

Crucibulum auricula Schumacher, 1817
Cup-and-Saucer

Class Gastropoda
Family Calyptraeidae

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

Diagnostic characters: Shell cap-shaped with an inner cup attached by its base, the edges of the inner cup entirely free.

Habitat: Lives attached to structure, oftentimes other molluscs; shallow water to 37 m.

Range: South Carolina to Texas; West Indies to Brazil.

Remarks: According to Abbott (1974) the outer surface may show coarse diagonal ribs if the specimen has live attached to a scallop or other ribbed molluscs. Shown here are two different forms. Although *C. auricula* is the only reported Western Atlantic (Gulf of Mexico) species with a cup fully detached from the edges, the Pacific species, *C. spinosum*, is now found worldwide due to transport on ship hulls.

