

Jiggling Jellyfish

Jellyfish have soft "jelly" like bodies and lots of dangling tentacles. They spend their lives drifting in the open sea, stinging their food with the many stinging cells on their tentacles.

Jellyfish are 95% water and have no brain, heart or blood!

Barrel Jellyfish

Rhizostoma pulmo



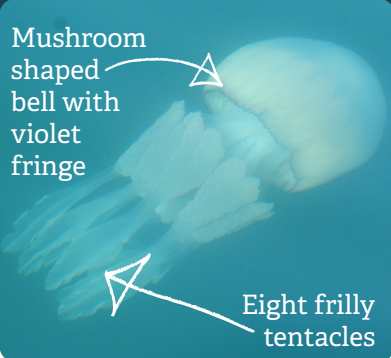
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Bell up to 80cm across.
Size of a dustbin lid.



Barrel jellyfish are a favoured food of leatherback turtles

Large translucent jellyfish



On the beach:



It keeps its chunky domed form when washed ashore. The thick, pinkish tentacles are often still attached to the bell. They can be seen in Winter.

Lion's Mane Jellyfish

Cyanea capillata



Slefren Mwing Llew

Bell up to 50cm across.
Size of child's bike wheel.



The largest Lion's mane ever recorded was 36.5m long making it longer than a blue whale!

Large brown-red jellyfish



On the beach:



Colour ranges from bright red to dirty brown depending on how long the jellyfish has been on the shore. It's tentacles can trail a long way away from the bell.

Compass Jellyfish

Chrysaora hysoscella



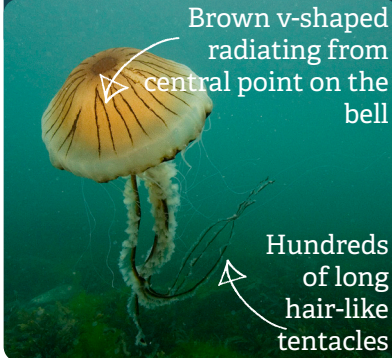
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Bell up to 30cm across.
Size of toddler's bike wheel.

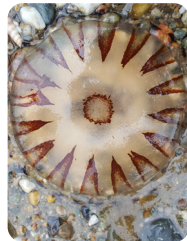


Young fish use compass jellyfish tentacles as a protection from predators.

Medium sized translucent yellow-white jellyfish



On the beach:



The striking radiating lines make this jellyfish easy to identify even on the beach. The frilly arms can sometimes be seen trailing away from the bell.

Moon Jellyfish

Aurelia aurita



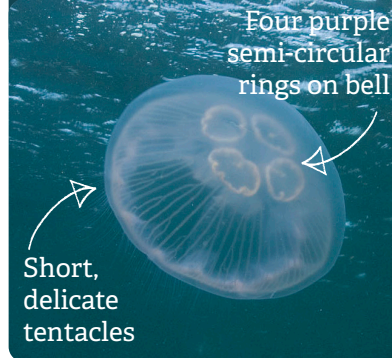
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Bell up to 25cm across.
Size of a dinner plate.



Moon jellyfish are social and drift around our seas in groups

Small translucent, dome shaped jellyfish



On the beach:



This jellyfish is translucent so can blend in with the sand when it is washed ashore. The purple/pink crescent shape rings will stand out from the background.

Blue Jellyfish

Cyanea lamarckii



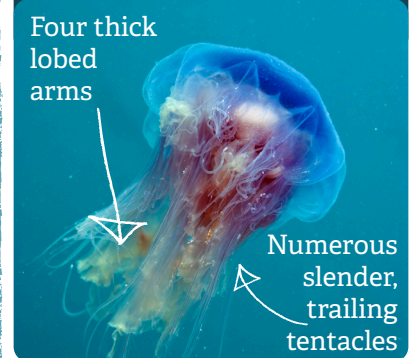
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Bell usually less than 20cm across. Size of a side plate.



Blue jellyfish can be colourless when they are young

Small jellyfish, ranging from yellow to purple/blue



On the beach:



They are delicate when washed ashore and loose tentacles can be found. Not always blue, so can easily be confused with a Lion's Mane Jellyfish.

What is it?



Do not touch - jellyfish can sting even when beached!



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