

Grazing Gastropods - Snails



Most grazing gastropods have a typical snail-like shell to protect their soft bodies. These shells usually have some kind *operculum* or lid to seal in moisture at low tide, or to seal out predators if disturbed.

	Name	Description
1 2	<i>Austrocochlea constricta</i> Ribbed Top Shell Height to 25 mm	The whorled ribs of the shell give this abundant grazer the appearance of an old fashioned spinning top.
3	<i>Chlorodiloma odontis</i> Height to 25 mm	Living in more exposed conditions than its cousins, this snail has thicker green and black bands.
4 5	<i>Turbo undulatus</i> Warrener or Turbo Height to 50 mm	A large active grazer found lower on the reef or in pools, the Turbo has a thick green and white shell with a characteristic white <i>operculum</i> , often found washed up on the beach.