

**CORAL CAP SPECIES OF  
FLOWER GARDEN BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

Classification	Common name	Scientific Name
<b>Sponges</b>		
<b>Calcareous Sponges</b>		<i>Leuconia aspera</i>
<b>Sponges</b>		<i>Acanthella cubensis</i>
	Orange Elephant Ear Sponge	<i>Agelas clathrodes</i>
	Brain Sponge	<i>Agelas cf. cerebrum</i>
		<i>Agelas dispar</i>
	Branching Tube Sponge	<i>Aiolochoxia crassa</i> ( <i>Pseudoceratina crassa</i> )
		<i>Ancorina sp.</i>
	Brown Volcano Carpet/Brown Variable Sponge	<i>Anthosigmella varians</i>
	Sulphur Sponge	<i>Aplysilla sulfurea</i>
	Row Pore Rope Sponge	<i>Aplysina cauliformes</i>
		<i>Auletta sycinularia</i>
		<i>Batzella rubra</i>
	Branching Vase Sponge	<i>Callyspongia vaginalis</i>
	Chicken Liver Sponge	<i>Chondrilla nucula</i>
		<i>Chondrosia sp.</i>
		<i>Clathria sp.</i>
	Red Boring Sponge	<i>Cliona delitrix</i>
		<i>Cliona schmidtii</i>
		<i>Corallistes typus</i>
		<i>Didiscus oxeata</i>
	Ethereal/Heavenly Sponge	<i>Dysidea etheria</i>
	Brown Encrusting Octopus Sponge	<i>Ectyoplasia ferox</i>
		<i>Epipolasis sp.</i>
		<i>Erylus alleni</i>
		<i>Erylus trisphaera</i>
		<i>Geodia gibberosa</i>
		<i>Halichondria sp.</i>
		<i>Haliclona sp.</i>
		<i>Higginsia coralloides</i>
	Stinker Sponge	<i>Ircinia felix</i>
	Black-ball Sponge	<i>Ircinia strobilina</i>
		<i>Mycale angulosa</i>
	Strawberry Vase Sponge	<i>Mycale laxissima</i>
		<i>Myriastria fibrosa</i>
	Convolutated Orange Sponge	<i>Myrmekioderma gyroderma</i>
	Touch-me-not Sponge	<i>Neofibularia nolitangere</i>
		<i>Neofibularia nolitangere oxeata</i>
		<i>Neopetrosia sp.</i>
	Lavender Rope Sponge	<i>Niphates erecta</i>

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		<i>Petrosia sp.</i>
		<i>Placsphaerastra antillensis</i>
		<i>Placospongia melobesioides</i>
		<i>Plakortis zyggompha</i>
		<i>Ptilocaulis sp.</i>
		<i>Rhizaxinella clava</i>
		<i>Rhizochalina sp.</i>
	Variable Boring Sponge	<i>Siphonodictyon coralliphagum</i>
	Loggerhead Sponge	<i>Spheciospongia vesparium</i>
		<i>Spirastrella cunctatrix</i>
	Yellow Sponge	<i>Spongia barbara</i>
		<i>Stellata sp.</i>
	Orange Lumpy Encrusting Sponge	<i>Ulosa ruetzleri</i>
		<i>Verongia cauliformis</i>
		<i>Verongula reiswigi</i>
	Giant Barrel Sponge	<i>Xestospongia muta</i>
		<i>Yucatania sphaeroidocladus</i>