A Key to the Common Aquatic Organisms Found in Waipi'o Valley

From	Description and Classification	Illustrations	То
1a	Animals with shells covering or enclosing soft fleshy bodies and without legs. Mollusks (Clams and snails)		2
1b	Animals with segmented (jointed) bodies and 3 or less pairs of legs. May or may not have wings Arthropods (Insects)		5
1c	Animals with segmented bodies, 4 or more pairs of legs, and lacking wings. Arthropods (Crustaceans)		9
1d	Animals with apparent backbone and internal skeleton, usually with fins, or no obvious appendages. Vertebrata (Fish)	dorsal fin spinous soft fin rays operculum pectoral fin belly pelvic fin (thoracic) anal fin	10
1e	Worm shaped animals lacking legs and a backbone, usually somewhat flattened Flatworms / Leeches		16

Key to the Mollusks

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2a	Animals with a double shell hinged at one side, figure 1a Bivalves (clams)	Figure 1a	3	
2b	Animals with a single shell, various shapes and colors as in figures 1b and 1c. Snails, limpets, 'opihi		4	
		Figure 1b Figure 1c		
3a	Clam-shaped, dark brown color white patches, figure 1a Corbicula (Introduced)	Figure 1a		
4a	Single shell with wide opening. Shell is dome-shaped and dark in color with a few light spots, figure 1c. Neritina granosa (Hīhīwai, Wī) (Native)	Figure 1b		
4b	Single shell with small opening. Shell is elongate in shape with distinct whorls. Shell color mottled and can vary from light to dark brown, figure 1c. Thiaridae (Introduced)	Figure 1c		

Key to the Insects

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1b	Insects with piercing sucking mouth parts, front wings with hard basal section and membranous tip. Heteroptera (true bugs)	Thickened basal section of wing Thin membranous apical section of wing	5
5a	Small, dark species with elongate body, sometimes lacking developed wings, about 2 millimeters long, swims rapidly on surface of water. Microvelia vegans Hawaiian Pond Bug (Native)		
5b	Small, dark, speckled species with oval body, developed wings, about 3 – 5 millimeters long having bulbous eyes. In nature, runs swiftly on rocks and will jump when disturbed. Saldula exulans Hawaiian Saldid Bug (Native)		
	If not as above go to 6		

6a	White, translucent elongate body with dark head capsule. Posterior end with distinct tubercles.		
	Tipulidae: <i>Dicranomyia</i> sp Cranefly larvae (Native)	g Company	
6b	Insect larva usually with elongate 12- segmented bodies without well developed head capsules. Scatella clavipes Hawaiian Shore Fly (Native)		
6с	One set of well-developed legs with distinct brown head capsule. Body is white colored. Chironomid larvae (Native)		
6d	Light brown to almost transparent in color. Legs not present, but eyes visible, with small projections (early wings) below head and eyes. This is the stage between the larvae and adult, just before the Chironomid emerges to become an adult. Chironomid Pupae (Native)		
6e	The larvae look like hairy maggots with siphons. Culcidae larvae Mosquito larvae (Introduced)	2mm	
	If not as above go to 7		

Trichoptera Caddisfly larvae (Introduced)	
Green worm-like species with three pairs of well-developed legs on the first three body segments and hooks on the last segment. Cheumatopsyche analis Little Sister Sedge Caddisfly (Introduced)	
Brown colored case covered with tiny sand particles. Larva inside case is bright white, smaller but with fatter abdomen. Much smaller than caddis flies above. Hydroptila potosina Micro Caddisfly (Introduced) If not as above go to 8	

8	Large insects with adults having well developed wings with net-like vanes, very large eyes. Immatures do not have wings. Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies)	Damselfly eyes Dragonfly eyes Dragonfly wings	
8a	Head dumbbell-shaped with eyes bulging and widely separated. Gills with dagger-like shape. Body narrow and elongate. Megalagrion blackburni (Pinao 'ula) Blackburn 's Hawaiian Damselfly (Native)		
8b	Golden brown species with head round and eyes meeting in middle. Body round and more oval. Pantala flavescens Globe Skimmer (Native)		

