

White Plume Anemone



Description: These anemones come in several different colors such as white, brown, or orange. They have fleshy columns and are taller than they are wide. The white plumed anemones can grow up to 3 feet in height and can live for several decades! The oral disc is lobed with hundreds of fleshy tentacles.

Though they look like plants, these are actually animals within the Cnidarian group. Their relatives are jellyfish, corals, and other anemones.

White Plume Anemones are also known as Metridiums. They are found in colder water off the Pacific Coast from Alaska to California.

Defense: For protection these anemones possess stinging cells called "nematocysts" on their tentacles. These stinging cells have harpoon-like darts full of toxins ready to be injected into their predators or prey.

Feeding: White plumed anemones are filter feeders. Anemones will use their tentacles to pull out plankton from the water.

