A Compiled Key To The Living Sea Urchins
In And Around The Hawaiian Islands

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Preface

This key is based substantially upon the monumental work of Theodor Mortensen. It is a key of only the living sea urchins in the Hawaiian area known as of 1950 and does not include any extinct species. This key is divided into four sections. First, is a complete list of the urchins known from the Hawaiian area. Second, is the key itself starting on page 1 with the regular/irregular urchins categorized into the major orders. The orders are separated by pages to ease navigating through the key, except in those orders with only a few species. For example, the orders *Lepidocentridae* and *Stirodonta* are combined on page 1 as there are only two species in each. Third, I've included a dictionary of terms to aid in deciphering the words used in the key. And fourth, a number of figures provide pictorial descriptions.

The reader is further directed towards the individual species descriptions found in Mortensen's *Monograph to the Echinoidea* and Agassiz & Clark's *Hawaiian and Other Pacific Echini* to verify the sample they wish to key. A complete description of all the species listed herein was judged beyond the scope of this report. The key includes 8 orders, 11 suborders, 20 families, 5 subfamilies, 52 genera, and 72 species, 31 of which are known to occur in depths of less than 100 feet. One species, *Acesta ovata* is known to occur in depths of greater than 12,000 feet.

There were two areas of discussion in recent years. The first was the separation of *Echinometra mathaei* and *Echinometra oblonga* into separate species. Mortensen's keys list *E. oblonga* as a variety of *E. mathaei* and not as a separate species. Kelso (1970) and Metz (1990) both agreed that these two urchins should be separate species. According to Matsuoka and Hatanaka (1991), one of the color variations of *E. mathaei* in Japan is black which would make visual differentiation of this species and *E. oblonga* very difficult. My modification to Mortensen's key using the black color to differentiate *E. mathaei* and *E. oblonga* in Hawaii was based on Kelso's study that suggested that all black colored *Echinometra* were *E. oblonga*. However, this may be in error in view of the black variety of *E. mathaei* found in Japan and should be used with due caution. Uehara and Shingaki (1984 & 1985) and Matsuoka and Hatanaka (1991) go even further to suggest that the four different color variations in *E. mathaei* in Japan may be separated into four different species. This may be an area of further study.

The second area of discussion is the proper placement of the genera *Tripneustes* and *Pseudochaetetis* into the Families *Strongylocentrotidae*, as proposed by H. L. Clark or *Toxopneustidae*, as proposed by Mortensen. Matsuoka (1985) agrees with Mortensen's assessment on the basis of genetic differentiation. It appears that such genetic work may be valuable in solving other differences in classification.

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According to Mortensen

Phylum Echinodermata
  Subphylum Eleutherozoa
  Class Echinoidea
    Subclass Regularia or Endocyclica
      Order Cidaroida (2 families)
        Family Cidaridae (3 subfamilies)
        SubFamily Stereocidarinae (7 groups)
          Group Histocidarina (2 genera)
            Genus Histocidaris (15 species)
              Histocidaris variabilis (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
          Group Stereocidarina (3 genera)
            Genus Stereocidaris (23 species)
              Stereocidaris hawaiensis (Mortensen)
              Stereocidaris leucacantha (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
          Group Stylocidarina (16 genera)
            Genus Acanthocidaris (4 species)
              Acanthocidaris hastigera (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
            Genus Stylocidaris (19 species)
              Stylocidaris rufa (Mortensen)
              Stylocidaris calacantha (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
            Genus Euclidaris (5 species)
              Euclidaris metularia (Lamarck)
            Genus Actinocidaris (1 species)
              Actinocidaris Thomasi (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
            Genus Plococidaris (1 species)
              Plococidaris verticillata (Lamarck)
            Genus Prionocidaris (8 species)
              Prionocidaris hawaiensis (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
          Group Rhabdocidarina (3 genera)
            Rhabdocidaris (2 species)
              Chondrocidaris gigantea (A. Agassiz)

Subclass Echinoidea vera
  Order Lepidocentroida (1 recent, 1 extinct families)
    Family Echinothuriidae (4 subfamilies)
      Subfamily Phormosominae (3 genera)
        Genus Phormosoma (5 species)
          Phormosoma bursarium (A. Agassiz)
        Subfamily Asthenosominae (7 genera, 1 extinct)
          Genus Sperosoma (10 species)
            Sperosoma obscurum (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
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Order Stirodonta (2 suborders)
  Suborder Calycina (2 families)
    Family Saleniidae (2 subfamilies)
      Subfamily Saleninae (6 genera)
        Genus Salencidaris (10 species)
          Salencidaris crassipina (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
          Salencidaris miliaris (A. Agassiz)
    Suborder Phymosomina (6 mostly extinct families)
      Family Arbaciidae (8 genera, 14 fossil genera)
        Genus Habrocidaris (2 species)
          Habrocidaris argentea (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
        Genus Podocidaris (3 species)
          Podocidaris ornata (H.L. Clark)

