

## SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT KEAWAKAPU, MAUI "CRITTER OF THE WEEK" (808) 870-2738





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RARE LONGNOSE BUTTERFLYFISH ("lau-wiliwili-nukunuku-oi'-oi") - With a longer snout than the Longnose Butterflyfish, this species is also unique in that it can be found in two colors...yellow-white-black or dark chocolate brown. The dark brown color is the "rarest of the rarest" and not necessarily connected to sex or reproduction. Usually only found in Kona, this guy was out on our reef today. We got just one shot off before he darted into the coral. Considered, "endemic", these guys are extremely difficult to photograph as they are very shy.....

**DATE OF SIGHTING: MARCH 12, 2012** 

**AIRTEMPERATURE: 84 degrees** 

WATER TEMPERATURE: 74 degrees

VIZIBILITY: 200' +

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