Key to the Crustaceans

9a	Thin transparent shell covering segmented body with 5 pairs of legs, front pair developed into pincers with small equal sized pincers Atyoida bisulcata 'O'pae kala'ole (Native)	Atyoida bisculata	
9b	Thin transparent shell covering segmented body with 5 pairs of legs, front pair developed into pincers with small equal sized pincers. There are 8 dorsal teeth on the rostrum. Macrobrachium lar (Introduced)	Macrobrachium lar	
9c	Thin transparent shell covering segmented body with 5 pairs of legs, front pair developed into pincers with one pincer greatly enlarged. There are 15 dorsal teeth on the rostrum. Macrobrachium grandimanus 'O'pae 'oeha'a (Native)	Macrobrachium grandimanus	
9d	Thick red shell covering segmented body with equal sized enlarged pincers. The rostrum is shaped like a triangle. Procambarus clarkii crayfish (Introduced)	Procambarus clarkii	

Key to the Fish

10a	Pelvic (ventral) fins separate or not fused to form a sucker (Family Eleotridae)	Photo by Yamamoto and Tagawa	11
10b	Pelvic (ventral) fins fused to form a sucker (Family Gobiidae)	Photo by Yamamoto and Tagawa	12
11a	Dorsal fins split in two. Body shape rounder and wider. Postlarvae coming in from the ocean are >16 mm standard length, a uniform dark brown on the sides and light brown on the top or dorsal surface. Eleotris sandwicensis ('O'opu akupa) (Native)		
11b	Fish is flattened, long and narrow and pelvic fins separate or not fused to form a sucker		15

12a	Dark, tear-drop shaped bar extending backwards from the bottom of the eye toward the base of lower edge of the gill cover -The black teardrop below the eyes extending toward the back of the fish is the prominent feature of this species, postlarvae returning from the ocean are >16 mm in length. This species found in the lower reaches of streams and estuaries **Stenogobius hawaiiensis** ('O'opu naniha) (Native)	Stenogo bius genivittatus Illustration by: Patric Ching Courtesy of: Division of Aquatic Resources	
12b	No dark bar extending backwards from bottom of eye across cheek.		13
13a	One or three notches in upper lip.		14
13b	No notches in upper lip, large black spot at base of caudal (tail) fin, faint bar extending forward from bottom of eye to upper lip -Postlarvae range in size from 16-22 mm in size but the dark spot at the base of the caudal fin or tail makes distinguishes this species from others. **Awaous guamensis** ('O'opu nākea) (Native)	Awaous guamensis Illustration by: Patric Ching Courtesy of: Division of Aquatic Resources	

14a	One notch in the center of the upper lip (lip furthest away from tail), fresh postlarvae (hinana) arriving from ocean are smaller (16 mm on average) The female is olive to brownish all over, while the male is brownish on the head and pale yellow to bright red on the tail. Lentipes concolor ('O'opu hi'u kole or 'O'opu 'alamo'o) (Native)	Leadings consolar Linear Ching Courtery of Division of Agustic Resources
14b	Three notches in the upper lip, one notch in the center and two notches on the side, larger (25 mm) and more darkly pigmented. The snout of this fish is semicircular in shape, two or three stripes on second dorsal fin, one stripe on first dorsal fin, and one stripe on the anal fin. It often has a distinct black line running from the mouth to the tail. The very high first dorsal fin is the best positive identifying characteristic. Sicyopterus stimpsoni ('O'opu nōpili)	Sicyopterus stimpsoni Photo courtesy of: Mike Yamamoto
15a	(Native) Fins not fused to form a sucker, fish is flattened, long and narrow with mature males having a long filament extending out from the caudal fin. Females and immature males lacking the long caudal fin, but all have a red line down the center of both sides of the body, with the red line being visible but faint when fish is preserved in alcohol. If lacking red line down the side and not having a long tail fin, then go to 15 b. Xiphophorus helleri Green Swordtail (Introduced)	
15b		

Key to the Flatworms and Leeches

1	16a	2A: Unsegmented and flattened worm with broad, almost triangular shaped head with two noticeable but faint eyespots near the tip of the head, never with a suction cup at the head or mouth, if not this go to 2B Dugesia sp. Flatworm (Introduced)	
	l6b	2B: Segmented worm that is flattened, but not as flat as <i>Dugesia</i> , two faint eyespots that usually visible. Mouth is round and all leeches have a sucker or suction cup for attaching to its host. Euhirudinea Leech (Introduced)	