

*Balanus trigonus* Darwin, 1854

Superclass Crustacea  
Class Cirripedia  
Order Thoracica  
Family Balanidae

References used: Gittings, Dennis and Harry (1986)

**Diagnostic characters:** Shell with same arrangement of plates and valves on either side of midline; base calcareous; exterior of scutum with parallel rows of longitudinal pits; aperture triangular; shell wall usually purple with white ridges.

**Habitat:** Dominant biofouling species in waters off southwestern Florida. Found in both turbid and clear waters.

**Range:** Cosmopolitan species in tropical and subtropical seas. United States records from Cape Cod (from turtles) through the Gulf of Mexico.

