

Pleuroploca gigantea (Kiener, 1840)
Florida Horse Conch

Class Gastropoda
Family Fascioliariidae

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

Diagnostic characters: Almost 2 feet in length, although usually about 1 foot. Outer surface dirty-white to chalky-salmon, and covered with a fairly thick, black-brown periostracum which flakes off in dried specimens. The young (up to about 3 ½ inches) have a thinner periostracum and the entire shell is a bright orange-red. Soft parts red.

Range: North Carolina to Florida; Texas and Yucatan.

