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Appendix A

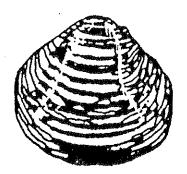
Keys to Lake Waccamaw Clams, Mussels and Snails

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# KEY TO MOLLUSKS OF LAKE WACCAMAW, N.C.

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A	BIVALVE MOLLUSK [two shells]
В	ROUND, FAT, CLAM LIKE, GENERALLY LESS THAN 1" INCH (25 mm) LENGTH
	ELLIPTICAL, RHOMBOIDAL, OVOIDAL, OR DISTORTED SHAPE - NOT CLAM LIKE; ADULTS GENERALLY LARGER THAN 1" INCH (25 mm) LENGTH.
	FRESHWATER MUSSELSD.
С	VALVES WITH PROMINENT CONCENTRIC RIDGES ON SHINY OUTER SHELL SURFACE, THICK SHELLED.



"Asian clam" Corbicula fluminea (Muller).
This clam has recently appeared in Lake Waccamaw and is now common in the shallow northern lake areas. So far it has not been found in the park area. The clam, introduced from Asia, is common throughout southern United States.

SMALL, THIN SHELLED, WITHOUT PROMINENT CONCENTRIC RIDGES; MAXIMUM SIZE ABOUT 1/4" INCH [6 mm], MOST LESS THAN 1/8" INCH [3 mm] LENGTH.

"Fingernail Clam" and/or "Peaclam"
Four species believed present, specific identifies in question.
Two possible species illustrated.

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D.	TOOTH AND/OR RIDGE STRUCTURES ON INNER SHELL NEAR BEAKS	Ε.

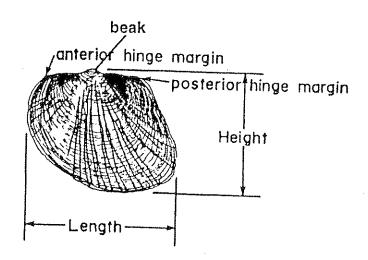
Insert drawing of hinge area of Atlantic Spike here.

NO TOOTH OR RIDGE STRUCTURES ON INNER SHELL NEAR BEAKS, OUTER SHELL COLOR USUALLY LIGHT GREENISH-YELLOW. [Note absence of tooth-like structures near beak on inner shell of interior shell drawing of Eastern floater].

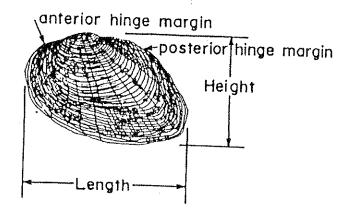
"Eastern floater" *Pyganodon cataracta* (Say) Maximum length in the lake is 3 inches (77 mm). Formerly known as the "Smooth Floater" *Anodonta teres*.

E SHELL HEIGHT IS GREATER THAN 1/2 OF THE SHELL LENGTH, OVAL TO OVAL-ELLIPTI-CAL SHAPE.

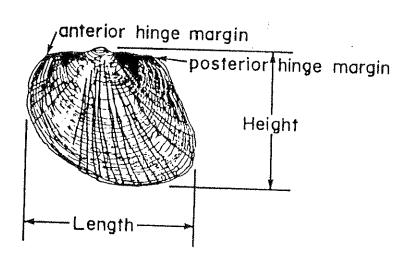
"Length" runs parallel to hinge of shell; "Height" runs at a 90° angle to length [perpendicular]...... F.



SHELL HEIGHT IS LESS THAN 1/2 OF THE SHELL LENGTH; SHELL ELONGATED ......G.



SHELL HEIGHT IS GREATER THAN 3/4 OF SHELL LENGTH, OVAL SHAPE; OUTER SHELL COLOR IS YELLOW TO LIGHT BROWN WITH THIN RAYS RADIATING FROM SHELL HINGE, PINKISH TO WHITE INTERIOR SHELL COLOR; ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR HINGE MARGINS VERY ANGULAR.



