

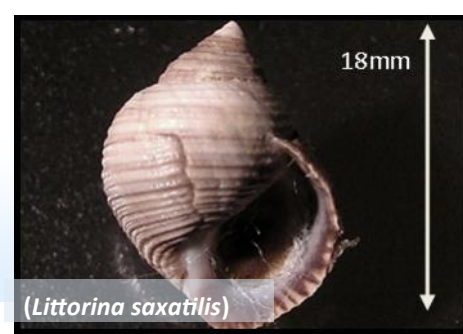
Next time you visit the coast, look out for these shelled seashore creatures and let us know what you find at: www.buglife.org.uk/seashell-survey.



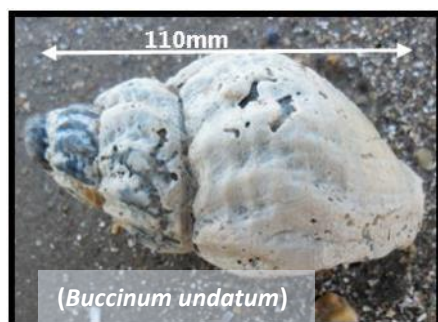
- ☐ **Common periwinkle**
Shell spired into whorls at side, dark grey-greenish colour



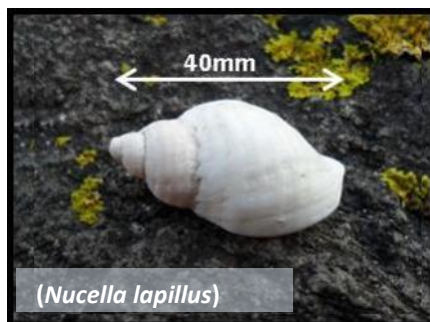
- ☐ **Flat periwinkle**
Flattened whorled shell, with bright colour variations



- ☐ **Rough periwinkle**
Rough plump shell with deep grooves



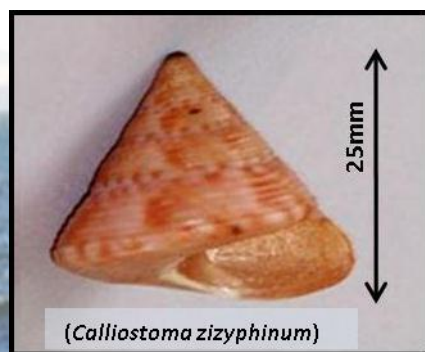
- ☐ **Common whelk**
Ridged surface



- ☐ **Dog whelk**
Small whelk most commonly white, although colours do vary



- ☐ **Netted dog whelk**
Creamy brown with netted pattern



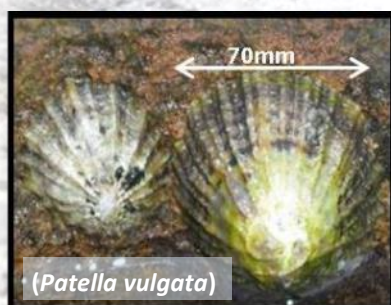
- ☐ **Painted topshell**
Perfectly conical shape, usually pinky-orange colour



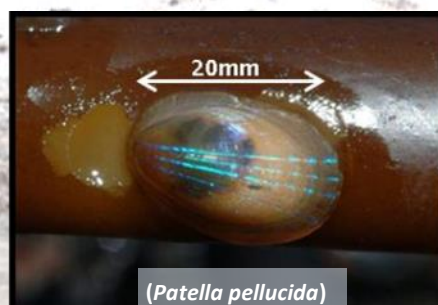
- ☐ **Grey topshell**
Ash grey colour with greyish-brown bands



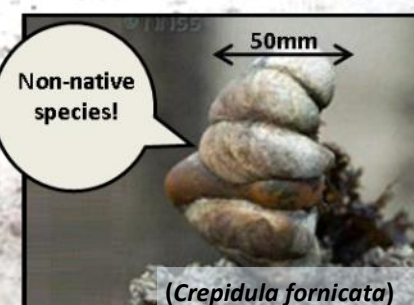
- ☐ **Flat or purple topshell**
Yellow-greenish colour with thick purple-red stripes



- ☐ **Common limpet**
Steeply conical with rough ridges, usually a green-brown colour



- ☐ **Blue-rayed limpet**
Translucent limpet with bright blue rays, most commonly found on large kelps



- ☐ **Slipper limpet**
Commonly found in stacks of up to 10 individuals

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☐ **Alder's necklace shell**
Smooth, glossy with 5 rows of brown markings



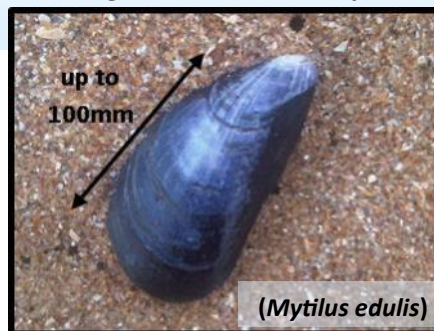
☐ **Spotted cowrie**
Small, glossy shell with many ridges and three dark spots



☐ **Tower or Auger shell**
Sharply pointed shell in the shape of a narrow tower



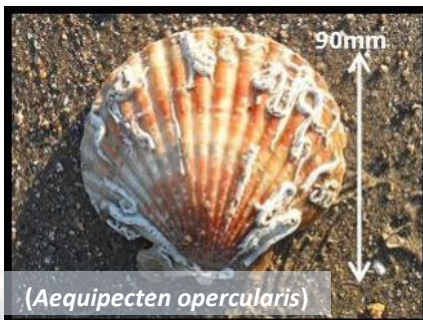
☐ **Common cockle**
Oval white shell with around 24 ridges



☐ **Common mussel**
Dark bluish - purple colour



☐ **Striped venus**
Pale colour typically with three bands radiating out



☐ **Queen scallop**
Pinky-red in colour with around 20 ridges



☐ **Grey chiton**
Oval flattened creatures with eight armoured plates



☐ **Sea potato shell**
Shell of the Heart urchin

How to take part: Please send us records if you see any of these species and upload photographs via our website: www.buglife.org.uk/seashell-survey.

The Seashore Code



Take care! The seashore can be a slippery, rocky place - watch your step, and check the tide times before exploring!



Observe and record seashore creatures, but leave them and their habitat as you found them. Only collect empty shells and leave plenty as homes for hermit crabs.



Always leave the seashore as you found it. Carefully replace rocks and seaweed in rockpools. Make sure you take your rubbish home.

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