



**SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT**  
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**BLACKSIDE RAZORFISH (JUVENILE)- “lee-nihi”**



**Razorfishes are actually wrasses that live over the sand, into which they dive when threatened. The “Blackside” is the most common razorfish in the islands. Juveniles have four black bars, which turn into one mid body blotch as adults. Rarely scene by snorkelers as they hide in the sand but divers get quick glimpses of them as they dart for safety under the sand. Their species name means “shadowed” and their Hawaiian name means “sharp forehead”. This species is ENDEMIC to Hawaii and can reach lengths of 12”.**

**DATE OF REPORT: JULY 29, , 2012**  
**AIR TEMP. 86 degrees WATER TEMP. 77 degrees**  
**DEPTH: 47’ VIZIBILITY: 100’**  
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