

## Classification Key to Some Common South Carolina Mollusc Shells

- 1 Has only one part to the shell ..... go to #2  
Has two parts to the shell ..... go to #5
- 2 Adult larger than 8cm in length ..... go to #3  
Adult smaller than 8cm in length ..... go to #4
- 3 Has points (knobs) around the spiral of the shell ..... Knobbed whelk  
(*Busycon carica*)  
Does not have points, but a groove, around the spiral of the shell ..... Channeled whelk  
(*Busycotypus canaliculatus*)
- 4 Is rounded or oval shaped ..... go to #6  
Is long and pointed ..... Eastern auger  
(*Terebra dislocata*)
- 5 Shell has ridges or grooves ..... go to #7  
Shell has bumps all over and irregular edges ..... Eastern oyster  
(*Crassostrea virginica*)
- 6 Shell is round shaped ..... Moon snail  
(*Neverita duplicata*)  
Shell is more oval shaped ..... Lettered olive  
(*Americoliva sayana*)
- 7 Shell has thin ridges in a concentric pattern (circular) ..... Northern quahog  
(*Mercenaria mercenaria*)  
Shell has thick ridges in a palmate pattern (like fingers) ..... Incongruous ark  
(*Anadara brasiliiana*)