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Animal Fact Sheet

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Blue-rayed limpet

Patella pellucida

The blue-rayed limpet is a small and striking marine mollusk known for its translucent shell adorned with vibrant, iridescent blue stripes. Found along the coasts of the northeastern Atlantic, it typ…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Patellidae
Habitat: Marine kelp forests and rocky shores
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.2-0.5 grams
Scientific name: Patella pellucida

Did you know?

- Despite their dazzling appearance, blue-rayed limpets are extremely well-camouflaged on the dark surfaces of kelp, making them difficult for predator…
- The blue-rayed limpet's iridescent stripes are caused by layers of calcite and protein that act as photonic crystals. It spends most of its life clin…

What I learned

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