

Strombus alatus Gmelin, 1791
Florida Fighting Conch

Class Gastropoda
Family Strombidae

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

Diagnostic characters: 3 to 4 inches in length. With or without short spines on the shoulder of the last whorl. Shoulder of outer lip slopes slightly downward. Color a dark reddish brown, often mottled with orange-brown or having zigzag bars of color on the shiny parietal wall. Periostracum very thin and velvety.

Habitat: Common in shallow water, especially on the west coast of Florida.

Range: North Carolina to both sides of Florida and to Texas.



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