

Phylum Echinodermata
Class Asteroidea
Order Valvatida
Family Goniasteridae

Pseudoarchaster pusillus

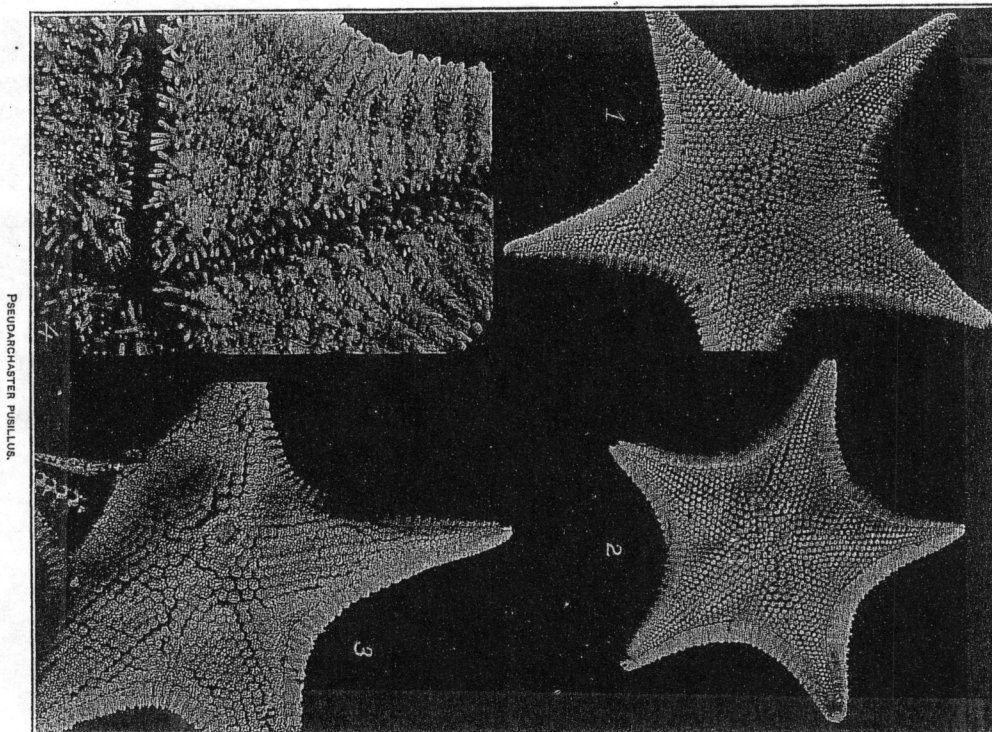
Coloration:

Number of Arms: Five Webbed Rays

Defining Characteristics:

- Short webbed rays
- Flat disk and body (looks similar to Astropecten)
- Easy to see madreporite
- Body has a lot of texture
- Clusters of short paxillae on dorsal surface all spaced equally and distantly
- Body rimmed with large scaled plates (much like Astropecten)
- Scaled body appearance
- Arms not cleaved
- Body strong and firm
- Short spines along the margin and on the oral surface
- Flattened Bat Star

Illustration



PSEUDOARCHASTER PUSILLUS