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“CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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SPECKLED PLATYDORIS NUDIBRANCH— WE FOUND HIM CRUSING ALONG THE BOTTOM AT “FULL SPEED”....FOR A NUDIBRANCH. THESE PREDATORS LIKE TO EAT SPONGES, TUNICATES, BRISTLE WORMS AND OTHER NUDIBRANCHS. THE RHINOPHORES ARE BRIGHT RED AND SURROUNDED BY A FLESHY SHEATH. RHINOPHORES ARE USED AS SENSORY ORGANS FOR TASTE AND SMELL. THE PLATYDORIS IS CONSIDERED “NOCTURNAL” THOUGH THIS GUY WAS OUT HUNTING IN THE DAY. THEY GROW TO ABOUT 4”. THE SPECIES NAME MEANS “ BEAUTIFUL”....

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WATER TEMP. 81 VIZ: 60'+
DEPTH AT WHICH PHOTO TAKEN: 22'
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