

Leathesia marina

Sea Cauliflower

Native to Maine

Coastal
Rocky Intertidal

Growth Pattern

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Sea cauliflower grows either epiphytically (attached to other plants) or lithophytically (attached to rocks). Young ones are more solid than older ones, which are more hollow.

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Other Information

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Sea cauliflower is found all throughout the northern Atlantic and the Baltic Sea.

Thallus (Body)



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Look for a thick-walled, hollow, and gelatinous algae. It has brain-like folds and breaks into pieces when squished or bent.

Color



Biopix: JC Schou



Sea cauliflower is usually yellow brown in color, to more muddy brown.

Similar Species

Sea cauliflower is very similar to the non-native sea potato. Sea potato has much thinner, more papery walls than sea cauliflower, and does not break apart when pressed together.

Did You Know?

Sea cauliflower has two life stages, the one that you are most likely to see is called the "sporophyte."



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