Order Aulodonta (3 suborders)
  Suborder Aspidodiademina (1 family)
    Family Aspidodiadematae (2 genera)
      Genus Aspidodiadema (9 species)
        Aspidodiadema arcticum (Mortensen)
        Aspidodiadema hawaiense (Mortensen)
    Suborder Pedinina (1 family)
      Family Pedinidae (14 genera)
        Genus Caenopedina (9 species)
          Caenopedina hawaiensis (H.L. Clark)
          Caenopedina pulchella (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
    Suborder Diademina (2 families)
      Family Diadematae (12 genera)
        Genus Astropyga (3 species)
          Astropyga radiata (Leske)
        Genus Chaetodiadema (6 species)
          Chaetodiadema pallidum (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
  Genus Diadema (6 species)
    Diadema paucispinum (A. Agassiz)
  Genus Echinothrix (2 species)
    Echinothrix calamaris (Pallas)
    Echinothrix diadema (Linnaeus)
  Genus Centrostephanus (8 species)
    Centrostephanus asteriscus (A. Agassiz & H.L.Clark)
  Genus Leptodiadema (1 species)
    Leptodiadema purpureum (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
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Order Camarodontia (3 suborders)
  SubOrder Temnopleurina (3 families)
    Family Temnopleuridae (3 subfamilies)
      SubFamily Temnopleurinae (13 genera)
        Genus Temnotrema (12 species)
          **Temnotrema hawaiense** (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)

SubFamily Trigonocidarinae (16 genera)
  Genus Prionechinus (4 species)
    **Prionechinus Agassizi** (420-3310m)
    (Wood-Mason & Alcock)
    **Prionechinus sculptus** (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
  Genus Trigonocidaris (7 species)
    **Trigonocidaris albidoides** (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)

  Genus Orechinus (1 species)
    **Orechinus monolini** (A. Agassiz)
  Genus Lamprechinus (2 species)
    **Lamprechinus sculptus hawaiensis**
    (Mortensen)

Family Toxopneustidae (14 genera)
  Genus Cyrtechinus (1 species)
    **Cyrtechinus verruculatus** (Lütken)
  Genus Tripneustes (3 species)
    **Tripneustes gratilla** (Linnaeus)
  Genus Pseudoboletia (4 species)
    **Pseudoboletia indiana** (Michelin)

SubOrder Echinina (4 families)
  Family Echinometridae (11 existing genera)
    Genus Echinostrephus (2 species)
      **Echinostrephus aciculatus** (A. Agassiz)
    Genus Echinometra (5 species, 3 varieties)
      **Echinometra Mathaei** (Blainville)
      **Echinometra Mathaei oblonga** (Blainville)
    Genus Heterocentrotus (2 species)
      **Heterocentrotus mammillatus** (Linnaeus)
    Genus Colobocentrotus (2 subgenera, 3 species)
      **Colobocentrotus (Podophora) atratus** (Linnaeus)
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Subclass Irregularia
  Order Holcotypoida (2 suborders)
    Suborder Echinoneina (1 family)
      Family Echinoneidae (6 genera)
        Genus Echinoneus (2 species)
          Echinoneus cyclostomus (Leske)
          Echinoneus abnormalis (de Loriol)
        Genus Micropetalon (1 species)
          Micropetalon purpureum (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
  Order Clypeastroida (2 suborders)
    Suborder Clypeastrina (2 families)
      Family Clypeastridae (1 genus, 14 uncertain genera)
        Genus Clypeaster (10 sections)
          Section Clypeaster (3 species)
            Clypeaster eurypetalus (H.L. Clark)
          Section Raphidocyclus (6 species)
            Clypeaster reticulatus (Linnaeus)
            Clypeaster reticulatus sundaicus (Mrtsn)
            Clypeaster lytopetalus (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
          Section Stolonocyclus (14 species)
            Clypeaster leptocracon (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
  Suborder Laganina (3 families)
    Family Fibulariidae (10 genera)
      Genus Echinoxyamus (1 subgenera, 18 species, 1 uncertain species)
        Echinoxyamus crispus (Mazzetti)
        Echinoxyamus scaber (de Meijere)
        Echinoxyamus megapetalus (H.L. Clark)
        Echinoxyamus incertus (H.L. Clark)
      SubGenus Mortonia (2 species)
        Echinoxyamus (Mortonia) australis (Desmoulins)
    Family Laganidae (2 genera)
      Genus Peronella (15 species)
        Peronella strigata (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
  Order Spatangoida (3 suborders)
    Suborder Amphisternata (6 families)
      Family Paleopneustidae (1 subfamily, 24 genera)
        Genus Argopatagus (2 species)
        Argopatagus vitreus (A. Agassiz)
        Genus Phrissocystis (2 species)
        Phrissocystis multispina (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
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Genus Pycnolampas (1 species)
   Pycnolampas oviformis (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
Family Aëropsidae (2 genera)
   Genus Aceste (3 species)
      Aceste ovata (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
Family Spatangidae (9 genera)
   Genus Spatangus (10 species)
      Spatangus paucituberculatus (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
Family Loveniidae (1 subfamily, 3 genera)
   Genus Lovenia (10 species)
      Lovenia hawaiensis (Mortensen)
      Lovenia grisea (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
   Genus Pseudolovenia (1 species)
      Pseudolovenia hirsuta (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
Family Schizasteridae (25 genera)
   Genus Hypselaster (9 species)
      Hypselaster maximus (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
Family Brissidae (32 genera)
   Genus Brissopsis (17 species)
      Brissopsis luzonica (Gray)
   Genus Eupatagus (5 species)
      Eupatagus Lymani (Lambert & Thiéry)
      Eupatagus obscurus (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
   Genus Rhinobrissus (4 species)
      Rhinobrissus placopetalus (A. Agassiz & H.L. Clark)
      Rhinobrissus hemiasteroides (A. Agassiz)
   Genus Brissus (4 species)
      Brissus latecarinatus (Leske)
   Genus Metalia (7 species)
      Metalia sternalis (Lamarck)
      Metalia spatagus (Linnaeus)
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Subclass Echinoidea vera