"Tidewater mucket" Leptodea ochracea (Say).

This is a common Lake Waccamaw species; it has a discontinuous range along the Atlantic seaboard from Georgia north to Nova Scotia. Note also Waccammw lampmussel in "K". Maximum length is about 2.5 inches [64 mm].

G LONG, RECTANGULAR, RAZOR-SHAPED.

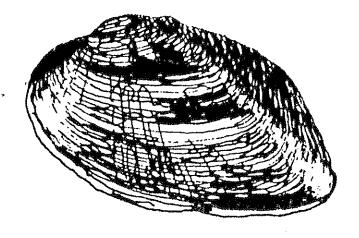
"Pod Lance" Elliptio folliculata (I. Lea). Occasionally found in the deeper waters and SW area of the lake near the Waccamaw River dam. Maximum Lake Waccamaw length is about 3.3 inches [84 mm]. This species can reach a length of 4.5 inches [114 mm] in other North Carolina habitats. Species is known only from SE North Carolina and Georgia. The Lake Waccamaw form may eventually be listed as an endemic Lake Waccamaw species.

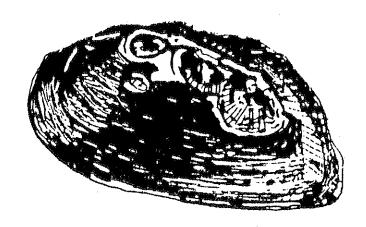
## MODERATELY ELONGATE, CAN BE BULLET-SHAPED

"Atlantic Spike" Elliptio producta (Conrad). Occasionally present in the West lake area near the Waccamaw River dam. Species has not been recorded from park area. Range of this species is believed to be on the Atlantic seaboard from Pennsylvania south into Florida. Maximum length in lake is less than 2 inches [51 mm]. This spike is known to reach a 4 inch [102 mm] length in other North Carolina habitats. Genetic studies of NC mussels resembling this species suggest that Lake Waccamaw specimens, while similar looking to other NC specimens, are genetically different. Thus, the scientific name of this mussel from Lake Waccamaw may be changed within the next several years.

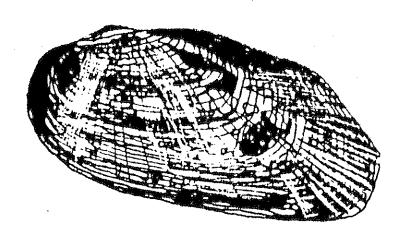
I BROWNISH GREEN TO DARK BROWN EXTERIOR WITHOUT COLORED RAYS -INNER SHELL COLOR IS WHITE. SHELL FREQUENTLY HIGHLY ERODED.

"Waccamaw spike," *Elliptio waccamawensis* (I. Lea). Species is found only in LakeWaccamaw and is very common. As many as 132 per m<sup>2</sup> have been found in the lake. Maximum length is about 3 inches [76 mm].



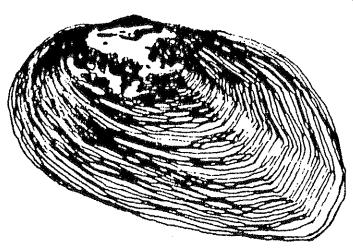


BROWNISH GREEN TO YELLOW GREEN SHELL WITH GREEN OR BROWN RADIATING RAYS NEAR POSTERIOR SHELL SURFACE INTERIOR SHELL COLOR WITH A TINGE OF VIOLET OR PINK.



Male "Waccamaw fatmucket,, Lampsilis fullerkati R. I. Johnson. This mussel may also be known only from Lake Waccamaw. Positive separation of maleWaccamaw fatmucket and Waccamaw spike specimens sometimes is possible only after microscopic examination of their posterior mantle tissues. For more information note also: "M." Recent genetic studies suggest that the Waccamaw fatmucket is the "Eastern lampmussel" Lampsilis radiata (Gmelin). The latter is known to range from the St. Lawrence River south to the Pee Dee river drainage.

