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Freshwater Snails of Tutuila Island

E. Bardi, S. Fanolua, K. van Houte-Howes, and D. Vargo (July 2004)

Septaria suffreni (Récluz, 1841)

1cm



Shell:

Yellow-brown with variable markings—may be transverse wavy lines, triangles, zig zags to a few lines. Deep with a small pointed apex. Septum narrow across the shell, tinged yellow. Male septum [shown] has a tongue-like projection on the edge.

Female septum edge straight.

Operculum:

Has one rib, male operculum narrower than the female.

Habitat:

In streams on stones and rocks from tidal regions to well inland.

Reference:

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Septaria sanguisuga (Reeve, 1856)

1 cm



Shell:

Oblong-ovate, deep with a large apex. Colour dark brown, sometimes with a fine network pattern of black lines. Shell widens in front of the septum, which is narrow and tinged orange.

Operculum:

Orange with two ribs of nearly equal length.

Habitat:

In fast flowing streams on stones and rock faces.

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Neritina variegata Lesson, 1831

1 cm



Shell:

Variable with ground color of olive, yellow or orange with black markings but often covered in a black encrustation. Has a small spire. Columellar area narrow, white with a red splash below. Aperture white.

Operculum:

White-black, solid with no horn border.

Habitat:

On stones and rocks in rivers and streams in both slow and fast flowing water.

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Neritina canalís Sowerby, 1825

1 cm



Shell:

Brown-black, columellar area wide, color yellow turning orange then red below, has a canal at the corner. Aperture orange-red.

Operculum:

Pale orange with black radial stripes and horn border red.

Habitat:

In streams on stones from a few meters from the sea to well inland.

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Clithon corona (Linné, 1758)

1 cm



Shell:

Ridged, brown-dark brown, sometimes with yellow-orange stripes encircling the whorl. May have spines. Aperture white. Columellar area orange with a black splash on the lower edge.

Operculum:

Creamy pink with a narrow orange horn border.

Habitat:

On stones in streams not far from the sea.

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Clithon pritchardi (Dohrn, 1861)

1 cm



Shell:

Roughly wrinkled, with and without spines, brown. Columellar area cream, turning bright orange red at lower edge. Aperture orange-yellow.

Operculum:

Cream-orange with a dark orange horn border.

Habitat:

On stones in fast flowing streams.

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