## Edmundsella pedata

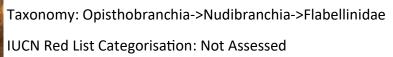
## Nudibranch (Mollusca:Gastropoda)



A bright pink or violet species *E. pedata* is the only pink/ violet nudibranch in Irish waters and can grow up to 48mm in length<sup>1</sup>. Egg masses are thin white spirals, coiled around *E. ramosum*<sup>1</sup>.

Unlikely to be confused with any other species found in Irish waters.

This species was formerly known as Flabellina pedata.



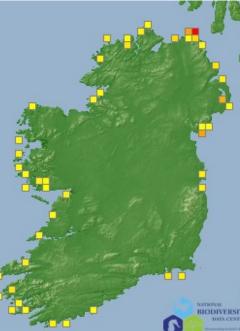
Nudibranchs are small, generally colourful, molluscs lacking an external shell, hermaphrodites and exclusively marine. Of the 3,000 species that occur worldwide, 5% are found in the British Isles<sup>1</sup>. Larvae of the species are planktonic with spawning occurring May to September<sup>1</sup>. *E. pedata* is found from Norway to the western Mediterranean and feeds on *Eudendrium ramosum* (L.), a species of hydroid<sup>1</sup>.





What dive sites can I see it at?

New Quay, Co Clare; St John's Point, Co Donegal; Carrick-avea, Inis Turk; Ardbear (Salt Lake), Co Galway; Kilkieran Bay, Co. Galway; Bere Island, Co Cork; Dalkey Bay, Co Dublin.



1. Thompson, T.E. & Brown, G.H. Biology of Opisthobranch Molluscs Volume II

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