1. Dental apparatus present; periproct within the apical system (Subclass Regularia or Endocyclica) ................................................................. 2
   Dental apparatus present or absent; periproct outside the apical system, in the posterior interambulacrum (Subclass Irregularia or Exocyclica) ....................... page 5
2. Ambulacra continuing over the peristome, there being series of plates between mouth and edge of peristome, 20 or more columns of plates ........................................ 4
   Ambulacra not continuing over the peristome, only a single pair of ambulacral plates, called the buccal plates, between mouth and peristomial edge. Only 20 columns of plates ......................................................... 5
4. Peristome with only the ambulacral series of plates, no series of interradial plates. Primary spines usually not very large, with a cortex layer. Sphaeridia present; gills present or absent (Order Lepidocentroida) ........................................... see below
   Peristome with both ambulacral and interradial series of plates. Primary spines large, with a cortex layer. Sphaeridia absent; gills absent (Order Cidaroida) ........ page 2
5. Teeth unkeeled (Order Aulodonta) .................................................. page 3
   Teeth keeled .......................................................................................... 6
6. Epiphyses not joining over the teeth; foramen open (Order Stirodonta) .......... see below
   Epiphyses joining over the teeth; foramen closed (Order Camarodonta) .......... page 4

Order Lepidocentroida

1. Primary spines of oral side club-shaped, skin-clad, without hoof (Subfamily Phormosominae) ................................................................. Phormosoma bursarium
   Primary spines of oral side terminating with a hoof, not skin-clad, not club-shaped (Subfamily Astenosominae) .................................................... Sperosoma obscurum

Order Stirodonta

1. One or more angular suranal plates in the apical system (Suborder Calycina) .... 2
   No angular suranal plate (Suborder Phymosomina) .................................. 3
3. Apical system large; 5 anal valves. Peristomial membrane scale-covered outside the buccal plates. Papillae of test not arranged in horizontal and vertical rows ................................... Habrocidaris argentea
   Apical system small; 4 anal valves. Peristomial membrane naked outside the buccal plates. Papillae of test arranged in horizontal and vertical rows ........ Podocidaris ornata
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Order Cidaroida

1. No globiferous pedicellariae, only tridentate pedicellariae present (Group Histocidarina) ..................................................... 2
   Globiferous pedicellariae present, tridentate present or absent .................................................. 2
2. Opening of globiferous pedicellariae rather small, terminal, well formed, with a serrate lower lip; the stalk usually with a limb of projecting rods; small globiferous with a distinct end tooth (Group Stylocidarina) ...................................................... 4
   Opening of globiferous pedicellariae usually subterminal, usually not with a distinct lower lip; no limb on the stalk. Small globiferous pedicellariae with or without an end tooth .......................................................................................... 3
3. Pores conjugate; no grooves in the sutures of the coronal plates or on the plates (Group Rhabdocidarina) ................................................................. Chondrocidaridis gigantea
   Pores non-conjugate; often grooves in the sutures of the coronal plates, more rarely on the plates themselves (Group Sterocidarina) ...................... 10
4. Tubercles distinctly crenulate; primary spines very long, flattened, with a long collar ......................................................... Acanthocidaridis hastigera
   Tubercles non-crenulate, or only with faint traces of crenulation. Primary spines not flattened, or if so, not with a long collar ........................................ 5
5. Primary spines distinctly verticillate; test green-mottled ...................... Plococidaridis verticillata
   Primary spines not distinctly verticillate; test not green-mottled ...................................................... 6
6. Pores, in adult specimens, distinctly conjugate. Collar of primary spines usually with red or purple spots or stripes ............................ Prionocidaridis hawaiensis
   Pores not conjugate or at most sub-conjugate; collar of primary spines not spotted or striped with red or purple (but sometimes with brown stripes) ...................................................... 7
7. Pores sub-conjugate. Peristomial ambulacral pores in single series. Primary spines thick and coarse, the surface covered by a coarse reticulation formed by the anastomosing hairs ........................................................................................................ Ananocidaridis Thomasi
   Pores non-conjugate. Peristomial ambulacral pores in single or double series .................................................. 8
8. Primary spines slender, usually tapering to a rather fine point; hairs on surface of shaft usually simple, not anastomosing, sometimes totally lacking. Peristomial ambulacral pores in single series (Genus Stylocidaridis) .................................................. 9
   Primary spines slender or coarse, usually not tapering; if so, there peristomial ambulacral pores partly in double series; hairs on surface of shaft anastomosing and forming a thick spongy coat ......................................................... Euclidaris metularia
9. Primary spines greenish-brown banded, with very small, low spinules arranged in numerous close, but distinct longitudinal series ..................... Stylocidaridis calacantha
   Primary spines light brownish, with numerous low, white spinules, being thus finely spotted ......................................................... Stylocidaridis rufa
10. Military spines slender, erect .......................................................... Stereocidaridis leucocantha
    Military spines broad and flat, more or less scale-like, usually appressed ........................................ Stereocidaridis hawaiensis
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Order *Aulodonta*

