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*Fucus nodosus*

**KNOBBED WRACK** is a seaweed. It has narrow olive-brown to dark greenish-yellow fronds and single air bladders.

It is also known as Sea whistles, and Yellow wrack.

*Nodosus* is Latin (knobbly, knotty) meaning ‘with conspicuous nodes or joints’.

English children used to make whistles from the bladders hence the name Sea whistles – and the bladders were often referred to as ‘crackers’ because of the way they explode sharply from the heat if thrown into a fire.