

On finding a species of *Vertigo* in Manchester State Park

Brian Gregory and Drew Skinner went to Manchester State Park in Kitsap County in February to check on what snail species our mild and wet winter might have brought forth. Ironically, the day they picked was the day before the arctic air mass descended on our area and made us realize that mild and wet was just mother nature's way of teasing us and that winter was still very much with us.

They found an as yet to be identified species of *Vertigo* on the trunks and branches of trees. Drew Skinner and George Holm had collected in the same area in April 1989 and at that time found a species of *Vertigo* on hazel bushes which they identified as *Vertigo rowelli* (Newcomb, 1860). *Vertigo rowelli* is small, averaging 2.45 to 2.8 mm. in length and with 5 1/2 to 6 whorls and has four teeth in the aperture.

Brian Gregory had brought his camera along and took the photos of the forest terrain and Drew Skinner looking for snails at the edge of the road plus the *Vertigo* sp. on the tree trunk. Note the shadow it casts, impressive for such a small snail. Later when he returned home, Brian made the close-up photograph of two of the specimens he had collected.

