How to Identify Maui’s Regulated Uhu (parrotfish) Species

**Uhu uliuli** ♂
Blue-green coloration with dark dots on anterior scales and pinkish edges on posterior scales. Conspicuous blue-edged lateral band in front of eyes, across top of snout.

Bright yellow mark at base of pectoral fins.

**Uhu ‘ahu‘ula** ♀
Dark reddish-brown coloration with darker scale margins. Red fins.

Broad white band at base of caudal fin, extending into the fin.

**Uhu ‘ele‘ele** ♂
Green coloration, with dark blue marks around the mouth, extending to eyes. Squarish, nearly vertical humped snout.

Bluish-green beak.

Lunate caudal fin with trailing filaments. (“Whip tail”)

**Palukaluka** ♀
Reddish-brown anteriorly, abruptly changing to yellowish-gray posteriorly. Numerous small black spots and irregular lines on scales, creating textured appearance. Squarish, nearly vertical humped snout.

Lunate caudal fin with trailing filaments. (“Whip tail”)

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