

Cerastoderma



A

B

C

D

Top row - *Cerastoderma edule*. Bottom row - *Cerastoderma glaucum*
Shells "A" measure approx. 30mm in height.

<i>Cerastoderma edule</i> (top)		<i>Cerastoderma glaucum</i> (bottom)
rounded shape	A	more angular shape
more flattened ribs	A	more prominent ribs
slightly thicker shell	A	slightly thinner shell
long hinge	B	short hinge
wavy posterior valve margins	C	straight posterior valve margins
interior ribs near margins only	D	interior ribs throughout shell
diffuse stain near anterior margin	D	well defined stain near anterior margin

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Carpet shells

		no radiating lines	fine radiating lines	decussate
Pallial sinus & line confluent			<i>V. senegalensis</i>	
Pallial sinus & line nearly confluent		<i>T. rhomboides</i>		
Pallial sinus & line have space			<i>T. aurea</i>	<i>T. decussata</i>