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**HAWAIIAN SPIKEY SEA CUCUMBER ( “loli”)**—Large cucumber studded with fleshy spikes up to 1 1/2 “ long; endemic ( Hawaiian waters only); grows to about 20” ; likes to lie in open sand; feeds slowly by sweeping their down-turned mouth back and forth, they are the vacuum cleaners of the ocean; they swallow the sand, filtering out sediment or mud.

There are 1200 species of sea cucumbers worldwide ranging in length from 1” to 6’; many Hawaiian sea cucumbers are nocturnal and some remain unidentified!

**DATE OF SIGHTING: MARCH 31, 2012**  
**AIR TEMPERATURE: 83 degrees**  
**WATER TEMPERATURE: 74 degrees**  
**VIZIBILITY: 100’ +**

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