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Common periwinkle

Littorina littorea

The common periwinkle is a small marine snail that inhabits rocky shorelines and coastal habitats throughout the North Atlantic. Its shell is typically dark gray or brown, smooth, and measures up to ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Littorinidae

Habitat: Rocky intertidal zones

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 1-6 grams

Scientific name: *Littorina littorea*

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, common periwinkles are considered a delicacy in many cultures and are often collected for human consumption.
- Common periwinkles can seal themselves inside their shells with a tough operculum to avoid desiccation during low tide. They were introduced to North...

What I learned
