

Corbicula fluminea
Asian Clam

Cyrenidae, the freshwater clam



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Medium-sized bivalve with a yellow-green to brown shell
- Evenly spaced ridges on shell surface
- Usually 1 inch in length or less but can grow larger

Background

- Native to Southern Asia; first introduced into Idaho in 1959
- Inhabits lakes, streams, and other waterways
- Filter feeder
- Ability to self-fertilize leads to high reproduction rates
- Bio-fouler (clogs water intake pipes)
- Ability to outcompete many native clam species

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