



***Westrapyrgus slacksmithae* Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999**



Westrapyrgus slacksmithae (3-4.1 mm)



Distribution of *Westrapyrgus slacksmithae*.

Diagnostic features

Shell ovate-conic, whorls convex, periphery rounded; head-foot black or dark grey. This species differs from *Westrapyrgus westralis* in having a more ovate shell and pigmented head-foot.

Classification

Westrapyrgus slacksmithae Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999

Class Gastropoda

Infraclass Caenogastropoda

Order Littorinida

Suborder Rissoidina

Superfamily Truncatelloidea

Family Tateidae

Genus *Westrapyrgus* Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999

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Type locality: Walyunga Pool, Avon River, near junction of Woorooloo Brook and Avon River, at car park Walyunga National Park, NE of Perth, Western Australia.

Synonym: *Potamopyrgus* sp. (Kendrick, 1976).

Biology and ecology

Found on submerged sticks, bark and stones in pools and streams in coastal rivers.

Distribution

This species appears to be restricted to a few localities in the Avon and Moore Rivers north of Perth, Western Australia.

Further reading

Kendrick, G. M. (1976). The Avon: faunal and other notes on a dying river in south-Western Australia. *The Western Australian Naturalist* 13: 97-114.

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