



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

KEAWAKAPU, MAUI

“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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APRIL IS “CORAL MONTH” !!!



LOBE CORAL (“pohaku puna”) - Hawaii’s most common massive, encrusting coral; can be found in colors varying from yellowish brown to yellowish green. This one is growing on what appears to be a part of an airplane wing or fuselage in 40’ of water at the base of the outside reef. This species grows about 1/3” per year and can grow in mounds of up to 20’ in protected areas. Colonies are most common in depths of 10-50’ but occur to at least 200’ and can live over 400 years. This coral hosts a snapping shrimp which creates dark, meandering channels on it’s surface. A tiny crab species can inhabit those channels in small chambers created by the shrimp.

DATE OF REPORT: APRIL 22, 2012
AIR TEMPERATURE: 83 degrees
WATER TEMPERATURE: 74 degrees
VIZIBILITY: 100’ +

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