



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

CROWNED TOBY “ pu’u olai ”



The tree dark saddles on the back of these fish reminded the ancient Hawaiians of a lava flow. Their Hawaiian name means “cinder cone”. Yellow dots cover much of the body and yellow lines radiate from the eyes. They prefer depths of 20’ or less; usually occur in pairs; grow to about 5” and are endemic to Hawaii. They are rarely seen by snorkelers, as a snorkeler on the surface signals “predator “ to them and they quickly swim away, but scuba divers see them all the time!

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DEPTH: 25’ TEMP.: 73 DEGREES

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