



TOP 10 LOCAL STRANDLINE FINDS

Have a look out for these next time you're on the beach

Sea Potato



(c) Elina Doss

Sea potatoes are a type of urchin. Look out for their empty shells (or 'tests').

Common whelk egg cases



Look out for empty egg 'masses' (egg cases stuck together).

Mermaid's purses (shark / ray / skate egg cases)

Young sharks, rays or skates grow inside these cases then hatch out.

Small-spotted Catshark



Shark egg cases are long with tendrils

Ray



(c) Helen Bradshaw

Ray egg cases are more square, without tendrils

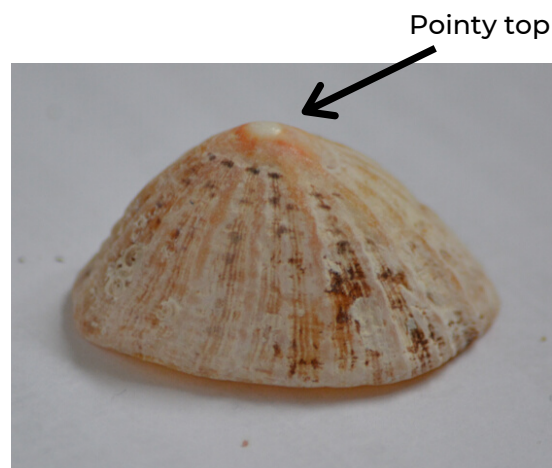
Common Cockle



No spikey bits

Found on sand and mud. Prickly cockles are also seen but these have spikey bits on the end of the ribs

Limpet



Pointy top



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Trumpet Worm Case



These worms make cases out of sand. Empty cases are often seen on the strandline.

Sand Mason Worm Case



Look out for empty cases made by the worm. Those poking up straight out the sand will have live worms beneath

Hornwrack

Although it looks like seaweed, hornwrack is a bryozoan. Its a colony of thousands of tiny animals growing together!



Look closely to see the individual spaces for each animal



Egg wrack



Single bladders (not in pairs)

Grows on rocky shores by washed up strands can be found elsewhere.

Lugworm Cast



Look for a hole near to a pile of sand. The pile of sand ('cast') is essentially the worms poo.