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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rock Barnacle

Semibalanus balanoides

The Rock Barnacle is a small, cone-shaped crustacean that attaches itself permanently to hard surfaces in the intertidal zone. It has a tough, calcareous shell made up of overlapping plates that prot…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Balanidae
Habitat: Intertidal rocky shores
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 0.2-2 grams
Scientific name: Semibalanus balanoides

Did you know?

- Rock Barnacles can withstand being out of water for several hours at a time, thanks to their ability to seal in moisture with their tightly closing s…
- Rock Barnacles cement themselves to rocks using a natural glue that is one of the strongest adhesives known in nature. They are hermaphroditic and ca…

What I learned

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