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Brown Algae



Common ecklonia kelp



Globe algae



Strap weed



Neptune's Necklace



Lacerated sargassum



Plate padina



Pipe cleaner weed



Tubular stringweed

Brown Algae continued...



Iridescent crinkle finger weed



Iridescent banded fanweed



Encrusting slimy algae



Peacock weed

Green Algae



Sea lettuce



Sea velvet



Baitweed



Furry globe



Stiff-tube green algae



Bootstrap caulerpa



Bubble caulerpa

Red Algae



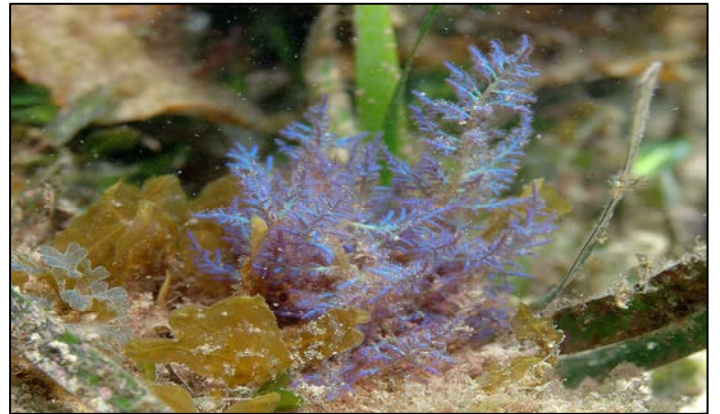
Articulated coralline algae



Short coralline algae



Blue iridescent champia



Bushy iridescent algae



Encrusting coralline algae



Serrated red algae

Sponges



Orange sponge



Purple sponge



Orange encrusting sponge



White sponge



Melted chocolate sponge



Yellow sponge

Anemones



Waratah anemone



Green anemone



Sand anemone



Orange anemone

Anemones continued...



Passionfruit anemone



White-lined anemone

Bryozoans



Lace bryozoan

Polychaete worms



Spirorbid worm



Galeolaria



White tubeworm



Scale worm



Featherduster worm



Fireworm

Other worms



Peanut worm



White flatworm



Nemertean

Barnacles



Rose barnacle



Tessellated barnacle



Six-plated barnacle



Surf barnacle



Purple barnacle



Honeycomb barnacle

Crabs



Spider crab



Purple-clawed crab



Reef crab



Blotched crab



Red bait crab

Shrimps



Red-striped shrimp



Blue-striped shrimp



Rockpool shrimp

Amphipods



White-lined amphipod



Common amphipod

Chitons



Snake-skin chiton



Australian black chiton



Mysterious chiton



Flat mysterious chiton



Leather-girdle chiton



Elongated chiton



Hairy chiton



Wide girdle chiton

Chitons continued...



Blotched chiton



Zebra chiton



Green and white chiton



White chiton

Limpets



Variegated limpet



Giant limpet



Leaning limpet



Rough limpet



Tiny black limpets



Fingernail limpet



Black-and-white limpet



Teardrop limpet

Nudibranchs



Cowrie nudibranch



Blue-spotted nudibranch



Tessellated nudibranch



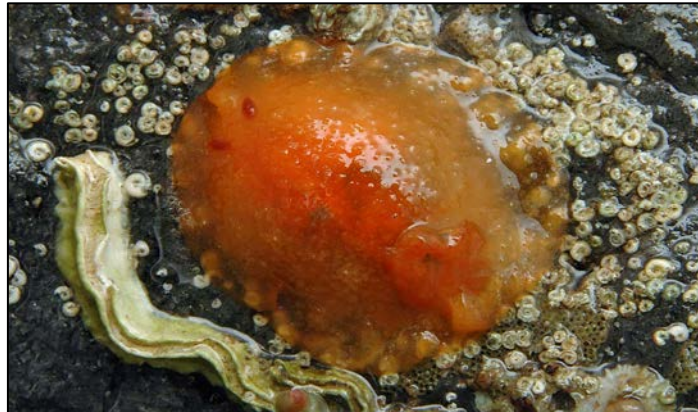
Retro nudibranch



Ash nudibranch



Black-lined nudibranch



Orange nudibranch



Red-spotted clown nudibranch

Slugs



Umbrella shell



Warty sea hare



Red-lined bubble shell



Brown bubble shell



Passionfruit slug



Tall keyhole limpet



Elongated keyhole limpet

Slugs continued...



Elephant snail



Smooth sea hare



Orange slug

Snails



Zebra periwinkles



Black nerites



Oyster borer



Cartrut shell



Ribbed spiral shells



Warrener



Striped-mouth conniwink



Abalone

Snails continued...



Noddiwinks



Blue periwinkle



White ear shell



Bell shell



Spengler's triton



Giant triton



Snails continued...



Giant turban snail



Military snail



Cowry

Bivalves



Sydney rock oyster



Blue mussel



Smooth-sided scallop



Rough charma



White jingle shell



Thorny orange oyster



Hammer oyster



Scallop

Octopuses

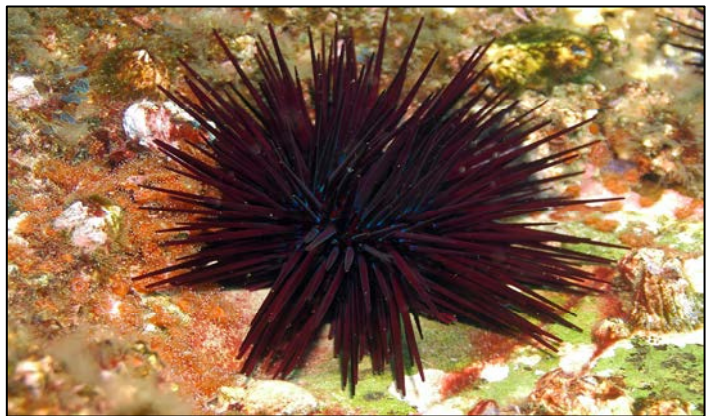


Gloomy octopus

Sea urchins



Purple urchin



Black urchin



Slate-pencil urchin



Short-spined orange urchin

Brittle stars



Common brittle star



Black brittle star



Flattened disc brittle star

Crinoids



Red feather star

Sea stars



Five-armed sea star



Pentagon sea star



Giant spiny sea star



Biscuit sea star



Asymmetrical sea star



Six arm sea star



Common eight arm sea star

Tunicates



Cunjevoi



Small orange tunicate



Giant orange tunicate



Stalked ascidian

Birds



Silver gull



Pacific gull



Australian pelican



Little tern



White-faced heron



Black cormorant