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