

# Phylum Echinodermata

Class Asteroidea

Subclass Perischoechinoidea

Superorder Atelostomata

Order Spatangoida

Suborder Micrasterina

**Family Spatangidae**

## *Spatangus californicus*

**Coloration:** Color varies, but typically the test is deep purple with white spines

**Type of Urchin:** Heart Urchin

### Defining Characteristics:

- Ovoid body slightly flattened
- In all color varieties the spines are in contrast color to the test
- Very much in the shape of a heart
- Spines are sharp
- Animal is heavy, may be filled with a lot of sand

## Illustration

