

California Mussel



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Mytilus californianus

diet: filter feeders

size: 25 cm (10 in)

Habitat: Blanketing nearly every wall and boulders below the high tide mark

Purple to black, thick-shelled bi-valves that attach securely to rocks or other objects with strong threads called byssal. The Ochre Sea star's favorite food. Have been known to live over 50 years.

Fun fact: the animal is bright orange.