## Phylum Echinodermata Class Asteroidea Order Forcipulatida Family Asteriidae

## Stylasterias forreri

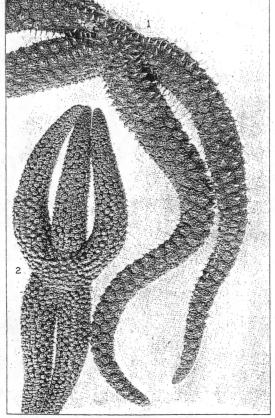
Coloration: Uniform light brown to gray

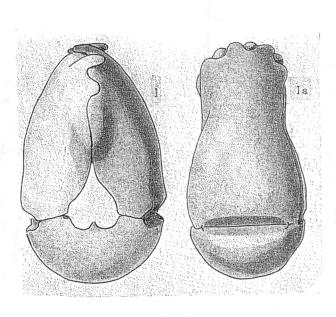
Number of Arms: Five Rays

## **Defining Characteristics:**

- Long and slender rays
- Disk very small
- Dorsal spines slender, tapered, smooth
- Dorsal spines are heavily wreathed by basal cushions
- Spines are well separated, long and numerous
- Cushions are huge and flower like in appearance
- Arms cleaved sharply
- Cushions large and conspicuous, each one in contact with another
- Fleshy in appearance

## Illustration





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