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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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