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Animal Fact Sheet

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Gooseneck Barnacle

Pollicipes pollicipes

Gooseneck barnacles (Pollicipes and Lepas) are crustaceans that spend their adult lives cemented head-down to rock or driftwood, kicking feathery legs called cirri through the water to comb out plank…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pollicipedidae
Habitat: Rocky intertidal shores
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Up to 20 years
Weight: 15–40 grams
Scientific name: Pollicipes pollicipes

Did you know?

- Harvesting gooseneck barnacles is considered one of the most dangerous professions due to the treacherous, wave-battered rocks where they grow.
- Charles Darwin spent eight years - from 1846 to 1854 - dissecting and monographing barnacles before publishing on evolution, and it was barnacles tha…

What I learned

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