

Barnacles (goose neck)



INVERTEBRATE

Pollicipes polymerus

diet: filter feeders- plankton

size: 4.5cm for body - 14cm for stalk

Habitat: Rocky Shores - at Haystack Rock and Needles can be found clustered in groups on rocks and walls near mussels.

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A very distinctive looking intertidal species that resembles a goose. This species “moves” shade them with your hand or gently touch as then shrink to protect themselves - thinking we are a predator. Gulls, sea stars and humans think they are delicious.

