



Hawaii: Life on a Coral Head

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Arc-eye Hawkfish (*Paracirrhites arcatus*) - Hawkfish

Tan to brown with broad white stripe along back half of body. **Arc-shaped neon blue and orange marking** extending from eye. Wide-spread throughout western Pacific. Up to 5.5"

Photo by: Paddy Ryan



Blackside Hawkfish (*Paracirrhites forsteri*) - Hawkfish

AKA Freckled Hawkfish (in CIP and SOP regions)

Colors and patterns are quite variable. Typically shades of brown and red. Always have some amount of "freckles" on head and/or forebody. And usually have white along back. Occasionally exhibit a striped version, with yellow, red, and white broad body stripes. Up to 9"

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Redbarred Hawkfish (*Cirrhitops fasciatus*) - Hawkfish

Relatively common, small hawkfish that is often found in dark recesses at the base of a coral head or in a cave. **Red with five broad bars** down side, and sometimes a **dark black spot on gill cover**. Up to 4.5"

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Twospot Hawkfish (*Amblycirrhitus bimaculata*) - Hawkfish

AKA Twinspace Hawkfish (in CIP and SOP regions)

Small and cryptic. Irregular brown bars and **two pale edged black spots** on body, one on operculum and one under rear dorsal fin. Up to 3"

Photo by: Dennis Polack



Stocky Hawkfish (*Cirrhites pinnulatus*) - Hawkfish

AKA Whitespotted Hawkfish (in CIP and SOP regions)

Large and "stocky" hawkfish. Blotchy brown and white with red spots scattered over body. In shallow surge zones. Up to 11"

Photo by Ed Robinson



Scarface Blenny (*Cirripectes vanderbilti*) - Blenny

Dark body with red scar-like marks on the head. Typically found in depths less than 30 feet, they will perch on top of a coral head or rock, and quickly dart into a crevice if approached. Up to 4"

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Shortbodied Blenny (*Exallias brevis*) - Blenny

AKA Leopard Blenny (in CIP and SOP regions)

Large blenny found among branches of Cauliflower Corals. **High-arched dorsal fin**. Pale body covered in **gray to red net pattern of spots**. Females and juveniles have brown spots. Up to 6"

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Hawaiian Dascyllus (*Dascyllus albisella*) - Damselfish

Deep bodied damselfish found sheltering near branching Cauliflower Coral.

Juveniles (as shown in picture) are **black with bright white patches** on each side of body. White patches fade as individuals get larger. Up to 5"

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Oval Chromis (*Chromis ovalis*) - Damselfish

Juveniles (pictured) are silver blue with a yellow back and are found schooling around coral heads. Adult Oval Chromis are greenish-gray and lack any distinctive markings. Large schools can be seen in the water column feeding on plankton. Up to 7.5"

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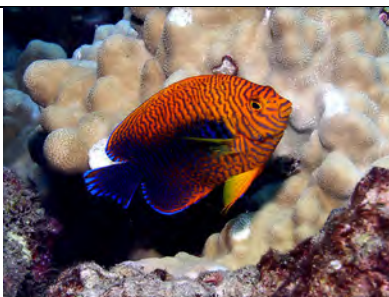


Hawaiian Squirrelfish (*Sargocentron xantherythrum*) - Squirrelfish

Most common squirrelfish seen by divers, often out during the day. All red with **silver-white stripes, dorsal fin is all red** (sometimes with small white tips). Similar in appearance to Crown Squirrelfish (look at dorsal fin and cheek spines). Up to 6.5"

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Potter's Angelfish (*Centropyge potteri*) - Angelfish

Most common angelfish in Hawaii, member of the pygmy angel group. **Rusty red on chest and back, dark blue/black in the middle and tail** (looks like "potting soil". Up to 5"

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Fisher's Angelfish (*Centropyge fisheri*) - Angelfish

AKA White-tailed Pygmy Angel (in CIP and SOP regions)

Another small pygmy angel, even smaller than Potter's. Orange-brown (they look dirty underwater), pale tail and margins of dorsal and anal fin are electric blue. In other parts of the Indo-Pacific, this fish is all dark blue/black. Up to 3"

Photo by: John Hoover



Eightstripe Wrasse (*Pseudocheilinus octotaenia*) - Wrasse

Reddish-brown to orange yellow, **eight thin stripes** running head to tail. Can be blotchy. Relatively cryptic, but not as shy as the other striped *Pseudocheilinus*. Up to 4.5"

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Fourstripe Wrasse (*Pseudocheilinus tetrataenia*) - Wrasse

Bluish orange body with **four orange to green stripes, each bordered in blue**. Small and **very shy**, just getting fleeting glimpses as it darts in and out of coral. Up to 3"

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