1. Primary spines with solid axis; tubercles non-crenulate (Suborder *Pedinina*) ........................................ 3
   Primary spines without solid axis .............................................................. 2

2. Primary spines usually hollow; tubercles crenulate or noncrenulate (Suborder *Diademia*) ................................... 4
   Primary spines with axis divided into compartments separated by fenestrate transverse plates (dissepiments), connect by long thin threads; tubercles strongly crenulate (Suborder *Aspidodiademia*) ........................................ 10

3. Primary spines long, slender, densely thorny, unbanded. Genital plates purplish violet ........................................... *Caenopedina hawaiiensis*

   Primary spines short, thick, smooth not exceeding 1 1/2 horizontal height of test; apical plates brownish rose, conspicuously sculptured in center. Secondary spines white or reddish-white ......................................................... *Caenopedina pulchella*

4. Tubercles crenulate ..................................................................................... 5
   Tubercles non-crenulate ........................................................................ 5

5. Test low, flexible .................................................................................... 6
   Test sub-hemispherical; not flexible, or if flexible, pentagonal ................. 7

6. Pore pairs arranged in single series ...................................................... *Chaetodiadema pallidum*
   Pore pairs arranged in distinct arcs of three ........................................... *Astropyga radiata*

7. Primary ambulacral tubercles conspicuous in two regular series. Ambulacral spines not different from other spines ......................................................... 8
   Primary ambulacral tubercles very small, not in two regular series. Aboral ambulacral spines very fine, setiform, retrorsely barbed at point (Genus *Echinothrix*) .................................................. 9

8. Spines on buccal plates. Globiferous pedicellariae present ..................... *Centrostephanus astericus*
   No spines on buccal plates. No globiferous pedicellaria ......................... *Diadema paucispinum*

9. Primary spines distinctly verticillate, ambulacra usually conspicuously raised aborally, naked sunken median area aborally in interambulacra, ambulacral tubercles not enlarged at ambitus, test color aborally green ........................................... *Echinothrix calamaris*
   Primary spines not verticillate but finely longitudinally ridged; ambulacra not raised aborally, no naked median area in interambulacra, ambial ambulacral tubercles enlarged, test not green aborally .......................................................... *Echinothrix diadema*

10. Primary spines greenish; test on aboral side light purplish ................... *Aspidodiadema hawaiiense*
    Primary spines not greenish, spines and test light violet, primary tubercles elongate-oval; pore pairs in distinct oblique arcs of three at ambitus .................... *Aspidodiadema articum*
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Order Camarodonta

1. Test sculpted or not, if not, gill-slits deep and sharp (Suborder Temnopleurina) .................. 2
   Test not sculpted, gill-slits not deep and sharp (Suborder Echinina) .............................. 10
2. Tubercles usually crenulate. Test usually sculptured (Family Temnopleuridae) .................. 3
   Tubercles smooth. Test not sculptured (Family Toxopneustidae) ................................. 8
3. Angular pores or pits present; sometimes indistinct in adults (Subfamily Temnopleurinae) .... 2
   No angular pores or pits present; elaborate scupture on test, sometimes only on apical system. Tubercles not very dense (Subfamily Trigonocidarinae) ......................... 4
4. Test scupture not distinct. Tubercles non-crenulate, not indented .................................. 5
   Test scupture distinct ..................................... 6
5. Apical system (usually) distinctly sculptured; interambulacral midline sunken ................. 7
   Apical system not, or only slightly sculptured ..................................................... Prionechinus sculptus
   Buccal membrane covered with large plates ......................................................... Trigonocidaris albidiodes
   Buccal membrane naked or with small imbedded plates ........................................... 8
7. Apical system deeply sculptured; valves of globiferous pedicellaria with blade in shape of elongate closed tube ................................................................. Orechinus monodini
   Apical system smooth or feebly sculptured; valves with short, open blade ..................... 9
8. Ambulacral plates trigeminate ......................................................... Lamproechinus sculptus hawaiensis
   Ambulacral plates polyporous ............................................................................... Pseudoboletilla indiana
9. Primary tubercle on each ambulacral plate ......................................................................... 10
   Primary tubercle not regularly on every second ambulacral plate ................................ Tripneustes gratilla
10. Test round, four pore pairs in upper plates ................................................................. 11
    Test transversely elongate ...................................................................................... Echinostrephus aciculatus
11. Long axis through I.A.3-A.I; marginal primary spines not forming a lateral fringe or otherwise specially developed (Genus Echinometra) ........................................... 12
    Long axis through I.A.4-A.II; spines forming lateral fringe; spines very large and heavy ................................................................. Heterocentrotus mammillatus
    Primary spines flattened forming dense mosaic ......................................................... Colobocentrotus (Podosphaera) atratus
13. Spine color other than black ......................................................................................... Echinometra mathaei
    Spine color black ................................................................................................... Echinometra oblonga
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Subclass Irregularia

