

Marisa cornuarietis

Giant Ram's Horn Snail

Ampullariidae, the apple snail family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Medium to large sized aquatic snail
- Color is brick-red to brown
- Shell is flat and coiled, giving the distinct appearance of a ram's horn
- Adult diameter is usually 2 inches or larger

Background

- Native to northern South America; introduced through aquarium release and aquaculture trade
- Omnivorous; feeds on animal and vegetable detritus
- Possesses gills and lungs; efficient underwater respiration
- Hermaphroditic reproduction

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