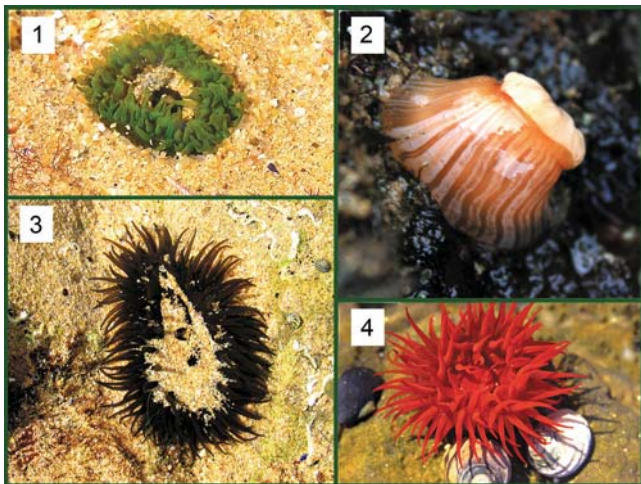


Anemones

(Phylum: Cnidaria)



Related to jellyfish and corals, anemones are carnivores capturing food using sticky tentacles lined with specialised stinging cells. These cells fire venom laden harpoons into their prey on contact. To humans this feels sticky but to small animals this is deadly! While under water, anemones extend their tentacles to capture food. When the tide has fallen anemones withdraw tentacles to reduce water loss from their soft bodies.

	Name	Description
1	<i>Aulactinia verata</i> Green Anemone	Algae living inside this anemone's tentacles allow them to make their own food in sunlight in return for a safe environment for the plants.
2	<i>Anthothoe albocincta</i> Striped Anemone	With striped orange and white column and white tentacles, this small anemone forms small colonies on the underside of rocks.
3	<i>Aulactinia sp</i> Brown Anemone	Attached to a rocky base these anemones are often covered in sand allowing them to withdraw when the tide is out.
4	<i>Actinia tenebrosa</i> Waratah Anemone	Often appearing as red blobs on rocks at low tide the colour makes this one of the most conspicuous anemones on the rocks.