

Solitary Islands Marine Park



Neptune's Necklace
(*Hormosira banksii*)
Producer and food source for some herbivores.

Rocks Rock pool



Mulberry Oyster Borer
(*Morula marginalba*)
Common rocky shore carnivorous snail that bores into oysters and tubeworms.

Rocks Rock pool



Oyster
(*Saccostrea glomerata*)
Filter feeding bivalve that stays firmly attached to the rocks.

Rocks Rock pool



Tern
(*Sterna* spp.)
Coastal carnivore that catches small fish by plunging several metres into the sea.

Rocks Rock pool



Gloomy Octopus
(*Octopus tetricus*)
Predator with great camouflage to sneak up on prey.

Rocks Rock pool



Oystercatchers
(*Haematopus longirostris*)
Coastal carnivore that uses its long beak to prize open oysters and other shellfish.

Rocks Rock pool



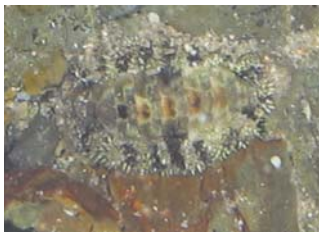
Periwinkles
(*Austrocochlea* spp.)
Herbivore that grazes on microscopic algae and lichen.

Rocks Rock pool



Black Nerite
(*Nerita atramentosa*)
Common black herbivorous snail that stays out of the sun in the day.

Rocks Rock pool



Chiton
(*Liolophura gaimardi*)
Attaches firmly to rocks with its 8 plates and strong foot.

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Cowrie
(*Cypraea caputserpentis*)
Mantle often covers the whole shell.

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Sea Hares
(*Aplysia* spp.)
Herbivorous snail without shells that squirt ink when upset.

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Silvergull
(*Larus* spp.)
Scavenger that has a very diverse habitat range.

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Red Waratah Anemone
(*Actinia tenebrosa*)
Often seen in crevices with tentacles withdrawn.

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Rock Crab
(*Leptograpsus variegatus*)
Opportunist that is often seen grazing on algae.

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Turbos/ Googoombull
(*Turbo* spp.)
The protective cover or operculum is used to protect the snail.

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Sea squirts
(*Pyura stolonifera*)
Filter feeder that stores water for when the tide is low.

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