1. Ambulacra simple, not forming petals aborally or phyllodes adorally. Peristome central. Dental apparatus present or more or less reduced or completely resorbed. Test high, not broad (Order Holcotypoida) ........................................... 3
   Ambulacra petaloid aborally, test broad ........................................... 2

2. Dental apparatus strongly developed, no phyllodes (Order Cypseastroida) ........................................... 5
   Dental apparatus not present, phylloids more or less developed (Order Spatangoida) ........................................... page 6

3. Apical system with separate genital plates; abial pores with peripodium rudimentary or lacking ........................................... Micropetalon purpureum
   Apical system compact, genital plates not separate; pores with distinct peripodium throughout ambulacrum (Genus Echinoneus) ........................................... 4

4. Primary tubercles imperforate; glassy tubercles well developed ........ Echinoneus cyclostomus
   Primary tubercles perforate; glassy tubercles small or lacking .......... Echinoneus abnormalis

5. Plates of petals alternating primary and demi-plates. Auricles separate. Aboral military spines simply serrate, never terminating in a regular crown (Suborder Cypseastrina,
   Family Cypseastridae) .......................................................................... 6
   Plates of petals all primaries. Auricles fused. Aboral military spines terminating in
   regular crown or glandular bag (Suborder Laganina) ............................ 10

6. Test without distinct margin. Internal skeleton forming newly complete inner wall, test being thus double ........ Cypseaster euryptetalus
   Test usually with distinct margin. Internal skeleton consisting of more or less isolated
   lamellae or pillars, not forming complete inner wall, test not double ........... 7

7. Test very concave on oral side; marginal internal skeleton (lamellae) very reduced or
   lacking (Section Rhaphidoclypus) ..................................................... 8
   Test more or less flat on oral side, at least not markedly concave; marginal internal
   skeleton (lamellae) usually strongly developed (Section Stolonoclypus) .......... Cypseaster leptostracon

8. Edge of test usually markedly thickened; petaloid area somewhat depressed ........................................... Cypseaster reticulatus
   Edge of test not markedly thickened; petaloid area not depressed ........... 9

9. Petals all closed; test low and thin ........................................... Cypseaster reticulatus sundaicus
   At least frontal petal open; test not very low and thin......................... Cypseaster lytopetalus

10. Small forms of more or less ovoid shape, rarely flattened. Petals short, more or less
    rudimentary (Family Fibulariidae) ................................................... 11
    Usually medium size forms, very flattened, discoidal. Petals well developed .......... Peronella strigata

11. Periproct naked, usually covered by five radiating plates ........................................... Echinocymus (Mortonia) australis
    Periproct covered with spines, periproctal plates irregular .......... 12

12. Petals large, continuing to edge of test; pore series diverging ........ Echinocymus megapetalus
    Petals more or less developed, not reaching edge of test; pore series parallel or
    converging ........................................................................... 13

13. Peristome deeply sunken ........................................................................ Echinocymus crispus
    Peristome not deeply sunken ...................................................... 14

14. Aboral side of test with prominent glassy tubercles, higher than the other tubercles .......... Echinocymus scaber
    Glassy tubercles, if present, not very prominent ......................... Echinocymus incertus
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Order *Spatangoida*

1. Petals imperfectly developed or rudimentary (Family *Paleopneustidae*) ........................................... 6
   Petals well developed .................................................................................................................. 2
2. Peristome non-labiate; mouth opening central .............................................................. *Acetoe ovata*
   Peristome labiate; mouth opening not central .................................................................. 3
3. Subanal fasciole present ........................................................................................................... 4
   Subanal fasciole not present (Family *Schizasteridae*) .............................................. *Hypselaster maximus*
4. Inner fasciole present (Family *Loveniidae*) ................................................................. 8
   Inner fasciole not present ...................................................................................................... 5
5. Peripetalous fasciole present (Family *Brissidae*) ......................................................... 10
   Peripetalus fasciole not present (Family *Spatangidae*) ...... *Spatangus paucituberculatus*
6. A more or less conspicuous frontal depression ........................................................................... 7
   No frontal depression ............................................................................................................. *Pycnolamps oviformis*
7. Subanal fasciole present ......................................................................................................... 12
   Subanal fasciole not present .................................................................................................. *Phrissocystis multispina*
8. Paired ambulacra not distinctly petaloid .............................................................................. 13
   Paired ambulacra distinctly petaloid .................................................................................. *Pseudolovenia hirsuta*
9. Posterior end of test deeply sunken forming an anal funnel ........................................ *Lovenia hawaiitensis*
   Posterior end of test vertical, not deeply sunken, at most somewhat concave .......................... *Lovenia grisea*
10. Large primary tubercles on aboral side (Genus *Eupatagus*) .................................................. 16
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11. Subanal plastron reniform ....................................................................................................... 13
    Subanal plastron cordiform, shield-shaped ........................................................................ 12
12. Faint frontal depression ........................................................................................................ *Brissopsis luzonica*
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13. Subanal plastron more or less distinctly projecting downwards or backwards (Genus
   *Rhinobriussus*) .................................................................................................................... 14
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14. Vertex anterior to apical system and very marked ..................................................... *Rhinobriussus hemiasteroides*
    Vertex posterior to apical system and not very marked .................................................... *Rhinobriussus placopetalus*
15. Posterior petals coalescing adapically, the posterior interambulacral without primary
   tubercles adapically .............................................................................................................. *Metalia sternalis*
   Posterior petals not coalescing adapically, the posterior interambulacral with primary
   tubercles till adaptical end ................................................................................................. *Metalia spatagus*
16. No primary tubercles in posterior interambulacra inside peripetalous fasciole
    ............................................................................................................................................... 17
   Few primary tubercles in posterior interambulacra inside peripetalous fasciole
   ............................................................................................................................................... *Eupatagus Lymani*
   ............................................................................................................................................... *Eupatagus obscurus*
Definitions of Terms

