

Keyhole Limpet



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Diodora aspera

diet: sponges, algae and bryozoans

size: about 7.5cm (2.5 in)

Habitat: Found mostly around south boulders and Needles

Related to: Snails, chitons

These large limpets are recognized by their mantle that partially covers their shell helping them from being preyed upon by sea stars. They have an opening at the top of shell that the animal utilizes to send out fecal matter.

Fun Fact: They have been known to bite the tube feet of attacking sea stars.