

Phylum Echinodermata

Class Asteroidea

Subclass Perischoechinoidea

Superorder Gnathostomata

Order Clypeasteroidea

Suborder Scutellina

Family Dendrasteridae

Dendraster excentricus

Coloration: Violet black or maroon brown

Type of Urchin: Sanddollar

Defining Characteristics:

- Variable in morphology
- Common in shallow water
- Vertical buttresses w/in shell along the edge, edge thick
- Food groove pattern is species specific

Illustration

