

Virginia Land Snails

Paravitrea mira Hubricht, 1975

Family: Pristilomatidae

Common name: Funnel Supercoil

Identification

Width: 6-7 mm

Height: 3.5-4.5 mm

Whorls: 8+

The umbilicus of *Paravitrea mira* is funnel-shaped – hence the animal's common name – and about one-sixth of the diameter of the entire shell. The shell is relatively large overall for its genus. The base and whorls appear flattened. The final whorl expands somewhat as it approaches the aperture, and contains two rows of large teeth. In juvenile shells these rows are made up of three teeth, while in adults there may be two or three.

Ecology

Paravitrea mira may be found under moist leaf litter close to creeks and streams, and on wooded hillsides.

Taxonomy

There are no synonyms.

Distribution

Paravitrea mira is known only from the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia and Kentucky (Hubricht, 1985). In Virginia it is known only from the westernmost part of the state.

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Virginia's wildlife action plan: Tier II

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Photo(s): *Paravitrea mira* shell by Dan Dourson ©. Note the teeth seen through the bottom of the shell.

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