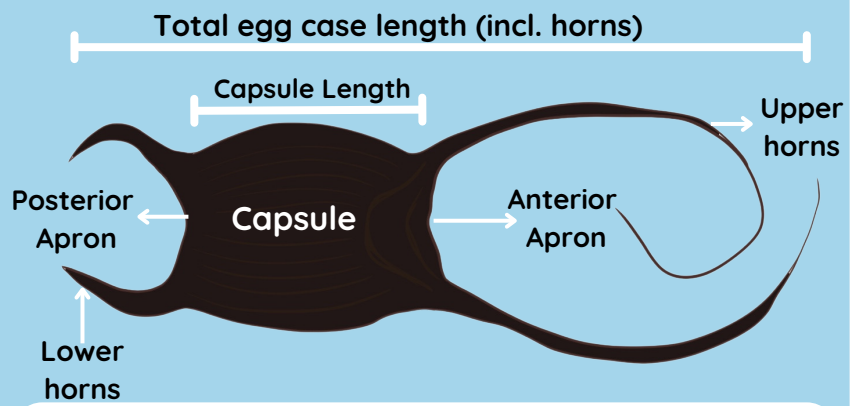




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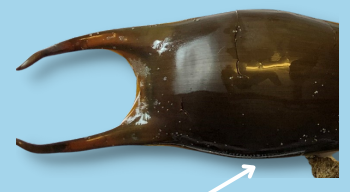


How to Identify Skate Egg Cases



- Collect your egg cases at the beach. Don't forget to check they are empty!
- Soak the egg cases in water overnight to rehydrate for accuracy.
- Measure the length of the egg capsule- EXCLUDING HORNS.
- Check for the presence and thickness of a lateral keel (extra flexible structure on margins) .
- Look at texture - rough, smooth, etc.
- Examine the upper and lower horns - differences, length, etc.

Is a Lateral Keel Present?



Vs




No Lateral Keel Present

Lateral Keel present

Skate Egg Cases

Spotted Skate

Roc breac
Raja montagui




5-6cm

- Lower and upper horns are similar length
- No Lateral Keel Present
- Smooth texture

Thornback Skate

Scite garbh
Raja clavata




5-6cm

- Well formed keels
- Lateral keel present
- Square shape

Small-eyed Skate

Roc ban striocta
Raja microocellata




10-20cm

- Longer upper horns
- Lateral keel present
- Tapered shape

Lengths are for soaked eggcases and exclude horns.

