

Collecting memories



STARFISH
Asterias rubens

Not a fish but an echinoderm, starfish famously regenerate their limbs. However, they should be handled with care. The patient may even see them move in a tidal pool.



LETTERED OLIVE
Americoliva sayana

This olive varies from gray to reddish-brown with zigzag markings and lives near shore or on sand flats near inlets.



TRUE TULIP
Fasciolaria tulipa

This shell can be distinguished from a banded tulip by the 15 or more brown lines on the main body. Grows up to 9.5" in length.



COCKLE
Cerastoderma edule

Often mistaken for a scallop, this bivalve is notable for the riotous profusion of colors it comes in. Often used by shellers to make ornaments, necklaces and other accessories.



KEYHOLE URCHIN
Mellita quinquiesperforata

Commonly known as the sand dollar, this urchin is disc-shaped and is identified by its five keyhole slots. Please do not take any living sand dollars from their habitat.



LIGHTNING WHELK
Busycon contrarium

This ribbed whelk with its distinctive alternating bands was used by Native American tribes to fashion both tools and jewelry. Often found in both sand and muddy areas.



ATLANTIC COQUINA
Donax variabilis

These tiny treasures, once home to a species of clam no bigger than an inch, can be found in an assortment of beautiful colors with a variety of markings. Search for these shells to collect, and keep an eye out for live coquinas to show up in the surf.



BABY'S EAR
Sinum perspectivum

Look for this roundish shell on your stroll down the beach. It's usually solid white with a shallow coil. Don't be fooled by its delicate look. This shell was once home to a carnivorous creature!



MOON SNAIL
Naticarius canrena

This beautiful shell can be identified by its semi-transparency. Its former occupant is known to feed on other snail and clam species.