

Laevicardium laevigatum (Linnaeus, 1758)
Common Eggcockle

Class Bivalvia
Family Cardiidae

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

Diagnostic characters: 1 to 2 inches in size, higher than long, polished smooth, inflated, fairly thin and obscurely ribbed. Exterior generally whitish, but may be rose-tinted, mottled with brown or flushed with purple, yellow, or burnt-orange. Interior similarly colored. With about 60 very fine, subdued radial ribs.

Habitat: Common in shallow water.

Range: Atlantic coast from North Carolina southward; Gulf of Mexico; West Indies; Bermuda; Brazil.



Top: *L. mortoni*
Bottom: *L. laevigatum*

Laevicardium mortoni (Conrad, 1830)
Yellow Eggcockle

Class Bivalvia
Family Cardiidae

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

Diagnostic characters: $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch in size, ovate, glossy, similar to *L. laevigatum*, commonly with brown, zigzag markings and with fine, concentric ridges which are minutely pimpled.

Habitat: Common; shallow water to 4 m.

Range: Massachusetts to Florida and to Texas.

