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“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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RED SEAWEED (“martensia fragilis”)- There are more than 10,000 species of red seaweed ,or alga. Only two species are found in Hawaii.

Red alga are an important element in the building of limestone reefs and one of the oldest fossils ever identified was one of red alga.

They rely on currents to transport their gametes, which is essential for reproduction of this marine plant.

We found this specimen at the edge of the reef, it’s pedals waving in the current . It immediately caught our attention. It was so beautiful...it looked like an underwater orchid plant!

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WATER TEMP. 81 VIZ: 100'+
DEPTH AT WHICH PHOTO TAKEN: 42'
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Mahalo for Pauline Fiene for identifying this week’s photo....

