

Ostrea equestris (Say, 1834)
Crested Oyster

Class Bivalvia
Family Ostreidae

Classification according to Turgeon *et al.* (1988)
References used: Description from Abbott (1974)

Diagnostic characters: 1 to 3 inches in length, more or less oval, and with raised margins which are crenulated. The attached valve has a flat interior with a rather high, vertical margin on one side. Interior dull-grayish with a greenish or opalescent-brown stain. Margin sometimes stained a weak-violet. Muscle scar almost central. Edge of upper valve has a row of fine denticles.

Habitat: Not very abundant except in some Florida bays. It lives in water that is much saltier than that in which *Crassostrea virginica* lives.

Range: Virginia to Texas and West Indies; Brazil.

