

Sunburst Anemone

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A Sea Anemone's digestion is so powerful it can swallow a crab whole and spit out its stripped shell 15 minutes later.

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Ochre Sea Stars

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Ochre Sea Stars only need to pry open a bi-valve's shell the thickness of this card (1/100th of an inch) to insert their stomach and turn their prey into a gooey mess!

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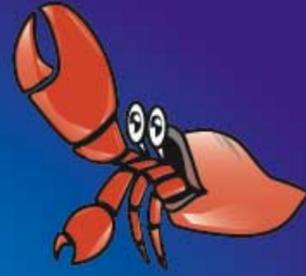


Sea Hare

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If every Sea Hare egg survived, before the third generation, the tidepools would be six feet deep in Sea Hares.

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Purple Sea Urchin

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Sea urchins eat through rocks using their teeth and spines to make a protective hollow.

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Two-Spot Octopus

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Two-Spot Octopus ink can temporarily paralyze the smelling organs of a moray eel.

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Mussels

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Mussels can pass up to 1000 liters of water through their shell everyday. That's equal to 500 soda bottles!

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Giant Keyhole Limpet

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Giant Keyhole Limpets have their own navigational tool that guides them back to the exact spot each day.

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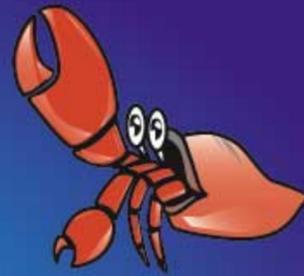


Hermit Crab

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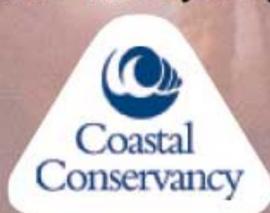


Picky hermit crabs carefully inspect a new shell before backing their soft rear end inside.

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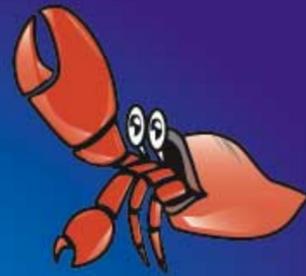


Buckshot Barnacles

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Barnacles spend their entire lives living upside down and eat with their feet that sweep through the water like a net.

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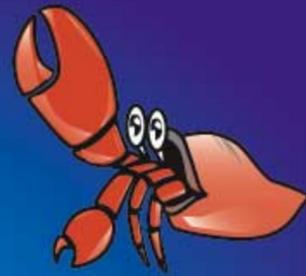


Tidepool Sculpin

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Tidepool Sculpins can survive out of the water, during low tide, in a moist, hidden spot until the high tide returns.

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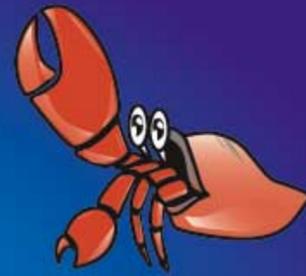


Coralline Algae

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Coralline Algae is the hardest marine plant because it creates its own shell-like armor.

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