

Phylum Echinodermata
Class Asteroidea
Order Paxillosida
Family Astropectinidae

Astropecten armatus

Coloration: Uniform light tan to gray

Number of Arms: Five Rays

Defining Characteristics:

- Short and stubby rays, looking like a traditional drawing of a star
- No real central disk
- Easy to see madreporite
- Heavy smooth scales surrounding entire sea star
- Large notable knobs or spines on inter-radial parts of the disk
- Individual paxillae all same height and close together so the texture looks smooth
- Arms clearly cleaved
- Large spines around the central aspect of the disk radiating from the side
- No dorsal spines

Illustration

