



## ***Westrapyrgus westralis* Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999**



*Westrapyrgus westralis* (adult size 3-4.1 mm)



Distribution of *Westrapyrgus westralis*.

### **Diagnostic features**

Shell conical, whorls weakly convex, periphery subangled; head-foot unpigmented.

### **Classification**

*Westrapyrgus westralis* Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999

Class Gastropoda

Infraclass Caenogastropoda

Order Littorinida

Suborder Rissoidina

Superfamily Truncatelloidea

Family Tateidae

Genus *Westrapyrgus* Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999

*Original name: Westrapyrgus westralis* Ponder, Clark & Miller, 1999. In Ponder, W. F., Clark, S. A. & Miller, A. C. (1999). A new genus and two new species of Hydrobiidae (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Caenogastropoda) from south Western Australia. *Journal of the Royal Society of Western Australia* 82: 109–120.

*Type locality:* 'The Spring', off Skippy Rock Rd, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, Western Australia.

## Biology and ecology

In coastal springs below cliffs, on moist mud and litter on the sides of streams and in water supply filters. Locally abundant.

## Distribution

This species has been found in several coastal springs in southwest Australia, between Cape Naturaliste and the Weld River.

## Notes

This species has a similar distribution to that of another caenogastropod, *Austroassimineia lethae* Solem *et al.* 1982, a species that is also restricted to coastal springs and seepages (Solem *et al.* 1982), and the two species are found together in two localities (Ellen Brook, Turner Brook near Deepdene Cliffs).

## Further reading

Ponder, W.F., Clark, S. A. & Miller, A. C. (1999). A new genus and two new species of Hydrobiidae (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Caenogastropoda) from south Western Australia. *Journal of the Royal Society of Western Australia* 82: 109–120.

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