

**CORAL CAP SPECIES OF
FLOWER GARDEN BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

Classification	Common name	Scientific Name
Sponges		
Calcareous Sponges		<i>Leuconia aspera</i>
Sponges	orange elephant ear sponge	<i>Agelas clathrodes</i>
	branching tube sponge	<i>Agelas dispar</i> <i>Aiolochoiria crassa</i> <i>(Pseudoceratina crassa)</i>
	brown volcano carpet sponge, brown variable sponge	<i>Anthosigmella varians</i>
	row pore rope sponge	<i>Aplysina cauliformes</i>
	branching vase sponge	<i>Callyspongia vaginalis</i>
	chicken liver sponge	<i>Chondrilla nucula</i>
	red boring sponge	<i>Clathria sp.</i> <i>Cliona delitrix</i> <i>Cliona schmidti</i>
	ethereal/heavenly sponge	<i>Dysidea etheria</i>
	brown encrusting octopus sponge	<i>Ectyoplasia ferox</i> <i>Epipolasis sp.</i> <i>Erylus alleni</i> <i>Geodia gibberosa</i> <i>Haliclona sp.</i>
	stinker sponge	<i>Ircinia felix</i>
	black-ball sponge	<i>Ircinia strobilina</i>
	strawberry vase sponge	<i>Mycale angulosa</i> <i>Mycale laxissima</i> <i>Myriastria fibrosa</i>
	touch-me-not sponge	<i>Neofibularia nolitangere</i> <i>Neofibularia nolitangere oxeata</i>
	lavender rope sponge	<i>Niphates erecta</i> <i>Placospongia melobesioides</i> <i>Rhizochalina sp.</i>
	variable boring sponge	<i>Siphonodictyon coralliphagum</i>
	loggerhead sponge	<i>Spheciospongia vesparium</i> <i>Spirastrella cunctatrix</i>
	yellow sponge	<i>Spongia barbara</i>
	orange lumpy encrusting sponge	<i>Ulosa ruetzleri</i> <i>Verongia cauliformis</i>
	giant barrel sponge	<i>Xestospongia muta</i>