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“CRITTER OF THE MONTH”



NUDIBRANCHS are the only sea slug that lose their shells as adults. They have few natural predators. Most species feed on stationary sources such as sponges, hydroids and corals. Some are predators and feed on other nudibranchs.

The **GLOOMY NUDIBRANCH** is so-named for it's wrinkly, olive skin but this guy is anything but gloomy. A bright blue margin, a blue head band and five, bright blue rounded spots down the back add color and contrast. A large circle of branched gills sprouts from the center of the back. They grow to about 3” and are frequently found in groups of two to three individuals.

GLOOMY NUDIBRANCH

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