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Animal Fact Sheet

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Moon Jelly

Aurelia aurita

Aurelia aurita is the translucent, saucer-shaped jelly most people have seen washed up on a beach, and the four pale horseshoes visible through the bell are not a nervous system or a stomach but gona…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Ulmaridae
Habitat: Coastal ocean waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 100–400 grams
Scientific name: Aurelia aurita

Did you know?

- Despite their simple biology, moon jellies can survive in low-oxygen waters where many other marine animals cannot.
- The polyp stage is effectively immortal in practice — it can keep budding new jellies for years, so one settled larva can supply a bay with thousands…

What I learned

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