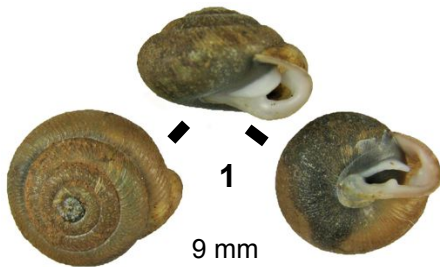


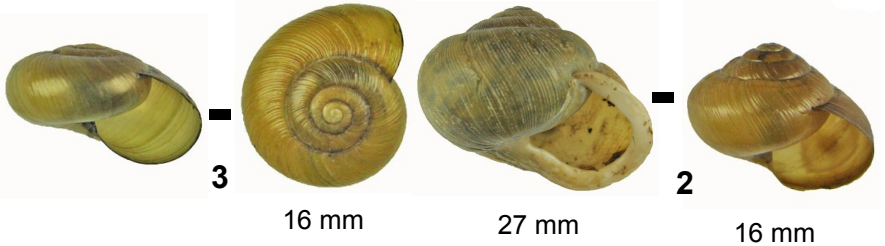
Some Georgia Land Snails by Linda Schroeder



In early fall of 2008 I was visiting family in Georgia. Another club member asked that if I had a chance to, would I find some land snails for him. I had the perfect opportunity while visiting my sister who had just moved to a new house in Dawson Co. in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Her backyard is adjacent to natural woodlands that hadn't been disturbed in decades. It is primarily deciduous forest with a scattering of pines. The area is steeply sloped and there are catches where thick piles of leaves have accumulated over the years. This is where I was able to find several species of land snails, down in the moist lower layers.



Upon returning home, I photographed the snails and by way of George Holm, passed the photos along to Dr. Harry Lee, a land snail expert with the Jacksonville Shell Club. He was kind enough to identify the species for me. It turned out three of them are new records for that county.



- 1. *Inflectarius rugeli* (Shuttleworth, 1852) Deep-tooth Shagreen
- 2. *Mesodon normalis* (Pilsbry, 1900) Grand Globe +
- 3. *Mesomphix latior* (Pilsbry, 1900) Broad Button +

- 4. *Mesomphix perlaevis* (Pilsbry, 1900) Smooth Button
- 5. *Ventridens intertextus* (A. Binney, 1841) Pyramid Dome
- 6. *Ventridens theloides* (Walker and Pilsbry, 1902) Copper Dome +

+ = New Co. record vs. Hubricht (1985).

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