EXTERIOR SHELL SURFACE HAVING A CLOTH-LIKE TO VELVETY ROUGH APPEARANCE; COLOR IS DARK BROWN.



"Carolina spike," Elliptio raveneli (Conrad).

Occasionally found near W shore of lake and thus may occur near the N.C. state park. This species may range between North Carolina and Florida.Maximum length is about 2.2 inches [56 mm] - lengths in flowing waters (rivers and streams) may be considerably larger. Separation of this species from the "Southern pondhorn" *Uniomerus obesus* (I. Lea), which inhabits nearby stream systems, can only be performed reliably using soft tissue anatomy.

K. RHOMBOIDAL SHAPE, LOW ELLIPTICAL, OR DISTORTED SHAPE .....L.

OVAL-ELLIPTICAL TO OVAL SHAPE, SHELL HEIGHT IS JUST LESS THAN 3/4 OF THE SHELL LENGTH; OUTER SHELL COLOR IS BROWNISH, INNER SHELL WITH WHITISH-BLUE TO VIOLET COLOR TINT; ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR HINGE MARGINS SLIGHTLY ROUNDED;

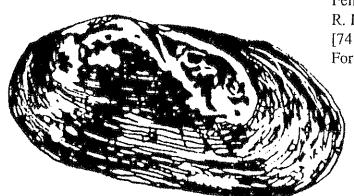
"Waccamaw lampmussel" Lampsilis crocata (I. Lea)].

Rather rare North Carolina species - not known elsewhere in North Carolina; it is believed to occur also in Georgia and South Carolina. This species can be confused with the Tidewater mucket [see "F"] and most specialists believe the two forms represent the same species. In Lake Waccamaw the above length-height relationship seems a reliable differentiation between the two. A more reliable separation is afforded through examination of their respective mantle and gill tissues. Maximum length can reach 2.6 inches [66 mm].

POSTERIOR RIDGE AREA WITH SEVERAL DEFINITE RADIATING RIDGES; INTERIOR COLOR A METALLIC BLUE.

"Savannah lilliput" *Toxolasma pullus* (Conrad)
Rarely found - possibly because of its size and habitat. Seems to prefer the deeper peat bottoms of the lake. Small - maximum shell length seen in Lake Waccamaw is less than 5/8 inches [16 mm]. It reaches a length of 1.5 inches [37 mm] in other North Carolina localities. Known range of species includes North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

EXTERIOR SHELL SMOOTH, BROWNISH GREEN TO YELLOW GREEN EXTERIOR COLOR, GREEN RADIATING RAYS NEAR POSTERIOR END INNER SHELL COLOR IS VIOLET TO PINKISH. POSTERIOR SHELL END OF FEMALES SLIGHTLY SWOLLEN



Female "Waccamaw fatmucket" *Lampsilis fullerkati* R. I. Johnson. Maximum length is about 2.9 inches [74 mm].
For more information see note "Y".

EXTERIOR COLOR A SHINY YELLOW GREEN, OCCASIONALLY WITH GREEN RADIATING RAYS NEARER POSTERIOR END; INNER SHELL COLOR BLUISH WHITE; POSTERIOR SHELL END OF FEMALES ABNORMALLY SWOLLEN; MAXIMUM LENGTH IN LAKE WACCAMAW IS ABOUT 1.6 INCHES [41 mm].

"Eastern creekshell" *Villosa delumbis* (Conrad)]. Occasionally found in W near shore region near the Waccamaw River dam. Species seems restricted to Atlantic drainage from North Carolina south to near Florida. Maximum length is lake is about 1.6 inches [41 mm]. Posterior shell shape of this shell in running waters can be almost bilobed or highly distorted.

