

SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT "CRITTER OF THE WEEK"

EWA FANGED BLENNY SOUTH MAUI



This colorful fanged blenny varies in color from black to orange, usually with two dark edged blue horizontal stripes. It feeds on scales, skin and mucus. It's mouth, underslung like that of a tiny shark, contains two long fangs used only for defense. They sometimes mimic the Hawaiian Cleaner Wrasse to move closer to their prey. If you see one of these little guys, there will probably be a Cleaner Wrasse close by. They hide when threatened by backing up into worm holes. They can grow to 4" and are endemic to Hawaii!

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