

Argopecten gibbus (Linnaeus, 1758)
Atlantic Calico Scallop

Class Bivalvia
Family Pectinidae

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

Diagnostic characters: 1 to 2 ½ inches. A common, colorful scallop. Both valves quite fat. Ribs usually 20 (19 to 21), quite square in cross-section. Bottom valve commonly whitish with a little color; upper valve can be of many bright hues (lavender-rose, red, whitish with purple or reddish mottlings, etc.).

Habitat: Warm, open marine waters from 9 to 366 m. Found abundantly in southern Florida, a little offshore.

Range: Off Maryland to Florida and south Texas to Brazil; Bermuda.

