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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...

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