

Common Name: **Ribbed Mussel**
Scientific Name: ***Geukensia demissa***



Where is it found?

Gulf of St. Lawrence to Florida and Texas

What type of habitat does it use?

Salt marshes, estuaries, oyster reefs

Prey type?

Algae and other small particles filtered from the water.

Predators?

Blue Crabs, Rails, Egrets, Herons, and Raccoons

Threats?

Habitat Loss and Pollution



Fun Facts!

- Can live more than 15 years and can grow to nearly 10 cm in length.
- Sex can be determined by the mantle color. Females tend to be medium brown whereas males are a yellowish-cream color.
- Adults can filter (when submerged) up to ~42 gallons of water per day.