

*Hepatus epheliticus* (Linnaeus, 1763)  
Calico Box Crab

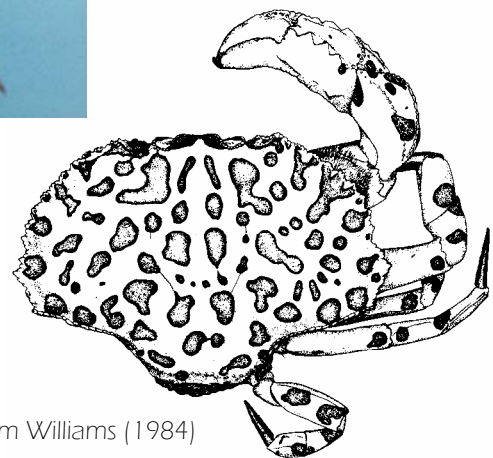
Infraorder Brachyura  
Family Hepatidae

References used: Williams (1984), Powers (1977), Felder (1973)

**Diagnostic characters:** Carapace covered with large, usually discrete, red spots, spots more numerous and variable in color among juveniles, spots may be coalesced in transverse rows or reticulate patterns.

**Habitat:** Found on sand, sand-shell and mud-sand substrates from nearshore to 46 m (25 fathoms).

**Range:** Chesapeake Bay through the Gulf of Mexico to Yucatan, Mexico; Cuba, Jamaica, Dominican Republic.



From Williams (1984)