Flapper Skate

Scalaphort
Dipturus intermedius




24cm

- Fibrous, bark-like texture
- Thick lateral keels present

Undulate Skate

Roc dústrioctha
Raja undulata




15-19cm

- Small fringe & additional fibres
- No lateral Keel Present
- Smooth texture

Blonde Skate

Roc fionn
Raja brachyura



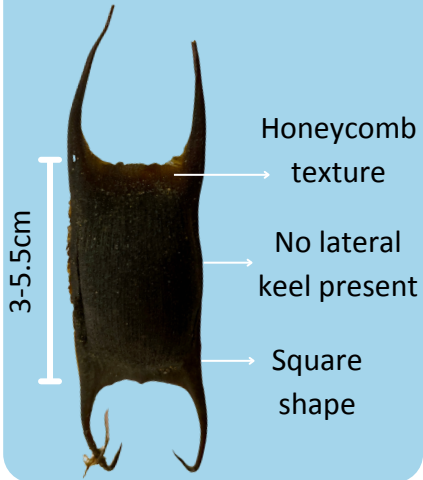
9-12cm

- Narrows at upper horns
- Lateral Keel Present.
- Smooth texture



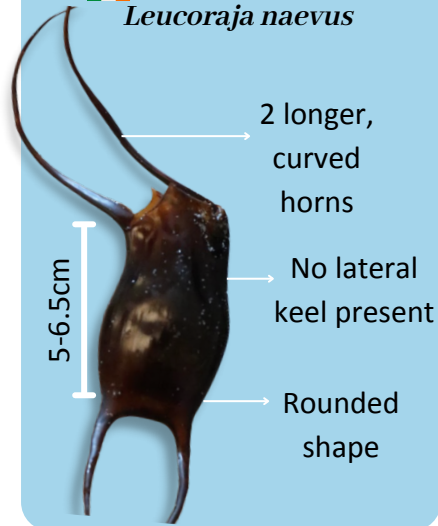
Starry Skate

Scátála réaltach
Ambylyraja radiata



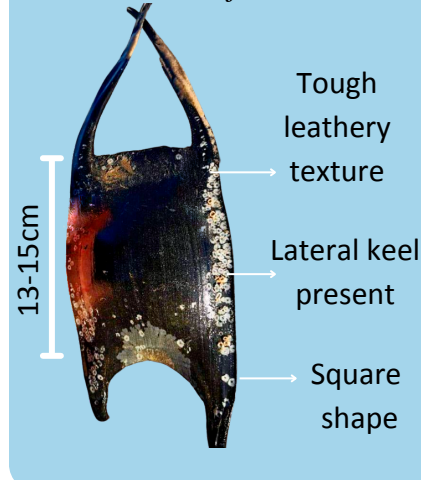
Cuckoo Skate

Roc na sul dabh
Leucoraja naevus



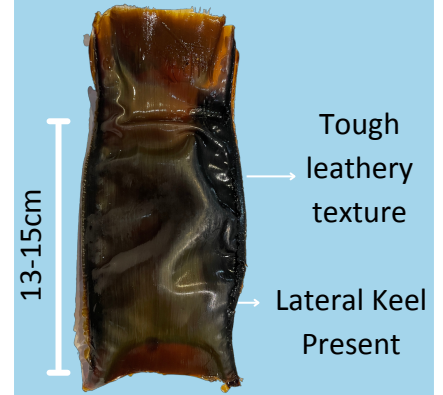
White Skate

Scalaphort ban
Rostoraja alba



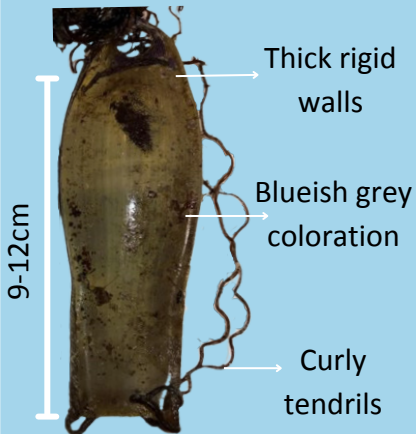
Blue Skate

Scalaphort gorm
Dipturus batis



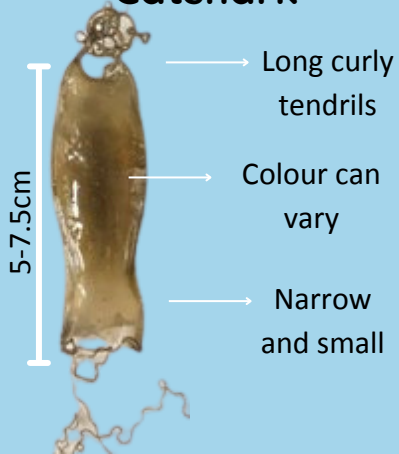
Shark Egg Cases

Nursehound



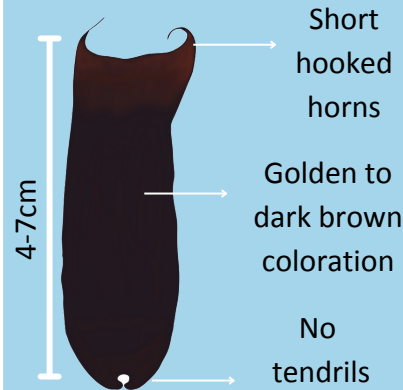
Fallach
Squalus stellaris

Small-Spotted Catshark



Freangach
Scyliorhinus canicula

Black-mouth Catshark



Freangach
Galeus melastomus

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