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## **Lettuce Sea Slug** *Elysia crispata*



### **Lettuce Sea Slug Facts**

- Green color of *E. crispata* results from the chloroplasts it absorbs from the algae it feeds on.
- The absorbed chloroplasts allow the sea slug to photosynthesize, providing nutrition. This ability is called kleptoplasty.
- Although it resembles nudibranchs because it lacks a shell, *Elysia crispata* is not closely related to nudibranchs.

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