



NORTHERN SEA STAR

*Asterias vulgaris*

### **Habitat**

These spiny creatures prefer to live in saltwater in the tide pools of rocky beaches.

### **Food**

Clams, oysters, and mussels

### **Predators**

They are preyed upon by fish and sea birds like gulls and osprey.

### **Reproduction**

They release egg and sperm freely into the water in a process call external fertilization.

### **Where are they today?**

They are very rare around the coast of Manhattan.