

BONEFISH

Fishing for Bonefish on Aitutaki
and Kiritimati (Christmas) Island

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Bonefish (*Albula vulpes*)

WHY BONEFISH?

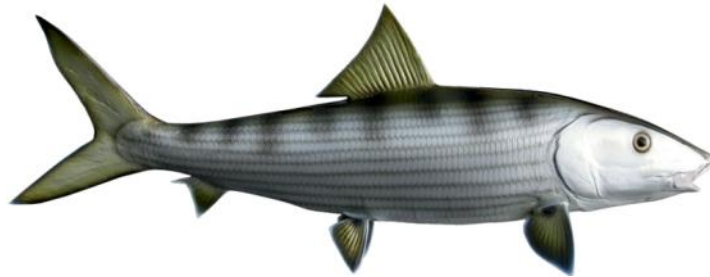
Bonefish are the nearest thing there is to a perfect gamefish for fly-fishing anglers.

- They live in beautiful tropical locations
- A voracious predator, they readily (but warily) take flies.
- You have to sight fish and stalk them
- They are as spooky as any trout
- They accelerate faster and sprint farther than any other fish you take on light tackle.
- They fight more doggedly than most fish twice their size.

Where to Bonefish

Bonefish are found in many places around the world but the most popular fishing destinations are:

Belize, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Mexico, Turks and Caicos, British Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Kiritimati Island, Australia



The largest bonefish caught in the Western Hemisphere is a 16-pound, 3 ounce example caught off [Islamorada, Florida](#), on March 19, 2007

This presentation is about two destinations easily accessible from Australia:

- Kiritimati (Christmas) Island (6,700km)
- Aitutaki (Cook Islands) (5,104km)



Christmas Island

There are three Christmas Islands in the world. This is about Kiritimati Island in the Pacific Ocean part of the Republic of Kiribati.



Some Facts about Christmas Island

- The island is a coral atoll of about 388 square kilometres
- The atoll is about 150 km in perimeter.
- Kiritimati is over 70% of the total land area of Kiribati.
- It lies 232 km north of the Equator.
- The main villages of Kiritimati are Banana, Tabwakea, London, and Poland.
- The island's population is about 5,800.
- The temperature is constantly between 24 °C and 30 °C.
- Kiritimati is affected by regular, severe droughts.

Getting There

- Fly Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane to Fiji
- Fly Fiji to Kiritimati Island (only one flight per week)
- Airfares: About \$1600 return









Fiji
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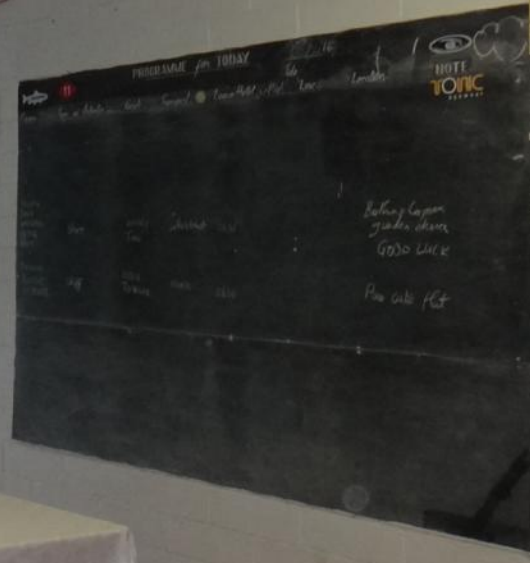
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TONY ANDREAS PETER RICK	skiff	HARRY Tawalaia	whitetruck	0630		Go like hell
THOMAS ROBERT WERNER	shore	O TEA Tokiana	TRUCK	0630		Tabou te Korota















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The Fish Shop





Other Species

Trigger Fish





Bluefin Trevally

Giant Trevally





Ladyfish

Snapper



Duskie Trevally





Puffer Fish