

Pest Alert!

Veiled Chameleons are invading Maui!

Chameleons eat birds, plants and native insects.

Here's how to tell the difference between Veiled and Jackson chameleons:



Adult veiled chameleon.



Juvenile veiled chameleon.

Note: Native to Yemen and Saudi Arabia, veiled chameleons are invasive and illegal on Maui. This means that it is against the law to import, breed, keep as pets, sell or export veiled chameleons. Penalties: up to \$200,000 and 3 years in prison. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture has an amnesty program where someone can turn in an illegal animal without prosecution. Call HDOA at 984-2400 ext 67378.

Veiled chameleons:

- Bony shark-fin-like shield on its head.
- Fleshy fringe from under its nose down the middle line of its belly to the base of its tail.
- Legs are long and pencil thin, and it has a long thin tail. Males have little nubs on its back feet.
- Large adults most times have vertical stripes.
- Grows up to 2 feet in length.
- Juveniles are usually light green with a prominent shield on its head.

Jackson's chameleons:

- Adult males have three horns on head.
- Some have irregular splotchy patterns on the body.
- When handled or under stress, a red color appears on folds under its neck.
- Legs are shorter than veiled chameleons and stocky.
- Grows up to 10 inches in length.
- Juveniles are usually brown/tan.



Adult male Jackson's chameleon.



Adult female Jackson's chameleon.

**To report the sighting of a veiled chameleon,
capture it first, then call 579-2116**



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