

Ramsey Bay Marine Nature Reserve

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Spotter Sheet

Barnacles



These filter-feeding crustaceans are related to crabs and lobsters. Several species are found in Ramsey Bay, including an introduced Australian species.

Eider Duck



The male sea duck is black and white with a green patch behind the head. The female is browngrey. Large 'rafts' of eiders occur off the Point of Ayre.

Sea Sandwort



This succulent perennial coastal plant is adapted to salty conditions, and grows on sandy and stony beaches around Ramsey Bay.

Isle of Man Cabbage



Endemic to the British Isles and named after the island in the 1600s. This biennial, sandyshore plant has bright yellow flowers (Jun-Aug). Endangered and protected species.

Wild Carrot



This perennial produces umbrella like reddish buds that bloom into white flowers during the summer (Jun-Sep); can be seen at Mooragh Shore ASSI.

Greater Pipefish



With its thin, worm like body and distinctive upturned snout it can be mistaken for a seahorse. However, like its relative, males carry their eggs in a brood pouch.

Arctic Tern



Arctic terns visit in summer to nest on the shingle beaches of the north coast, where they are sensitive to disturbance. Dull red legs and blood-red beak.

Razor Shell



This edible bivalve lives buried upright in sand, feeding on plankton via a siphon. The shells may wash ashore after storms. Up to 20 cm.

Butterfish



An eel-like fish found hidden in crevices or rockpools. Distinctive white-ringed black spots on the dorsal fin. Slippery to catch. Also called a rock gunnel.

Cormorant



Large, black bird often seen with outstretched wings on shore and around inland waters. It does this after diving to dry out its feathers which are not waterproof.



