

Micro-Bivalvia of Southern and Central California

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Represented herein are the images and identifications (albeit some very tentative identifications) from the bivalve mollusk specimens examined at the Micro-Bivalve Workshop hosted by Mr. Larry Lovell at Scripps Institution of Oceanography on 17 January 2004.

Samples were examined from the San Diego region, along with several from the Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay and other central California regions. Many specimens represented true micro-bivalves, those which do not achieve an adult length of more than 1 cm, whereas others were juvenile stages of larger species.

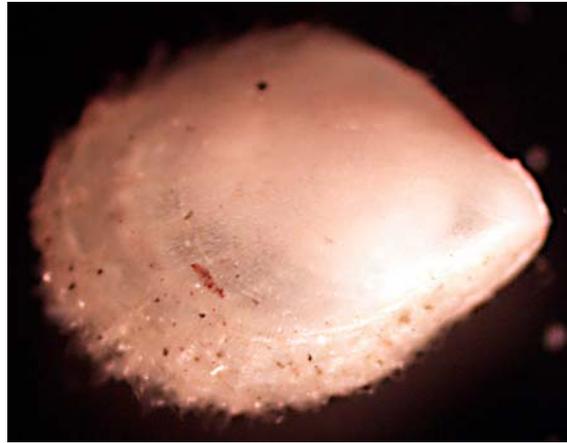
The provisional identifications of several of the illustrated specimens are intended to be talking points of discussion and debate. We are hopeful that many of the unanswered questions highlighted in the workshop will become topics for subsequent research by workshop members and the bivalve community at large.

As all good workshops do, this meeting combined a wealth of experience and backgrounds which allowed us to critically examine specimens from a variety of viewpoints. The workshop participants are listed below.

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Philobryidae

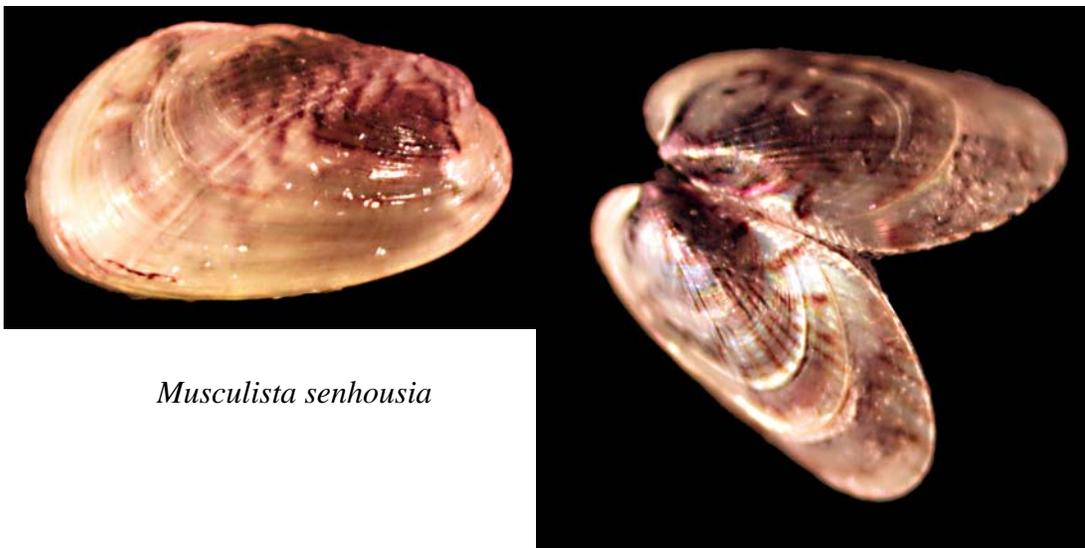


Philobrya setosa

Mytilidae



Septifer bifurcatus juvenile

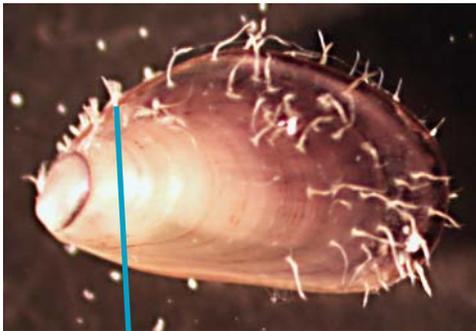


Musculista senhousia

Mytilidae (continued)



Musculus pygmaeus adults and juveniles



Modiolus capax

Note complex
serrated
periostracal setae



Mytilidae (continued)



