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Violet Sea Snail

Janthina janthina

The Violet Sea Snail is a small, pelagic gastropod known for its striking violet-colored, paper-thin shell. This snail floats on the surface of warm ocean waters by creating a raft of bubbles, which ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Epitoniidae

Habitat: Open Ocean (Pelagic Zone)

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 0.5-2 grams

Scientific name: *Janthina janthina*

Did you know?

- The Violet Sea Snail cannot swim and relies entirely on its bubble raft to stay afloat—if it loses this raft, it sinks and cannot survive.
- Violet Sea Snails float upside down on the ocean's surface using bubble rafts. Their vibrant shell coloration is thought to provide camouflage against...

What I learned
