

Polystira

Class Gastropoda
Family Turridae

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

Polystira albida (G. Perry, 1811)
White Giant-turris

Diagnostic characters: 3 to 4 inches in length, pure-white in color. With about 5 to 7 spiral smooth cords of unequal size between the well-impressed sutures. Sculpture more distinct and smooth than in *P. tellea*. Largest squarish cord behind the slot-like, deep sinus.

Range: South Florida to Texas and the West Indies.

Polystira tellea (Dall, 1899)
Delicate Giant-turris

Diagnostic characters: 3 to 3 ½ inches in length. Grayish white. Sculpture not so distinct nor smooth as in *P. albida*. Sinus higher on the shoulder and broadly and shallowly V-shaped. Axial minute fimbriations cover the exterior.

Range: Off Florida to Louisiana.

