

IRISH SEaweEDS

There are over 570 seaweed species recorded from Irish waters. In this poster we present some of our more common and readily identified intertidal seaweed species. You can help improve our knowledge of these amazing algae by recording intertidal seaweeds for the National Biodiversity Data Centre. Please visit ExploreYourShore.ie for details on how to take part



Dulse / Duileasc / *Palmaria palmata*
Shore: mainly lower shore
Max length: 30 cm (exceptionally 1 m)



Common Coral Weed / Feamainn choiréalach / *Corallina officinalis*
Lower shore / Rockpools
Max Length: 7 - 12 cm



Irish Moss / Carraigín / *Chondrus crispus*
Mid to lower shore/rockpools
Max length: 15 cm



False Irish moss / Clúmhín cait / *Mastocarpus stellatus*
Lower shore
Max length: 20 cm



Bunny-eared Bead-weed / Feamainn shúilíneach choinínchluasach / *Lomentaria articulata*
Shore: lower
Max Length: 10 - 20 cm



Wrack Siphon Weed / Olann Dhearg / *Vertebrata lanosa*
Middle shore
Max Length: 7.5 cm



Gut Weed / Líneáil ghorm / *Ulva intestinalis*
Upper shore rockpools
Max Length: 15 - 30 cm



Punctured Ball Weed / Bolgach / *Leathesia marina*
Mid to lower shore
Max width: 5 cm



Oyster Thief / Gadaí oisrí / *Colpomenia peregrina*
Mid to lower shore in rockpools
Max width: 7 - 9 cm



Wakame / Wakame / *Undaria pinnatifida*
Lower shore
Max Length: 3 m



Mermaid's Tresses / Ruálach / *Chorda filum*
Lower shore
Max Length: 6 - 10 m



Oar Weed / Coirleach / *Laminaria digitata*
Lower shore
Max Length: 1.5 - 2 m



Dabberlocks / Láracha / *Alaria esculenta*
Lower shore rockpools
Max Length: 1.5 m (exceptionally 4 m)



Furbelows / Claiomh / *Saccorhiza polyschides*
Lower shore
Max Length: 2 - 3 m



Spiralled Wrack / Casfheamainn / *Fucus spiralis*
Upper shore
Max Length: 30 cm



Thong Weed / Ríseach / *Himantalia elongata*
Lower shore
Max Length: 1 - 2 m



Cuvie / Slat mhara / *Laminaria hyperborea*
Extreme lower shore
Max Length: 2 - 3.6 m



Sea Oak / Crúba préacháin / *Halidrys siliquosa*
Middle to lower shore rockpools
Max Length: 1.3 m



Horned Wrack / Feamainn inbhir / *Fucus ceranoides*
Middle shore
Max Length: 30 cm



Bladder Wrack / Feamainn bhoilgíneach / *Fucus vesiculosus*
Middle shore
Max Length: 1.1 m



Wireweed / Feamainn ghuairreach Sheapánach / *Sargassum muticum*
Whole shore in rockpools
Max Length: 4 m



Sugar Kelp / Rufa / *Saccharina latissima*
Lower shore
Max Length: 3 - 4 m



Egg Wrack / Feamainn bhúí / *Ascophyllum nodosum*
Shore: middle
Max Length: 1.5 m



Serrated Wrack / Míoránach / *Fucus serratus*
Mainly lower shore
Max Length: 30 cm



Channelled wrack / Caisineach / *Pelvetia canaliculata*
Upper shore
Max Length: 12 cm



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