

Snakelocks anemone (*Anemonia viridis*)

Each month, the **iWatchWildlife** Project choose a wildlife species that we'd like to know more about. We ask people to tell us when they spot that species, so we can then make it into a Species Record. Species records are important because the more we know - the better we can protect our local wildlife.

In **August**, we will be collecting records of **Snakelocks anemone**.



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How to spot a Snakelocks anemone:

- marine creature which lives attached to rocks
- long, wavy snake-like tentacles
- tentacles are usually green with purple tips (in deeper water they are grey in colour)
- rockpools, reefs and man-made structures exposed at low tide are the best places to find them
- they grow to around 8cm in diameter with tentacles up to 15cm

About Snakelocks anemone:

- sometimes found in groups
- they do not retract their tentacles when disturbed or out of water
- they catch plankton and tiny animals from the water with their stinging tentacles
- are an indicator of changing sea temperatures, spreading north as temperatures increase
- under Ryde Pier, Bembridge and Horse Ledges and Freshwater Bay are good places to spot them

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