Teacher Answer Key









Vertebrates of the Coral Reef City

On this chart you will find a list of common reef vertebrates, as well as what they eat, when they eat, where they eat and their Hawaiian names. In the final column students will decide the type of consumer by putting:

Herbivore (H)

Carnivore (C)

Omnivore (O)

Detritivore (D)

Top Predator (TP)

(Student answers are in the last two columns.)

Note: There is only one phylum for vertebrate (chordata), therefore, the 1st column will be titled, "Example".

Example of a Vertebrate	Hawaiian name	What they eat	When they eat	Where they eat	Type of Consumer	Interesting Facts
Chubs	Nenue	algae	day	reef	Н	
Angelfish	none	algae	day	reef	Н	
Blennies	Paoʻo	algae, parasites, scales	day	reef	0	
Boxfish	Моа	algae, sponges, worms	day	reef	0	
Butterflyfish	Kikakapu	algae, coral, zoo- plankton, worms	day	reef	0	
Cardinalfish	upapalu	zooplankton, crustaceans, fish	night	reef	С	
Parrotfish	Uhu	algae and coral	day	reef	0	
Eels	Puhi	fish, shrimp, crabs	night	reef	С	
Garden eels	none	zooplankton, particles	day	bottom sand	C,D	
Big Eyes	Aweoweo	zooplankton	night	reef	С	
Damselfishes	Мато	zooplankton & algae	day	reef	0	
Filefish	Oʻili	fish & algae	day	reef	0	8

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Sea Horses	none	crustaceans	day	reef	0	
Wrasses	Hinalea	fish, zooplankton, invertebrates	day	reef	С	
Flatfishes	Pakiʻi	fish & crustaceans	day	bottom sand	С	
Frogfishes	none	shrimp, fish	day	reef	С	
Goatfishes	Kumu, munu	worms, mollusks	day	bottom sand	С	
Gobies	Оʻори	algae, invertebrates, detritus	day	bottom reef	O,D	
Squirrelfish	Alaʻihi	zooplankton, crabs, shrimp	night	reef	С	
Surgeonfish	Pualo, Palani, etc.	algae	day	reef	Н	
Triggerfish	humuhumu	coral, crustaceans, echinoderms	day	reef	С	
Lizardfish	Ulae	fish, invertebrates	day	bottom reef	С	
Needlefish	Aha	fish	day	reef surface	С	
Giant Groupers	Нари'и	lobsters, stingrays, sea turtles, fish	day	deep reef, open ocean	С	
Hawkfish	Pili-koʻa	fish, crustaceans	day	reef	С	
Jacks	Ulua	fish	early & late day	deep reef, open ocean	С	
Pufferfish	Oʻopu-hue	fish	day	reef	С	
Sting Rays	Lupe, hihimanu	fish, crabs	day	bottom sand	С	
Sharks	Mano	fish, turtles	late day, night	deep reef, open ocean	С	
Trumpetfish	Nunu	fish	day	reef	С	

Example of a Vertebrate	Hawaiian name	What they eat	When they eat	Where they eat	Type of Consumer	Interesting Facts
Scorpionfish	nohu	fish, invertebrates	day	reef	С	
Snappers	Taʻape, uku ulaula	fish	night	reef	С	
Barracuda	Kaku	fish	day	deep reef, open ocean	С	
Manta Rays	Hahalua	zooplankton	night	ss ss	С	





