

East Pacific Red Octopus ^[1]

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This East Pacific Red Octopus (*Octopus rubescens*) was observed by our camera in Saanich Inlet. This octopus is found from the southern Gulf of California to the Gulf of Alaska. *O. rubescens* generally grows to a mantle length of 8-10 cm and up to 400 gm. Like all octopuses, it can change its color and texture; from a deep brick red, to white. Octopuses are thought to be among the most intelligent of invertebrates, and *O. rubescens* was the first invertebrate in which individual personalities were demonstrated.

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