

Aggregate Sessile Organisms - tube worms



Galeolaria caespitosa

Length 20-40 mm. Can occur in dense colonies on top of boulders and other structures. Calcareous white encrusting tubes. These colonies of tubeworms create a micro-habitat in which many other species of invertebrates can gain protection when the tide is out.

Survey code: Worm

Aggregate Sessile Organisms - mussels



Xenostrobus pulex



Length to 25 mm. Mat-forming, small, shiny black mussels. These mussels are often buried in sediment and therefore are difficult to spot. Almost triangular in shape, with one edge almost straight while the other edge has a distinct hump. Live in large clusters where sand and rock meet on medium to high energy coasts. Also occurs in some areas on jetty piles above mid-tide level.

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