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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden star tunicate

Botryllus schlosseri

The golden star tunicate is a colonial marine invertebrate known for its striking star-shaped patterns formed by individual zooids within a shared gelatinous matrix. These tunicates are often yellow,…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Botryllidae
Habitat: Shallow coastal waters, attached to hard substrates
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: Up to 200 grams per colony
Scientific name: Botryllus schlosseri

Did you know?

- Golden star tunicates are one of the few chordates that can undergo natural whole-body regeneration, regrowing entire colonies from fragments.
- Golden star tunicates can reproduce both sexually and asexually, allowing them to spread quickly. They are used as model organisms in scientific rese…

What I learned

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