



## *Eulodrobia spirula* Ponder, Zhang, Hallan & Shea, 2019



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Distribution of *Eulodrobia spirula*



Spring in which this species and *E. carinata* were found. Yowah Creek Springs, Bundoona Station.  
Photo J. Ponder.

### Diagnostic features

This tiny, loosely coiled shell, has a flat spire and weak to absent peripheral angulation. the operculum is circular and yellow brown or brown. The uncoiled shell is unique in described Australian tateids.

### Classification

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Class Gastropoda

Infraclass Caenogastropoda

Order Littorinida

Suborder Rissoidina

Superfamily Truncatelloidea

Family Tateidae

Genus *Eulodrobia* Ponder, Zhang, Hallan & Shea, 2019.

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*Type locality:* In the main spring, Yowah Creek Springs, on Bundoona Station about 36 km NW of Eulo, SW Queensland. Lives in the very shallow spring outflow in coarse sediment.

## Biology and ecology

Lives in clean, rather coarse sediment in the very shallow outflow of a single spring. The water was clean and well oxygenated, and the sediment coarse. Lives with *E. carinata*.

## Distribution

Found only in one of the Yowah Creek Springs, on Bundoona Station about 36 km NW of Eulo, southwest Queensland.

## Further reading

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