

Potamopyrgus antipodarum

New Zealand Mud Snail

Hydrobiidae, the mud snail family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Very small aquatic snail with an elongated shell
- 5-6 right handed whorls
- Usually less than ¼ inch in length
- Light to dark brown in color

Background

- Native to New Zealand
- Ability to cover opening of shell with a flap
- Ability to form dense populations
- Highly competitive with native invertebrates (currently threatening snail populations in Idaho)
- Dispersal via watercraft, fishing equipment, water currents, etc.
- Ability to reproduce asexually

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