

# MOTTLED ANEMONE

*Urticina crassicornis*

Müller, 1776



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Anthozoa

**Order:** Actiniaria

**Family:** Actiniidae

No recognized subspecies



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UNCOMMON



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**Identification :** Large sea anemone reaching a diameter of 20 cm and height of 30 cm. Small tubercles found on the column walls. Tentacles are blunt-ended and greenish to cream with red striations. Body is greenish to red.

**Range:** The species is found in the southern Arctic Ocean, north-east Pacific Ocean from Alaska to California and north-west Atlantic Ocean from Greenland to Canada.

**Habitat :** Often found in sheltered areas on rocky bottoms, down to 30 meters.

**Behavior:** This anemone takes fishes, crustaceans, sea stars and mollusks. It can live in colonies when food is plentiful. Both sexual and asexual reproduction observed.

**Status in the wild:** The species is locally very common in the wild and has a large range. It isn't known to face any threats to its long term survival.

**In captivity:** This species is one of the commonest of its genus kept in captivity in America and Europe. It is also known from some Asian collections but is rarer there. It has probably never been bred in captivity (at least not with sexual breeding).