**Abactinal system** - apical system
**Abactinal** - aboral
**Aboral** - the side opposite the mouth
**Acetabulum** - cavity in the proximal end of primary spine; where mamelon articulates
**Actinal** - oral
**Actinosome** - peristome
**Adoral** - near the mouth
**Ambitus** - outer edge or margin, outline of test viewed from apical pole
**Ambulacra** - the plates of the test where the pore pairs and tubercles occur
**Ambulacral plates (compound)** - see compound plates
**Ambulacrum (anterior)** - in spatangoids, a narrow band of even width bearing on each side a single row of podia that is generally not altered into a petaloid ambulacra
**Ambulacrum (petaloid)** - one of five ambulacra that form the petal on irregular urchins
**Ambulacrum (posterior)** - opposite the anterior; sometimes towards the anus
**Ampulla** - an internal reservoir, usually a bag of skin, on ring canal of water vascular system
**Anastomosing** - a joining or union of parts
**Annulus** - see milled ring
**Anterior** - ventral, facing outwards from the axis; previous or before
**Anterior ambulacrum** - see ambulacrum
**Anus** - the terminal end of the digestive tract
**Apical spines** - primary or secondary spines on the apical side
**Apical system** - the tip of the aboral side, surrounds the anus in regular Echinoids
**Apophyses** - internal bony structures on test (oral side) to which the lantern muscles attach in Cidarids
**Appressed** - lying flat or pressed closely against
**Areole** - a clear area encircling the boss of the primary or secondary tubercles; for muscle attachment
**Areole (confluent)** - the margins of the areoles merge into each other
**Auricles** - same as apophyses; in Echinoids other than Cidarids; connected radially
**Basal terrace** - a circular impression (indistinct) at the base of the boss, tissue connects boss to spine
**Base** - the proximal end of the primary spine that is closest to the test below the milled ring
**Bifid** - forked
**Bourrelets** - in Cassiduloida, conspicuous prominences formed by the meeting of the single interambulacral plates with the peristome between the phyllodes.
**Boss** - base of primary or secondary tubercles
**Buccal plate** - only one pair of ambulacral plates on peristome in each radius in regular Echinoids
**Buccal tube feet (podia)** - innermost tubefeet on the peristome
**Calcareous plate of peristome** - see peristomal plates
Definitions of Terms

**Central core** - an irregular calcareous meshwork found in the center of the primary spine shaft

**Collar (collerette)** - the area of the primary spine immediately above the milled ring; has no cortex

**Compound plate** - ambulacral plates composed of two or more primary plates

**Compound plate (diademoid)** - having three full-sized primary plates

**Compound plate (arbacioid)** - having a median primary plate with a demiplate to either side

**Compound plate (echinoid)** - having two primary plates with a demiplate between their outer ends

**Confluent** - see areole

**Conjugate** - two pores united by a furrow or depression

**Cordiform** - heart shaped

**Corona** - test except for apical and peristomal plates

**Coronal plates** - plates on the corona

**Cortex** - the outer most layer of the spine

**Crenulate** - impressions along the edge of the parapet

**Demiplates** - plates that do not reach from the outer to the inner edge of the compound plate

**Dental apparatus (lantern)** - the chewing bony parts of the mouth; epiphyses, pyramid, tooth, etc.

**Dermal gill** - a gill on the dermal surface

**Dicyclic apex** - see ocular plate exsert

**Diploporous** - the pore pairs on the peristome are displaced and not in straight series

**Distal** - end furthest from the organism’s midline

**Endocyclic** - having an apical system with double circle of plates surrounding anus; regular urchins

**End tooth** - a usually sharp fang-like calcareous projection at the end of pedicellaria

**Epiphyses** - a stout bar firmly fused to alveolus of each jaw and articulating with rotulae

**Ethmophract** - a condition in which the apical system has ocular and genital plates encircling the madreporite

**Ethmolytic** - a madreporite that has moved from the center of the genital plates to an outer position

**Exocyclic** - periproct lies outside the apical system; irregular urchins

**Exsert** - see ocular plates exsert

**Excavate** - to make or be hollow

**Excursive** - to curve outwards from center

**Fasciole** - a ciliated band that sweeps water over surrounding parts; usually in irregular urchins

**Fasciole (internal)** - a fasciole that encloses the aboral apex and much of the anterior ambulacrum

**Fasciole (lateral)** - a fasciole that runs from the peripetalous fasciole backward toward the posterior
Definitions of Terms

