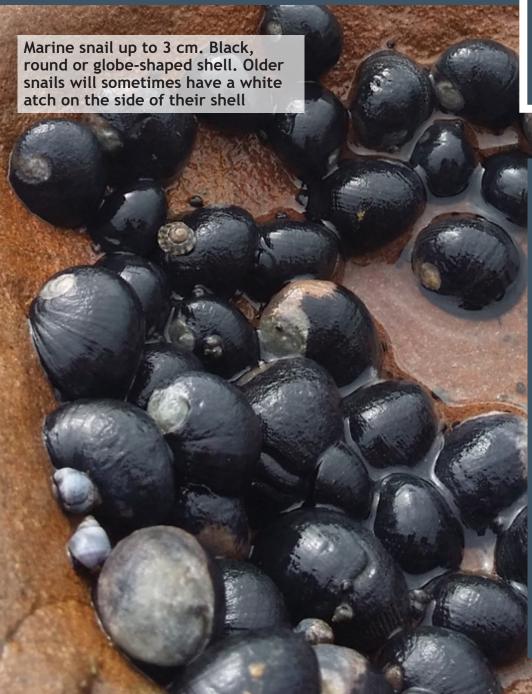


# MARINE field guide

## Black Nerite Nerita melanotragusa



#### Where look:

Mid to high shore, rock pools and crevices in WA, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC

#### When to look:

Year-round

### Similar species:

Black nerites are common on rocky shores and easily distinguished from most other marine snails by their black colour and rounded shape. Black nerites (Nerita melanotragusa) can be mistaken with a similar species called the ribbed nerite (Nerita costata) which occurs in Queensland and southern NSW. The ribbed nerite has 12-15 ribs that swirl up to the flattened apex of the shell and a grey or green operculum (shell door or lid). The black nerite, is smooth shelled and has a black operculum (sometimes spotted orange).

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