



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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Aeolids: The 'spiky' little nudibranchs



Nudibranchs, sometimes known as “Jewels of the Sea”, are some of the most visually striking of all the oceans’ creatures. Local enthusiast Gary Cobb and friends have spent the past sixteen years recording some 750 species of nudibranchs in our Sunshine Coast waters.

This week at Friday Environment Forum,

Gary Cobb will return as guest speaker to describe an unusual sub-group of nudibranchs known as *aeolids*, the ‘spiky’ nudibranchs.

The *aeolids* are a particularly colourful subgroup of sea slugs or nudibranchs. They come in a wide variety of sizes and colours. Their back is often crowded with cerata, giving the ‘spiky’ appearance. Their shape can vary from flattened to cylindrical and tapering.



When stressed some *aeolids* readily cast off their cerata.

Join the audience at the **Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville** to learn more about how the *aeolids* breathe, eat and defend themselves. Coffee will be on offer from 10am with the **forum commencing at 10.30am**. To enjoy the birds of Wallace Park meet Valda and the Interpretive Birding group in the car park at 8.30am.