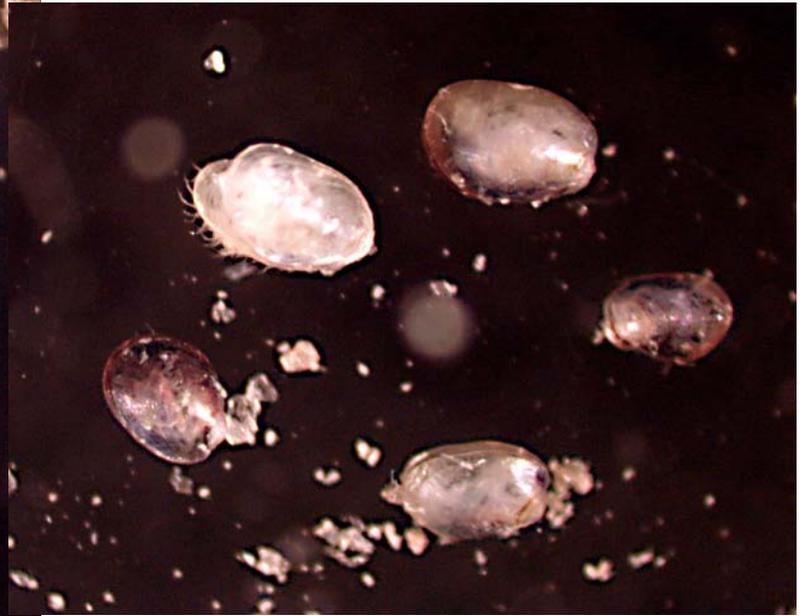
Modiolus sp. juvenile

Broad, short scales - most similar to *Modiolus rectus* and *Modiolus neglectus* juveniles (which become long and slender in adult)



Mytilus galloprovincialis juveniles

Mytilidae (continued)



Mytilus cf. galloprovincialis juveniles with thin periostracal setae





Ungulinidae

Diplodonta orbella

Carditidae

Glans carpenteri



Petricolidae

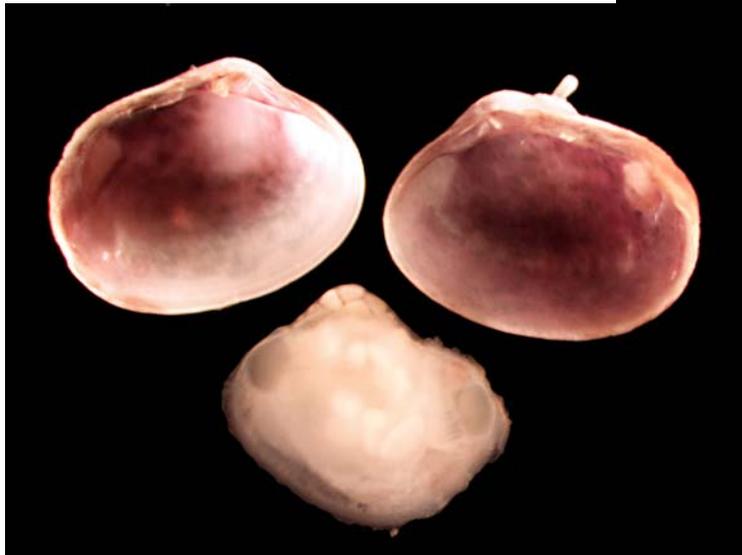
Petricola carditoides



Neoleptonidae



Neolepton subtrigonum



Veneridae



Protothaca staminea juvenile

Protothaca cf. tenerrima juvenile

Looks like *Chione* externally, but with deep pallial sinus internally.

Compares well with *P. tenerrima* beaks (shape and sculpture), but strong crenulate margins are perplexing.

Purple color is from crystal violet stain, not the specimen



deep pallial sinus, but also has crenulate margins



Protothaca juvenile or *Chione* juvenile?
Impossible to differentiate without observing pallial sinus??



Tellinidae

Macoma sp. juvenile



Leporimetis obesa juvenile

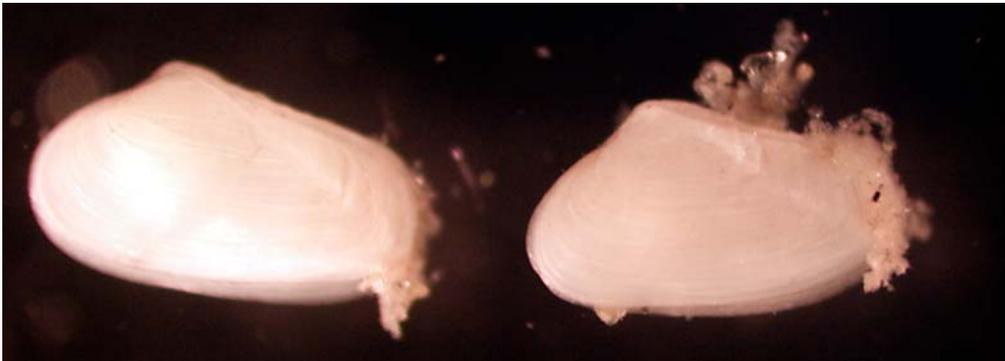
Donacidae

Donax gouldii



Myidae

Sphenia fragilis juvenile
inflated beaks, misshapened,
slightly upturned posterodorsally



Sphenia cf. *luticola* juvenile
narrow beaks, regular shape,
keel from umbones to
posteroventral margin

