

VOUCHER SHEET

Melanochlamys diomedea (Bergh, 1893)

Aglajidae

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Date Examined and Code: March 13, 1983, MBC 11

Synonymys:

Doridium diomedum Bergh, 1893

Aglaja diomedea (Bergh, 1893); Pilsbry, 1896

Aglaja nana Steinberg & Jones, 1960; Gosliner & Williams,  
1975

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Important Characters:

Its head is rounded and is without lateral processes. The lobes of the tail are short and of equal length. The body is light cream colored with brown to black mottling which, when dense, can give a very dark appearance. Brownish-yellow internal organs may show through body wall. Sometimes confused with the spotted aglaja.

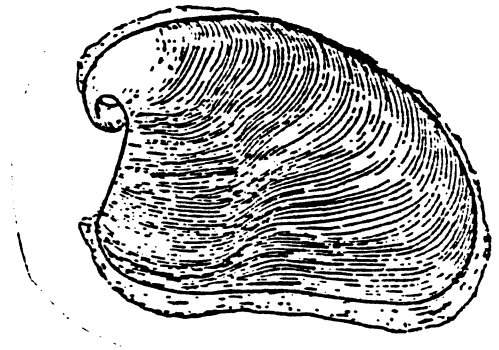
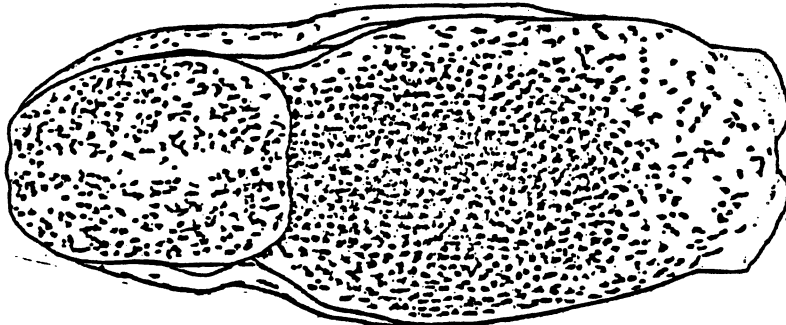
Size: Reaches 15 mm.

Radula absent.

Comments:

Natural History: Occurs on mud surfaces in bays and offshore to 370 feet. Feeds on nematode worms.

Range: Alaska to San Diego, California.



Melanochlamys diomedea and shell (from Steinberg & Jones, 1960)