# **SNAILS**

1	COILED SHELL 2.				
	CONE-SHAPED SHELL - LIMPETS				
2	GREATER THAN 1/8" inch [3 mm] LENGTH				
	LESS THAN 1/8" inch [3 mm] LENGTH9				
3	CHELL LENGTH MOTICE ADLY ODE ATED THAN GUELT WIDTH				
J	SHELL LENGTH NOTICEABLY GREATER THAN SHELL WIDTH				
ි බ	A DEDTUDE (MOUTH OF SHELL) ON DIGHT SUDE OF SHELL (SDIDE DOLL)				
<u>.</u> ,	APERTURE (MOUTH OF SHELL) ON RIGHT SIDE OF SHELL [SPIRE POINTING UPWARDS] 5				
	APERTURE (MOUTH OF SHELL) ON LEFT SIDE OF SHELL [SPIRE POINTING UPWARDS], VERY FRAGILE SEMI-TRANSLUCENT SHELL.				
	"Bayou physa" Physella hendersoni (Clench)]				
	Occasionally found throughout Lake Waccamaw region. Overall range is from North Carolina south				
	to Florida and west to Mississippi river. Maximum				
	length less than 1/2 inch [13 mm].				
5	OPAQUE, NON-FRAGILE SHELL				
TRANSLUCENT, FRAGILE SHELL WITH SHARP POINTED SPIRE ALMOST MIRRO THE Bayou physa.					

"Mimic lymnaea", *Pseudosuccinea columella* (Say). To date species has only been found attached to plant stems in Big Creek. It may be found subsequently in similar Lake Waccamaw habitats. It is a common Atlantic drainage species. Maximum known Waccamaw drainage length less than 1/4 inch [6 mm]. Know to reach 5/8 inch [16 mm] length in other North Carolina localities.

6 STRAW COLORED TO YELLOW, USUALLY WITH SQUARE LIKE WHORLS, OPERCULUM WITH A SPIRAL NUCLEUS

"Ridged lioplax", *Lioplax subcarinata* (Say). Common near-shore Lake Waccamaw species; uncommon elsewhere in North Carolina waters. The species is also known to occur from New York south into North Carolina within the Atlantic drainage. Maximum length in lake is about 3/4 inch [19 mm].

MEDIUM TO DARK BROWN WITH ROUNDED WHORLS; SHELL MOUTH OR APERTURE PARALLEL TO SHELL LENGTH AXIS [note second figure]; OPERCULUM WITH A SPIRAL NUCLEUS

"Pointed campeloma", Campeloma decisum (Say). Common near shore Lake Waccamaw species. A common species occurring east of the Mississippi River from Nova Scotia into the Great Lakes and south possibly into Texas. May reach 1 inch [25 mm] length - largest snail in lake.

7 FLATTENED SPIRE, NON-GLOBULAR SHAPE...... 8.

GLOBULAR SHAPE - LENGTH ABOUT EQUAL TO WIDTH; LIGHT BROWN COLOR; SHELL MOUTH OR APERTURE NOT PARALLEL TO SHELL LENGTH AXIS, AS WITH THE CAMPELOMA SPECIES, BUT ANGULAR TO THE LENGTH AXIS [note second figure].

"Buffalo pebblesnail" Gillia altilis (I. Lea). Occasionally found in deeper waters of Lake Waccamaw. This species also occurs within the Atlantic drainage from New York south into South Carolina. Maximum length about 1/4" inch [6 mm];

8 SHELL SMALL, ABOUT 1/8 INCH [3 mm] LENGTH; OPERCULAR OPENING GREATLY INFLATED; WHITE TO LIGHT TAN.

"Marsh sprite", *Micromenetus alabamensis* (Pilsbry).

A species found on grass stems and rotten logs within Lake Waccamaw. It has been found along the shore of the state park. Species seems known only from North Carolina and Alabama.

SHELL LENGTH ABOUT 1/4" INCH [6 mm], OPERCULAR OPENING ABOUT SAME HEIGHT AS SHELL; YELLOW TO REDDISH BROWN COLOR.

