Juvenile Chinese Mystery Snail

Description: Juvenile Chinese mystery snails (CMS) occupy the same slow-moving or sagnent freshwater habitats as the adult CMS, but juveniles tend to burrow into the sediment and/or hide under rocks. Juvenile CMS shells are wider than they are long and may have small stiff, hair-like brissels spiralling around the outside of the shell. Juvenile CMS are much smaller than adult CMS with sizes ranging from 2-20 mm.

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Juvenile CMS may be confused with the following native snail species:



Squat Duskysnail



Pointed Campeloma



Woodland Pondsnail



Mud Amnicola

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An aquatic invasive species present in the Maritimes

