

## ***Bull Kelp***



### **PLANTS & ALGAE**

*Nereocystis luetkeana*

*size: up to 40m (130ft) tall*

*Easily identified by a long stipe (stem), large bulbous float with many blades attached forming a canopy at the surface. Look for large tangles of them deposited on the beach after heavy storms. Bull kelp forms an important habitat for many species. Many types of invertebrates inhabit the hold fasts (roots) - some to be found are the brittle star, crabs and nudibranchs.*

***Fun Fact: Can grow over 17cm (7in) per day!***