

Piddock Clam



INVERTEBRATE

Zirfaea pilsbryi

diet: filter feeder

size: 15 cm (6 in) with a siphon that can extend 30 cm (12 in)

Habitat: Found at wall, main intertidal - look down at the holes in the rocks at your feet.

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The Piddock or “boring” clam rotates their shell to abrade the sandstone, soft clay or shale creating permanent homes.

Fun Fact: Once the animal dies look for other invertebrates to take up residence in the empty holes.