

How to Identify Regulated Large Uhu (parrotfish) Species

Uhu uliuli ♂ (no take on Maui)

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 ♂ (no take on Maui)

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".)

Uhu 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".)