



Information on Hawksbill Turtles (Honu`ea)

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HAWKSBILL OR GREEN? How to tell the difference

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Learn the difference between the two species and report any hawksbill sightings!



ALL sightings of baby turtle hatchlings are important.

HAWKSBILL / HONU'EA Eretmochelys imbricata



Narrow head and pointed beak



4 pre-frontal scales (between eyes)



GREEN / HONU Chelonia mydas



Rounded head



2 pre-frontal scales (between eyes)



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Shell: serrated edges

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Shell: smooth edges

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