plastics. Ganged hooks with whole pilchard produces great results.
Trevally - Silver	Estuary during Summer and Spring. Offshore also during Autumn.	Bait: Pilchard, Squid and prawns. Lures: Instinct Blades and Assorted Soft Plastics.	
Tuna - Yellowfin, Mackerel & Stripey	Offshore during Autumn, Summer and Spring.	Bait: Pilchard, mackerel and yellowtail. Lures: Bolt Mystique, Assorted Knife Jigs and skirted lures	
Salmon - Australian	Spring, Summer and Autumn	Bait: Pilchard, mullet strips and prawns. Lures: Estuary: Bolt Assault & profile lures and Riptide mullet soft plastics. Surf & ocean rocks: Instinct Profile, Arma Metals and Assorted Soft Plastics.	Troll or cast and retrieve lures and soft plastics.
Snapper	Spring, Summer and Autumn	Bait: Estuary: Prawn, nippers, squirt and beach worms. Inshore reefs try pilchard, mullet strips, squid and prawns.	Work blades and soft plastics over structure and in deep water. On the reefs try Jigging blades, jigs and soft plastics at various depths to produce fish.



		Lures: Estuary: Instinct Blades and Assorted Soft Plastics. On the reefs also try Lucanus jigs.	
Whiting	Spring, Summer and Autumn	Bait: Nippers, prawns and worms. Lures: Estuary: Instinct Blades, Lucky Craft NW Pencils and Soft Plastics. In the surf also try Ecogear VX Blades.	Surface lures worked over sand flats in the summer are an exciting technique.
Bass - Australian	Estuary & Freshwater during Spring, Summer and Autumn	Bait: Cicadas, prawns and worms, in the freshwater also try wood grubs. Lures: Instinct Bubble, Arbogast Jitterbug, Buggi Pops	Surface lures worked at night are very effective. Soft plastics worked slow around weed beds in the fresh produce good numbers.
Golden Perch	Freshwater during Spring, Summer and Autumn	Bait: Yabbies, shrimps and worms. Lures: Strada Feral and Assorted soft plastics	Troll along rock walls or "bob" around dead trees.
Murray Cod	Freshwater during Summer, Autumn and Winter	Baits: Yabbies, shrimp and carp. Lure: Strada Feral, Large Stump Jumpers and Oar-Gee lures	Troll along rock walls
Trout - Rainbow, Brown & Brook	Freshwater during Winter, Spring and Summer	Bait: Mudeyes, shrimp, works and bardi grubs. Lures: Strada Aife, power bait, assorted flys and Soft Plastics	Can be fished for in streams, rivers, deep water lakes and dams.