

Pitar cordatus (Schwengel, 1951)
Schwengel's Venus or Pitar

Class Bivalvia
Family Veneridae

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

Diagnostic characters: 1½ inches in length, oval-elongate, moderately plump with the lunule large and elongate. Very similar to *P. morrhuanus* on the east coast, but much fatter, with more distinct concentric threads on the outside, and with fine crenulations along the inside of the ventral margins of the valves. Interior white, commonly with a pinkish blush.

Habitat: From 55 to 91 m.

Range: Off the Florida Keys and in the Gulf of Mexico to Texas; Brazil.

