

Virginia Land Snails

Punctum vitreum (H.B. Baker, 1930)

Family: Punctidae

Common name: Glass Spot

Identification

Width: $\approx 1.2 - 1.4$ mm

Height: $\approx 0.8 - 0.9$ mm

Whorls: 4+

Punctum vitreum has a shell sculpture of fine radial riblets that are set widely apart. Between these are smaller ribs of growth, crossed by spiral striae (Pilsbry, 1948). The shell is heliciform, depressed, with a thin lip and open umbilicus, as are other *Punctum*. The shell spire is lower than in *P. minutissimum*, and the shell is more yellow and transparent.

Ecology

This species lives in forest leaf litter, often with *P. minutissimum* (Hubricht, 1985).

Taxonomy

A synonym is *P. pygmaeum*.

Distribution

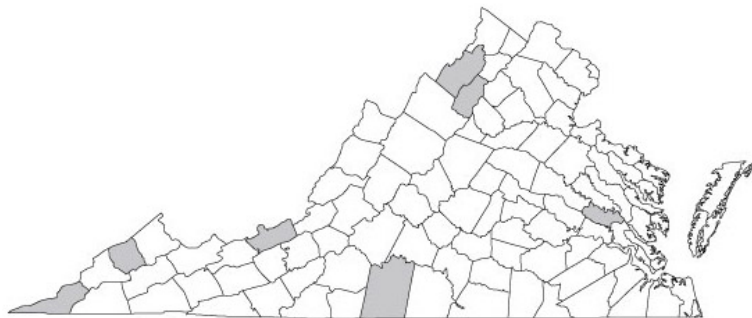
Punctum vitreum is reported from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, west to Iowa and south to Texas, however, it is absent from the deep Southeastern states such as Georgia and Florida. In Virginia, *Punctum vitreum* is reported in widely scattered counties around the state.

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Range Map



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