

Eucrassatella speciosa (A. Adams, 1852)
Beautiful Crassatella

Class Bivalvia
Family Crassatellidae

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

Diagnostic characters: 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches in length, 2/3 as high; heavy, beaks at the center, and the shell somewhat diamond-shaped. Concentric sculpture of neat, rather heavy, closely packed ridges (about 15 per ½ inch). Lunule and escutcheon sunken, lanceolate in shape and about the same size as each other. Exterior with a thin, persistent, nut-brown periostracum. Interior glossy-ivory with either a tan or pink blush.

Habitat: Moderately common, just offshore in sand.

Range: North Carolina southward; Gulf of Mexico; West Indies.

