

# 9<sup>th</sup> Swansea Sea Slug Census Results – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023





This census celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swansea Sea Slug Census, with the first census held at Swansea on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Since the first census 48 different divers have participated and 59 different species have been found.

## Thanks to everyone who took part in the Census;

Ashley Smith, Cath Shorthouse, Catherine Huang, Gina Mascord, Kate Tinson, Margo Smith, Steve Simpson and Terry Roche

**A total of 17 Sea Slug species were found, including 2 new species for the Swansea census (marked with an \*).**

All photos below were taken on the 9<sup>th</sup> census by the participants in the census.

 <p><i>Aplysia juliana</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Aplysia sydneyensis</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Austraeolis ornata</i> (1 sighting)</p>
 <p><i>Bullina lineata</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Dendrodoris arborescens</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Goniobranchus daphne</i> (1 sighting by Cath and Kate)*</p>
 <p><i>Hydatina physis</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Oxynoe viridis</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Polybranchia pallens</i> (1 sighting by Margo and Ash)*</p>

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 <p><i>Polycera hedgepethi</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Umbraculum umbraculum</i> (1 sighting)</p>	 <p><i>Coryphellina cf lotos</i> (2 sightings)</p>
 <p><i>Mexichromis festiva</i> (2 sightings)</p>	 <p><i>Aplysia argus</i> (3 sightings)</p>	 <p><i>Dolabella auricularia</i> (3 sightings)</p>
 <p><i>Doriprismatica atromarginata</i> (3 sightings)</p>	 <p><i>Hypselodoris obscura</i> (4 sightings)</p>	