

# ***Chiton (Lined)***



## **INVERTEBRATE**

*Tonicella lineata*

*diet: coralline algae*

*size: 5cm*

*Habitat: Can be found anywhere large patches of coralline algae grows.*

*Related to: snails and limpets*

*This beautiful, colored chiton comes a a variety of shades of blue, pink, orange and red with lines across their valves. All chitons have eight plates (valves) that give them flexibility to “graze” or for protection against ochre sea stars or birds, like the Black Oystercatcher.*

***Fun Fact: When dislodged from a rock they roll up in a ball to protect their soft***