

Phylum Echinodermata

Class Asterozoa

Subclass Perischoechinozoa

Superorder Echinozoa

Order Echinozoa

Family Strongylocentrotidae

Strongylocentrotus franciscanus

Coloration: The test and spines are a deep purple, almost black

Type of Urchin: Regular

Defining Characteristics:

- Largest regular urchin on the West Coast (2mm – 150mm)
- Young individuals have long slender spines
- Juveniles are light brown
- Spines are on average 8 cm
- Common commercial urchin, gonads

Illustration

