

Red Octopus



Photo: Margaret Homering

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Octopus rubescens*

MOLLUSK (mol·lusk) soft-bodied animal

LIFE STAGE: Juvenile, ~2-4mm in length

FEEDING HABITS: Adults are benthic predators that feed on crustaceans including small crabs, other mollusks and fishes.

FUN FACT: The red octopus has millions of tiny colored cells called chromatophores that the animal can control to change color for defense, camouflage or attracting a mate!