



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.