

## NATIVE TUNICATES

### Tunicate (colonial) - *Synoicum jordani*

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Colonial tunicate, commonly called Sea Pork. Very smooth tunicate, with a rounded shape. Difficult to tell it's a tunicate out of water.
<b>RANGE</b>	Found in Bering Sea and Japan. In Alaska found from the Aleutians to Kachemak Bay. Also found in Washington state.
<b>SIZE</b>	Kachemak Bay samples <10 cm in diameter. To 12 cm.
<b>STATUS</b>	Native
<b>COLOR</b>	Variable, white, pink, orange, peach or brown.
<b>HABITAT</b>	Wave washed rocks, open coast. Locally often seen washed up on beaches after storms.
<b>TIDAL HEIGHT</b>	Lower intertidal, subtidal to 366 m.
<b>SALINITY</b>	25.4 to 33.3 ppt. Kachemak Bay, AK.
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>	-0.4 to 12.4 °C Kachemak Bay, AK.
<b>SIMILAR SPECIES</b>	Often mistaken for a sponge. Members of this Genus and several other compound tunicates are very difficult to tell apart without a microscope.



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