

Giant Green Anemone



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Anthoplura xanthogrammica

diet: fish, crabs, detached mussels - opportunistic feeding

size: 18cm (7in)

Habitat: Rocky shore - at Haystack Rock look at the base of all boulders and walls.

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Light green to teal green, soft-bodied plant-like animal. Have stinging cells called nematocysts that harpoon neurotoxin into their prey. Mouth and anus are the same, located in center. Attaches to rocks with a basal disk, similar to a suction cup.

Fun Fact: They produce an adhesive on their column to attached shells or pebbles to keep from desiccating when exposed to low tide.