

Neptune's Necklace *Hormosira banksii*

Where to look:

Mid to lower shore (mid to low tide). Rock pools, rock surface and washed up on beaches; can be found in NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA



Small, brown seaweed (algae) which resembles a beaded necklace



Each bead is covered in many pores, giving it a rough surface

Strings of hollow, water-filled, round or oval-shaped beads joined together by a short stalk

Similar species:

Neptune's Necklace is a very distinctive seaweed which is hard to confuse with any other seaweeds which are often larger, brown in colour and have leaf-like rather than bead-like fronds.

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