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One of the most unusual animals we have ever kept at the Huntington Beach State Park Nature Center is this sea hare, which is basically a large shell-less snail. The name refers to the long rhinophores on its head, which resemble the ears on a hare. This mollusk has several remarkable abilities, including swimming by waving its wing-like folds of mantle tissue and producing a “smoke” screen of ink to disguise its whereabouts from predators; something it shares with its relatives the squids and the octopuses. Recent research has shown that the ink can also serve as a decoy, drawing attention away from the sea hare, or even numb the sense organs of predators, making it even more difficult for them to find it even after the “smoke” has cleared.



**Cindy Ondek Maloney** That. Is. Weird. :-)

at 19:08:22 on 7/07/2015 UTC



**Robert Josephine Miller** How large is this strange creature, reminds me of "the blob" lol

at 19:17:54 on 7/07/2015 UTC



**Jennifer Stitzer Hedrick** We saw one in Pawleys Island in June..... Phillip Anthony Hedrick

at 21:07:45 on 7/07/2015 UTC



**Lisa Machado** Way. Cool.

at 21:15:05 on 7/07/2015 UTC



**Charles Rice** Tiffany Rice

at 2:12:04 on 7/08/2015 UTC