

Breadcrumb Sponge



INVERTEBRATE

Halichondria panicea

diet: bacteria and detritus

size: colonies to 60cm (24 in) across

Habitat: Look for this in shaded areas around the south boulders and the Needles

Brightly colored green to shades of dirty, pale yellow. You can distinguish the difference from algae by the smaller pores (ostium) and larger osculum. Water enters through the smaller pores and is circulated with food particles and exits through the larger holes. The Sea Lemon nudibranch feeds and can generally be found nearby. Pictured with Sea Lemon nudibranchs and their egg cases.

Fun Fact: Gives off an odor of gunpowder to repel predators