

Ribbed Top Shell

Austrocochlea constricta

Medium sized marine snail up to 5 cm long. Grey or off-white in colour

5 or 6 distinctive ridges spiralling up towards a sharp tip (apex)

Where look:

Mid to high shore, rock pools and crevices in WA, NSW, SA, TAS, VIC

When to look:

Year-round

Similar species:

The ribbed top shell can look similar to the Zebra top shells (*Austrocochlea porcata*), which can also have faint ribs wrapping around the shell. However the zebra top shells can be distinguished by their distinctive black and white striped pattern on their shells do not follow the ribs but cross them vertically.



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