Balanus pacificus

Class Cirripedia, Order Thoracica, Suborder Balanomorpha, Superfamily Balanoidea, Family Balanidae

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS:

Organism is sessile.

Exterior of scutum with numerous longitudinal striations.

Exterior wall ornamented by reddish or maroon longitudinal markings.

Rostrum overlapping adjacent plates.

Wall composed of 6 plates.

Usually found subtidal on other organisms or on man-made structures.

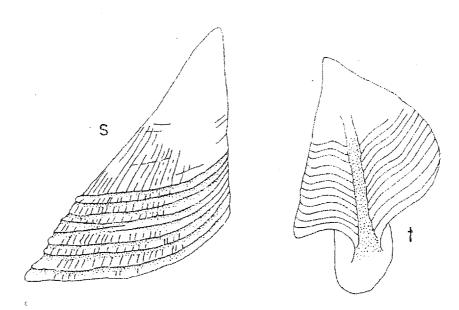
Typically conical in shape with a diamond shaped orifice.

Radii wide but slightly sunken.

The basis is thin, calcareous and porous.

Average specimen is 27mm high and 21mm in diameter.

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