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Synonymy:

Leda navisa Dall, 1916
Leda spargana Dall, 1916
Leda austini Oldroyd, 1935

Diagnostic characters:

1. Shell elongate, compressed, length to 16 mm.
2. Sculpture of prominent, widely spaced concentric ribs that become obsolete posteriorly.
3. Rostrum long, moderately recurved, blunt.
4. Periostracum dull to shiny, iridescent.
5. Escutcheon obscure.
6. Prodissoconch large.

Related species / character differences:

This species has a much shorter, less recurved rostrum than *Nuculana hamata*. *Nuculana leonina* has a straight rostrum, a well defined escutcheon, and prominent sculpture on the posterior slope.

Depth range: 125 - 420 meters

Distribution: Numak Island, Alaska to Point Loma, California.