

Cymatium parthenopeum (von Salis, 1793)
Giant Hairy Triton

Class Gastropoda
Family Ranellidae

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

Diagnostic characters: 3 to 6 inches, with a very heavy, fuzzy, brown periostracum. Shell light-brown, rarely with light spiral bands. Columella dark reddish brown with strong, white, raised plicae. Outer lip with 5 to 7 brown spots which have 2 to 4 tiny white denticles.

Habitat: Low-tide mark to 64 m, not uncommon, usually occurring singly.

Range: Off North Carolina to Texas to Brazil; Bermuda; Gulf of California to Galapagos Islands; Japan.

