

Phylum Echinodermata  
Class Asteroidea  
Order Forcipulatida  
Family Asteriidae

***Stylasterias forreri***

**Coloration:** Uniform light brown to gray

**Number of Arms:** Five Rays

**Defining Characteristics:**

- Long and slender rays
- Disk very small
- Dorsal spines slender, tapered, smooth
- Dorsal spines are heavily wreathed by basal cushions
- Spines are well separated, long and numerous
- Cushions are huge and flower like in appearance
- Arms cleaved sharply
- Cushions large and conspicuous, each one in contact with another
- Fleshy in appearance

**Illustration**

