Trochidrobia Ponder, Hershler & Jenkins, 1989

Diagnostic features

Shell small (up to about 2mm in diameter), trochiform to depressed-trochiform, umbilicate, smooth, with only sculpture weak axial growth lines. Aperture oval, peristome thin, no external varix; outer lip simple, with thin edge. Periostracum smooth, thin. Operculum oval, nucleus subcentral, thin, simple. Penis with swollen basal portion and tapering distal portion that is usually pigmented; coiled anti-clockwise when at rest.

Classification

Trochidrobia Ponder, Hershler & Jenkins, 1989

Class Gastropoda

Infraclass Caenogastropoda

Order Littorinida

Suborder Rissoidina

Superfamily Truncatelloidea

Family Tateidae

Genus Trochidrobia Ponder, Hershler & Jenkins, 1989

Type species: *Trochidrobia punicea* Ponder, Hershler & Jenkins, 1989

Original reference: Ponder, W. F., Hershler, R. & Jenkins, B. (1989). An endemic radiation of hydrobiid snails from artesian springs in northern South Australia: their taxonomy, physiology, distribution and anatomy.*Malacologia* 31: 1-140.

Type locality: Blanche Cup Spring, west of Lake Eyre South, South Australia.

Biology and ecology

Abundant in most of the springs in which they occur, living in a variety of microhabitats and appear to be particularly abundant in shallow, firm-bottomed outflows. Egg capsules are spherical, cemented in umbilicus of shell with mucus (known only in *T. punicea*).

Distribution

The Lake Eyre Supergroup artesian springs between Marree and Oodnadatta, northern South Australia.

Notes

The species contained in *Trochidrobia* are similar in shell and opercular characters to *Posticobia.* However, *Trochidrobia* species have more depressed shells, and lack the peripheral keel typical of some specimens of *Posticobia.*

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