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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pacific razor clam

Siliqua patula

The Pacific razor clam is a large, elongated bivalve mollusk found along the sandy beaches of the North American Pacific coast. Its smooth, thin, and fragile shell can reach up to 15 centimeters in l…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pharidae
Habitat: Sandy intertidal and subtidal zones along the Pacific coast
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 100-200 grams
Scientific name: Siliqua patula

Did you know?

- Pacific razor clams can rebury themselves in as little as 7 seconds if exposed, making them one of the fastest-burrowing clams in the world.
- Pacific razor clams can burrow up to 70 centimeters deep in the sand to escape predators and diggers. They are named for their shell's resemblance to…

What I learned

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