

## ***Leather sea star***



### **INVERTEBRATE**

*Dermasterias imbricata*

*diet: diatoms, sponges, bryozoans, anemones and chitons*

*size: about 15 cm (6 inches) across*

*Habitat: Rocky Shores - at Haystack Rock can be found (rarely) around the Needles during extreme low tides.*

*Smooth and slippery epidermis with no exposed spines. Mottled red, grey or blue coloration.*

*Related to: Sand Dollars, other sea stars, urchins and sea cucumbers*

***Fun Fact: if rubbed gently they have been known to give off a garlicky-odor.***