

*Anomia simplex* d' Orbigny, 1842  
Common Jingle Shell

Class Bivalvia  
Family Anomiidae

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

**Diagnostic characters:** 1 to 2 inches in size, irregularly oval, smoothish, thin but strong. The upper or free valve is usually quite convex; the lower valve is flattish and with a hole near the apex. Color either translucent-yellow or dull-orange, some with a silvery sheen. Specimens buried in mud become blackened.

**Habitat:** Very commonly attached to logs, wharfs and boats. The round, calcified base of the byssus from formerly living specimens may remain attached to stones and other shells.

**Range:** Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida; Texas to Brazil; Bermuda.

