



Blue Sea Star

GROUP/PHYLUM:	Echinoderm
COLOR:	Camouflage – hide in tropical coral reef & blue waters
MOVEMENT:	Moves and clings to rocks using thousands of tube feet. Suckers on tube feet are activated by water pumping through body (Water Vascular System)
TEXTURE:	Rough – Hard – Tough - Leathery
SHAPE:	Star – 5 cylindrical arms. Eye spot on each arm that can only see light and dark
HOW IT EATS:	Seek out food with tube feet. Mouth in centre of body on the underside - pushes its' stomach outside body and absorbs food across – when finished sucks stomach back in
WHAT IT EATS:	Algae – Shellfish- Dead Animals – Other Sea Stars
DEFENCE:	Able to drop off an arm that's grasped in a predator's mouth to aid escape
JOB:	Cleaning the ocean floor



The Crown of Thorns sea star has venomous spines. OUCH!