



# SCUBA LUV DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK” (808) 870-2738 ” “WHITE SPOTTED TOBY”



TOBIES ARE RELATED TO PUFFER FISH AND OFTEN APPEAR TO BE “VERY PREGNANT”

Typically less than 4” long; usually seen in pairs, they mate for life. Females prepare a nest in the algae and puff up their bellies letting the males know they are ready to spawn. They do not guard the nest afterwards. Most young survive as the larvae are unpalatable to most predators. If the male is removed a male from a neighboring territory will absorb the space, sometimes overnight. Their bodies are coated with a thin mucus that is believed to provide some sort of sunscreen to protect them from the sun’s damaging rays. They seem to always greet us on the reef like the little guy in this picture!

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**WATER TEMP.: 76 DEPTH: 21’**  
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