

# Two-Spotted Octopus



Description: A two-spotted octopus has eight arms with suction cups that it uses to crawl and catch food. It is usually gray, olive-brown or reddish in color. If the octopus is in danger, it may jet away using its siphon. Two blue, eyelike spots just below its eyes give the octopus its name.

Defense: An octopus is one of the most intelligent animals. It can change its color and texture to blend in with its surroundings, shoot ink to distract predators, bite with its sharp beak, use its siphon to swim away very rapidly, and hide under rocks and crevices.

Where it is Found: The two-spotted octopus can be found from northern Baja California to central California.

Diet: These octopi use their sharp bird-like beak to pierce their prey's exoskeleton. They like to eat limpets, snails, clams, hermit crabs and small fishes.

WOW!!! An octopus only lives for about 3 years!