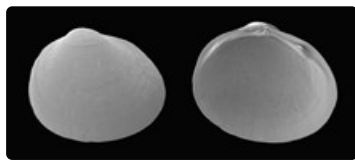




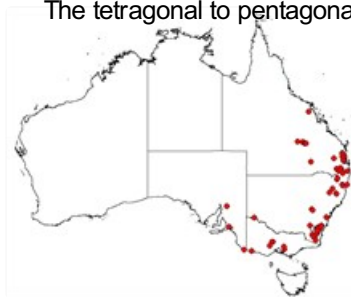
Euglesa cara (Cotton, 1953)



Euglesa cara (adult size up to 4.2 mm)

Diagnostic features

The tetragonal to pentagonal shell shape, compressed thick, strong



Distribution of *Euglesa cara*.

valves, and sculpture distinguish this species from others. It is distinguished from the *P. etheridgei* species group by greater shell pore density, and the posterior position of the outer demibranch (Korniushin, 2000). It reaches 4.2 mm in length.

Classification

Euglesa cara (Cotton, 1953)

Common name: Pea shell, pea clam, pill clam

Class Bivalvia

Infraclass Heteroconchia

Cohort Heterodonta

Megaorder Neoheterodontei

Order Sphaeriida

Superfamily Sphaerioidea

Family Sphaeriidae

Subfamily: Subfamily: Sphaeriinae

Genus *Euglesa* Jenyns, 1832

Original name: *Australpera cara* Cotton, 1953. In Cotton, B. C. (1953). New species and records of Mollusca from South Australia. *Transactions of the Royal Society of South Australia* 76: 21 - 26.

Type locality: Brown Hill Creek, western slopes of the Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia.

Biology and ecology

Brood pouch formed by five to eight filaments including up to six embryos. Inhabits streams and rivers - prefers sand and harder sediments. Suspension and deposit feeder.

Distribution

Sporadic distribution from Queensland, through western slopes of New South Wales and Victoria and into South Australia.

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