

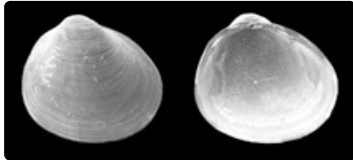


## *Pisidium (Euglesia) tasmanicum*

Tenison Woods, 1876

### Diagnostic features

The shell is rounded or subtriangular and the valves markedly convex. The surface has irregular striations and moderately dense pores. The hinge plate is narrow, and the cardinal teeth slightly



*Pisidium (Euglesia) tasmanicum* (adult size up to 3.6 mm)



Distribution of *Pisidium (Euglesia) tasmanicum*.

bent. Pre-siphonal mantle suture short. Outer demibranch posterior. It reaches 4.2 mm in length.

### Classification

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*Common name:* Pea shell, pea clam, pill clam

*Class* Bivalvia

*infraclass* Heteroconchia

*Cohort* Heterodonta

*Megaorder* Neoheterodontei

*Order* Sphaeriida

*Superfamily* Sphaerioidea

*Family* Sphaeriidae

*Genus* *Pisidium* Pfeiffer, 1821

*Subgenus* *Euglesia* Jenyns, 1832

*Original name:* *Pisidium tasmanicum* Tenison Woods, 1876. Tenison Woods, J. F. (1876). On the freshwater shells. *Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania* 1875: 66-82.

*Type locality:* ?Browns River, Tasmania

### Biology and ecology

Lives in creeks and sometimes lakes. Brood pouch formed by four or five filaments and contains one to five larvae. Suspension and deposit feeder.

### Distribution

South-eastern Australia including Tasmania.

## Further reading

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