

Blue Periwinkle

Austrolittorina unifasciata

Smooth shell that spirals up to a light brown to reddish brown sharp tip (apex)

Small marine snail. Light blue to grey in colour. Size: up to 2 cm

Where look:

High shore, rock pools and crevices in WA, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC

When to look:

Year-round

Similar species:

Australwinks or Blue Periwinkles are able to live high up on the shore, a feature which separates them from most other marine snails. Noddiwinks also live high up on the shore but they can be separated from Australwinks by their easily seen nodules or bumps on their shells. Blue periwinkles are smooth shelled and slightly smaller in size.

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