

Phylum Echinodermata
Class Asteroidea
Order Paxillosida
Family Luidiidae

Luidia armata

Coloration: Body is mottles w/ blotchy white, purplish and light brown areas

Number of Arms: Five Rays

Defining Characteristics:

- Long friable rays
- No real central disk
- Easy to see madreporite
- Body velvety in texture
- No dorsal spines
- Lateral spines short
- Arms clearly cleaved
- Pedicellariae present
- Lateral spines are restricted to oral edge of ray and are absent at the tips
- Body firm

Illustration

