

Virginia Land Snails

Lobosculum pustuloides (Bland, 1858)

Family: Polygyridae

Common name: Tiny Liptooth

Identification

Width: 5.0-5.5 mm

Height: 2.5-2.7 mm

Whorls: 4-5

The shell of *Lobosculum pustuloides* is heliciform with a heavily-guarded aperture. The apex is low and the umbilicus is large and open. The denticles in the aperture are three: a blade-like parietal tooth, a pointed basal tooth upon a buttress, and a palatal lamella with a tooth upon the lower end. The effect is that of a notch in the outer lip. Sparse "hairs" adorn the periostracum.

Ecology

This animal lives among leaf litter, logs, or rocks in calcium-rich habitats (Hubricht, 1985).

Taxonomy

Synonyms for *L. pustuloides* are *Polygyra pustuloides*, *Helix pustula*, *H. pustuloides*, *P. pustuloides*.

Distribution

Lobosculum pustuloides is a Southeastern native, found from Florida and Mississippi, north to Kentucky and Virginia. In Virginia, specimens are reported only for Tazewell and Pittsylvania Counties.

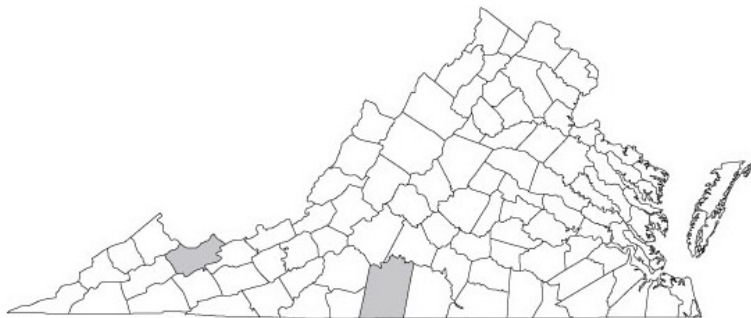
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