

*Fusinus* sp.  
Spindles

Class Gastropoda  
Family Fasciolariidae

References used: Abbott (1974), Hadorn ([mypage.bluewin.ch/fusinus](http://mypage.bluewin.ch/fusinus))

**Return all specimens to the laboratory for specific identification.**



*Fusinus eucosmius* (Dall, 1889)  
(= *F. excavatus*)  
Uncommonly dredged offshore  
27 to 165 m



*Fusinus stegeri* Lyons, 1978  
Eastern Gulf of Mexico  
183 to 366 m



*Fusinus couei* (Petit de la Saussaye, 1853)  
Dredged commonly by shrimp fishermen  
16 to 183 m on sandy bottom  
Gulf of Mexico, primarily the western side



*Fusinus helenae* Bartsch, 1939  
Uncommon; 31 to 91 m

*Heilprinia timessa* (Dall, 1889)  
= *Fusinus timessus*  
Turnip Spindle

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

**Diagnostic characters:** About 3 to 5 inches in length, solid, pure-white to orange, with a thin, gray periostracum. Aperture round with a flaring, raised parietal wall which, like the inside of the outer lip, is enamel-white and bears numerous spiral threads. Each whorl with 10 to 12 low, short axial ribs at the periphery. Upper whorls with 8 to 9 small, but sharp and slightly wavy, smooth spiral cords. Last whorl and the long siphonal canal with a total of about 30 to 40 small cords between which is often a very fine one.

**Habitat:** Dredged from 20 to 60 fathoms.

**Range:** Both sides of Florida to Texas.

