

Cancellaria reticulata (Linnaeus, 1767)
Common Nutmeg

Class Gastropoda
Family Cancellariidae

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

Diagnostic characters: 1 to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, strong, with numerous spiral rows of small, poorly shaped beads which, with the weak axial and spiral threads, give a reticulate appearance. Columella with 2 folds, the uppermost being very strong and furrowed by 1 or 2 smaller ridges. Color cream to gray with heavy, broken bands and maculations of dark orange-brown. Uncommonly all white in western Florida.

Habitat: Common in shallow water in sand and grass from low-tide line to 20 m.

Range: North Carolina to both sides of Florida; Texas; Caribbean to Brazil.