Fasciole (peripetalous) - a fasciole surrounding the petals
Fasciole (subanal) - a fasciole near the anus
Foramen (open) - an incomplete opening or hole formed by the epiphyses of the lantern that do not unite above the teeth
Foramen (closed) - a completely formed hole contrary to above
Gemmiform pedicellariae - see pedicellariae globiferous
Genital pore - a pore usually on the outer edge of the genial plate, gametes released through pore
Genital plate - system of plates surrounding the periproct usually with genital pore
Glandular pedicellariae - see pedicellariae globiferous
Hoof - a hard covering on the terminal end of the oral primary spines in Subfamily Astenosominae
Horizontal Diameter (h.d.) - midline ambulacrum to midline of opposite ambulacrum at the ambitus
Imbricating - having parts overlapping each other like roof tiles
Imperforate - not having pores
Internal fasciole - see fasciole (internal)
Insert - see ocular plates insert
Interambulacra - the plates of the test between the ambulacra
Interporiferous zone - the area on the ambulacral plate between the two pairs of pores; between the pore zones
Keel - part of pyramid that resembles the ridge on the keel of a boat
Labiate - lip-like or having lip-like parts
Labrum - a lip-like projection of the posterior interambulacrum in some irregular urchins
Lantern - see dental apparatus
Madreporite - a flat perforated plate at end of interambulacra area or between two such areas
Mamelon - topmost knob of primary or secondary tubercle
Marginal fringe - primary spines along the outermost margin of the test that are sometimes flattened
Marginal tubercle - tubercles along the margin of the test
Marginal series - the columns of spines or tubercles along the margin of the test
Median area of the interambulacra - space between the two series of areoles
Military tubercle - tubercles of military spines
Military spine - very small spines
Milled ring - a raised ring-like usually striated structure near base of primary spine; no cortex
Monocyclic apex - see ocular plate insert
Mouth - the opening of the digestive system
Neck - the portion of the primary spine between the collar/shaft and having a smooth cortex layer
Neuropore - located next to pore pair, nerves for tube feet
Ocular plate - plates at end of ambulacral areas alternating w/ genital plates in apical system
Definitions of Terms

Ocular plate (exsert) - ocular plates not in contact with the periproct
Ocular plate (insert) - ocular plates in contact with the periproct thus separating the genital plates
Oligoporous - plates bearing two or three pore pairs
Oral - towards the mouth
Oral primaries - primary spines on the oral side
Ostracum - see cortex
Papilla - nipple-like projections
Parapet - if present, distinct area between boss and mamelon. Also may be called platform.
Pedicellariae - minute pincher-like structures studding the surface of some echinoderms
Pedicellariae (dactylous) - variant of golobiferous; only in Echinothuriidae;
Pedicellariae (globiferous) - poison gland lies free usually on outside of valve on back
Pedicellariae (globiferous) - poison gland lies inside of valve in special chamber (Cidarids only)
Pedicellariae (globiferous - large) - (Cidarids only) large maybe same size as small
Pedicellariae (globiferous - small) -(Cidarids only) size no easily distinguished
Pedicellariae (ophiocephalous) - mostly on peristome; short, inward curved jaws with blunt tips
Pedicellariae (tridentate) - long, slender valves; no poison gland
Pedicellariae (triphyllous) - three narrow jaws; usually serrated, meeting only at tips
Perforate - a mamelon that has a pit or pore hole for attachment of ligament to spine base
Periproct - the area surrounding the anus in regular echinoids
Periproctal plate - plates making up the periproct
Peristome - region surrounding the mouth
Petal - expanded part of ambulacral areas of certain Echinoidea
Phyllode - a petal-like shape in some irregular urchins created when the oral ends of the ambulacra surrounding the peristome alternate with the interambulacra
Plastron - a bony shield; on the oral side, the area bracketed by the two posterior ambulacra extending from the labrum in front to the periproct behind
Platform - see parapet
Podia (buccal) - see buccal tube feet
Podia (papillate) - aboral podia lacking terminal disks; taper to rounded end; in regular urchins
Podia (penicillate) - greatly altered podia of phylloides; same as buccal podia of regular urchins
Podia (subanal) - large podia enclosed by subanal fasciole
Podia (branchial) - simple or lobed podia of petaloids
Podia (suckered) - podia with terminal disks or suckers
Polyporous - plates bearing more than three pore pairs
Definitions of Terms

