



Linda Schroeder photos

In early fall of 2008 I was visiting family in Georgia. Another club member asked that if I had a chance to, would I find some land snails for him. I had the perfect opportunity while visiting my sister who had just moved to a new house in Dawson Co. in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Her backyard is adjacent to natural woodlands that haven't been disturbed in decades. It is primarily deciduous forest with a scattering of pines. The area is steeply sloped and there are catches where thick piles of leaves have accumulated over the years. This is where I was able to find several species of land snails, down in the moist lower layers.

Upon returning home, I photographed the snails and by way of George Holm, passed the photos along to Dr. Harry Lee, a land snail expert with the Jacksonville Shell Club. He was kind enough to identify the species for me. It turned out three of them are new records for that county.



9 mm

Deep-tooth Shagreen

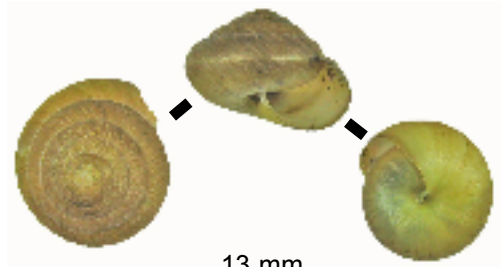
*Inflectarius rugeli* (Shuttleworth, 1852)



15 mm

Smooth Button

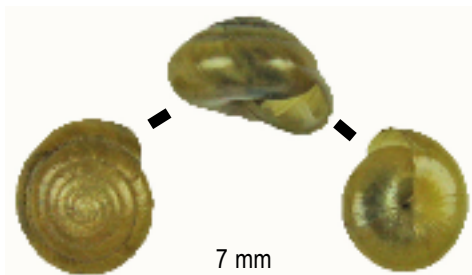
*Mesomphix perlaevis* (Pilsbry, 1900)



13 mm

Pyramid Dome

*Ventridens intertextus* (A. Binney, 1841)



7 mm

Copper Dome +

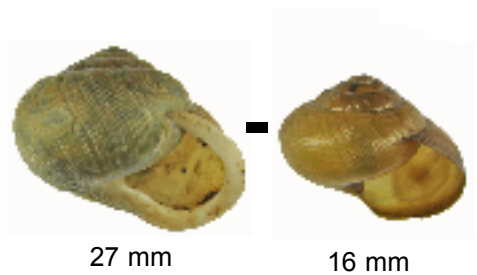
*Ventridens theloides* (Walker and Pilsbry, 1902)



16 mm

Broad Button +

*Mesomphix latior* (Pilsbry, 1900)



27 mm

16 mm

Grand Globe +

*Mesodon normalis* (Pilsbry, 1900)

+ = New Co. record vs. Hubricht (1985)

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