

Phylum Echinodermata

Class Asteroidea

Subclass Perischoechinoidea

Superorder Echinacea

Order Temnopleuroida

Family Toxopneustidae

Lytechinus pictus

Coloration: Test is dark gray, basal half of the spines are usually white, while the distal ends are gray, brown, or red purple.

Type of Urchin: Regular

Defining Characteristics:

- Limited to low wave energy
- The test is thin and delicate
- Spines are short, thick, blunt, and dark in color
- Juveniles have a test that is rose colored, purple, or violet
- Test diameter can reach 40mm
- Young urchins may have banded spines

Illustration