Pore Zone - the area on the ambulacral plate encompassing the pore pair
Pore Pair - two holes in the ambulacral plate to which the tube feet attach
Posterior - dorsal, behind the axis
Primary ambulacral tubercle - see marginal tubercle
Primary plates - ambulacral plates in one piece from outer to inner edge; one pore pair per plate
Primary series - see marginal series
Primary spines - the largest spines on the test
Primary tubercle - the area on the test where the primary spines attach
Proximal - end nearest the midline of the organism
Pyramid - the largest bones (5) of the lantern
Radial Plate - see ocular plate
Radiole - see primary spine
Reniform - shaped like a kidney
Reticulate - like network or meshwork; forming a network
Retrorsely - turned or directed backwards
Ridge - aboral side of pores, separates lower from upper part of primary plate
Scrobicule - outermost part of areole, where spine muscles attach to tubercle
Scrobicular tubercles - secondary tubercles set around the edge of the areole in Cidarids
Scrobicular spines - secondary spines found at the base of the primary spines in Cidarids
Sculptured - impressions or raised markings or the patterns of such markings on the surface of the test
Secondary tubercles - the usually smaller tubercles of secondary spines
Secondary spines - usually smaller than primaries; lacking central core and cortex
Series (single) - arranged in one column
Series (double) - arranged in two columns
Setiform - bristle shaped, very finely or closely set
Shaft - the main portion of the primary spine distal from the neck
Sinuate - having a winding, wavy, indented margin
Sphaeridia - minute, glassy, hard, rounded bodies on ambulacral; probably balancing organs
Spinulose - covered with small spines
Steward's Organ - five large bush-shaped growths arranged in pentagon from upper side of lantern
Subanal fasciole - see Fasciole (subanal)
Subconjugate - intermediary between conjugate and not conjugate
Subhemispherical - nearly half sphere in shape
Subterminal opening - the cup-like chamber formed by calcareous bone in some pedicellaria; usually located near or below the end of the pedicellaria
Subvertical - nearly but not quite vertical
Suranal - above anus or anal region
Suture - a line of junction between two parts that are immovably connected
Terminal plate - see ocular plate
Definitions of Terms

**Tertiary spine** - very small spines; see military spine
**Test** - the shell of Echinoderms
**Tooth** - largest of the bones in the dental apparatus if present; usually five in number
**Tridactyle** - see pedicellariae tridentate
**Trifoliate** - see pedicellariae triphyllous
**Trigeminate** - arrangement of pairs of pores in three rows in ambulacra
**Tube feet** - fleshy tube-like organs, some with suckers distally; connected to water vascular system
**Tuberculate** - having or resembling tubercles
**Valve** - the calcareous skeleton of the jaws of pedicellariae
**Vertex** - highest point on test
**Vertical Diameter (v.d.)** - height of corona from oral to aboral end of ambulacrum
**Verticillate** - arranged in or forming a whorl or whorls; a turn or convolution of a spiral
**Wall** - space between the pore pairs
Figure 6. Pedicellariae. A. longitudinal section of a globiferous pedicellaria of *Sphaerechinus* (after Hamann, 1887 in *Hyman*). B. ophiocophalous pedicellaria of diademid *Astropyga* with poison glands on stalk. C. claviform pedicellaria of diademid *Centrostephanus* (after *Hyman*, 1955) D. ophiocophalous pedicellaria of aspidodiademid *Plesiodiadema*, stage of degeneration to claviform condition. (B-D, after *Mortensen, Monogr.*). E. claviform pedicellaria of *Colobocentrotus* (after *Agassiz*, 1908 in *Hyman*). 1. epidermis; 2. dermis; 3. poison sac; 4. glandular lining of poison sac; 5. muscles sheath of poison sac; 6. sensory hillock; 7. adductor muscle; 8. flexor muscle; 9. skeletal rod of stalk; 10. head of ophiocophalous pedicellaria; 11. poison glands of stalk; 12. aperture; 13. nerves; 14. pigment cells. 15. glands of head; 16. jaws; 17. valve or endoskeletal piece of jaws.
Figure 7. Pedicellariae (cont.). A. dactyloous pedicellaria of *Araeosoma thetidis*. B. more advanced type of dactyloous pedicellaria of *Araeosoma violaceum*. (A,B, after Mortensen, Monogr.) C. rostrate pedicellaria. D. tridentate pedicellaria of *Meoma*. (C,D, after Boone, 1933 in Hyman.)
E. ophiocephalous pedicellaria of *Clypeaster rosaceus*. F. tridentate pedicellaria of *Clypeaster rosaceus*. 1. valve; 2. skeletal rod; 3. poison sac.
Figure 10. Lantern. A. vertical section through the lantern and peripharyngeal cavity of Paracentrotus lividus. B. side view of closed foramen in lantern of Tripneustes ventricosus, cleaned (A,B, after Cuenot, 1891 in Hyman). C. top of lantern of B, with compasses removed to show rotules (after Hyman, 1955). D. cross section through a pyramid, aulodont type. E. cross section through a pyramid, camarodont type. (D,E, after Loven, 1892 in Hyman). F. open foramen of diadematin pyramid showing small, separated epiphyses (after Mortensen, Monogr.). G. pyramid of Tripneustes ventricosus seen from the inside (after Hyman, 1955). 1. haemal channel to axial gland; 2. haemal ring; 3. spongy body; 4. compass muscle; 5. dental sac; 6. tooth; 7. coelomic membrane enclosing pharyngeal cavity; 8. peripharyngeal cavity; 9. edge of test; 10. gill; 11. peristomial membrane; 12. pyramid; 13. free ends of teeth; 14. buccal cavity; 15. pharynx; 16. compass; 17. rotule; 18. water ring; 19. radial water canal; 20. comminator muscle; 21. radial haemal sinus; 22. connective tissue support of pharynx; 23. nerve ring; 24. radial nerve; 25. piece of auricle; 26. epiphyses; 27. comminator muscles; 28. projections of epiphyses to hold tooth; 29. half pyramid; 30. section of tooth; 31. keel of tooth; 32. ridges for attachment of comminator muscles.
References


Throughout this document, the term “military” spines are used. This should be “miliary” spines instead.