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“GLOOMY” NUDIBRANCH (SEA SLUG)



Nudibranchs, or sea slugs, and their relatives are related to snails but in the evolutionary process they have abandoned their shells in favor of chemical defenses such as acids, toxins and stings! The “Gloomy ” have wrinkly skin; are dark olive green in color, but appear almost black underwater. A bright blue margin, a blue headband and five round blue spots add color and contrast. The sprouts on the tops are actually his gills. We think this guy is anything but “gloomy” and should be re-named!

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WATER TEMP. 76 VIZ: 100'+
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