

Anadara baughmani Hertlein, 1951
Baughman's Ark

Class Bivalvia
Family Arcidae

Classification according to Turgeon *et al.* (1998)
References used: Description from Abbott (1974)

Diagnostic characters: 1 ½ inches in length, fat, with 28 to 30 weakly noduled ribs which are not split, and with a strongly posterior-sloping anterior ventral margin.

Habitat: Common offshore down to 91 m.

Range: Off Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi; Brazil.



Anadara ovalis (Bruguiere, 1789)
Blood Ark

Class Bivalvia
Family Arcidae

Classification according to Turgeon *et al.* (1998)
References used: Description from Abbott (1974)

Diagnostic characters: 1 ½ to 2 1/3 inches in length, not very thick, roundish to ovate; square, smooth ribs; ligament very narrow and depressed; beaks close together. Periostracum black-brown, hairy. Ribs 26 to 35 in number.

Range: Cape Cod to Texas and the West Indies; Brazil.



Anadara transversa (Say, 1822)
Transverse Ark

Class Bivalvia
Family Arcidae

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Diagnostic characters: ½ to 1 ½ inches in length. Left valve overlaps right valve. Ligament fairly long, moderately narrow, rough or pustulose. Ribs on left valve usually beaded, rarely so on right valve; 30 to 35 ribs per valve. Periostracum grayish brown, usually wears off except along base of valves. Distinguished from *A. ovalis* by its longer, wider, more distinct external ligament.

Habitat: Fairly common in mud below low water.

Range: South of Cape Cod to Florida and Texas.

