

## Virginia Land Snails

### *Paravitrea placentula* (Shuttleworth, 1852)

Family: Pristilomatidae

Common name: Glossy Supercoil

#### Identification

Width: 6-7.5 mm

Height: 3-4 mm

Whorls: 7+

The closely coiled shell of *Paravitrea placentula* is glossy-transparent and sculptured with irregularly-spaced radial striae. The base is convex and the umbilicus is open. The lunar-shaped aperture has a simple lip. Though similar in shape to *P. capsella*, this shell is larger and has a smaller umbilicus.

#### Ecology

*Paravitrea placentula* can be found under leaf litter on wooded slopes (Hubricht, 1985).

#### Taxonomy

Synonyms for *P. placentula* include *Helix (Hyalina) monroensis*, *Paravitrea lithodora*, *P. placentula lithodora*, *Vitrea placentula*, and *Zonites placentula*.

#### Distribution

This is an Appalachian Mountain species, ranging from Virginia and Kentucky in the north to Georgia in the south. In Virginia it is reported only from Dickinson County.

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Virginia's wildlife action plan: Tier II

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#### Range Map