"Marsh rams-horn" *Planorbella trivolvis* (Say). Occasionally found throughout Lake Waccamaw. This is a common species within the Atlantic and Mississippi drainages from Canada south into Florida. Maximum width approaches 1/2 inch [13 mm].

9 SHELL FLATTENED - Immature specimen of a previously discussed species ...... see #8.

SPIRE GENERALLY SOMEWHAT POINTED, APERTURE LENGTH LESS THAN TOTAL SHELL LENGTH.

"Waccamaw amnicola" Amnicola sp. or "Waccamaw siltsnail" Cincinnatia sp. Both species, extremely common throughout the lake, are known only from Lake Waccamaw. A density of over 800 m2 has been recorded for the Waccamaw siltsnail.

10 ELLIPTICAL, APEX OF CONE BLUNT AND ALMOST CENTRALLY LOCATED, SHELL SIDES FLATTENED TO SLIGHTLY CONVEX; LENGTH GENERALLY LESS THAN 1/4" INCH [6 mm].

"Dusky ancylid" *Laevapex fuscus* (C.B. Adams). Believed to be very rare in the lake. Found on emergent vegetation and soft drink bottles. Currently, known only at Waccamaw from Big Creek drainage but probably occurs sparingly in waters of the lake. Species has a wide distribution in the Atlantic drainage.

OVAL WITH NEARLY PARALLEL LATERAL SIDES; APEX OF CONE POINTED AND NEAR POSTERIOR SHELL EDGE: POSTERIOR SIDE OF CONE CONCAVE - ANTERIOR SIDE FLAT OR SLIGHTLY CONVEX; SHORT MICROSCOPIC RIBLETS SURROUNDING APEX; LENGTH GENERALLY LESS THAN 1/8" INCH [3 mm].

"Blackwater ancylid" Ferrissia hendersoni Walker Believed to be very rare in Lake Waccamaw. May live attached to plants living within the lake. Available published data indicates it may be a North Carolina endemic. Only known Lake Waccamaw collection was in 1908. It is known to occur nearby in other lakes.

# Appendix B All Known Fish and Mollusk Species in Lake Waccamaw and Waccamaw River

# FISH

Longnose Gar
Lepisosteus osseus

Bowfin *Amia calva* 

American Eel Auguilla rostrata

American Shad

Alosa sapidissima
in river, not lake

Gizzard Shad

Dorosoma cepedianum

Eastern Mudminnow
Umbra pygmaea

Redfin Pickerel Esox americanus

Chain Pickerel Esox niger

Carp
Cyprinus carpio

Eastern Silvery Minnow

Hybognathus regins
in river, not lake

Golden Shiner
Notemigonus crysoleucas

Ironcolor Shiner
Notropis chalybaeus

Dusky Shiner
Notropis cummingsae
in river, not lake

Taillight Shiner
Notropis maculatus

Coastal Shiner
Notropis petersoni

Creek Chubsucker
Erimyzon oblongus

Lake Chubsucker
Erimyzon sucetta

Spotted Sucker

Minytrema melanops
in river, not lake

White Catfish letalurus catus

Yellow Bullhead
Ictalunus natalis
in river, not lake

Brown Bullhead Icialurus nebulosus

Flat Bullhead

Ictalunus platy cephalus

Tadpole Madtom
Noturus gyrinus

Margined Madtom
Noturus insignis
in river, not lake

Broadtail Madtom Notums n sp.

## Swampfish

Chologaster comuta in river, not lake

## Pirate Perch

Aphredoderus sayanus

## Lined Top-minnow

Fundulus lineolatus

### Waccamaw Killifish

Fundulus waccamensis

## Mosquitofish

Gambusia affinis

#### Waccamaw Silverside

Menidia extensa

#### White Perch

Morone americana

#### Mud Sunfish

Acantharchus pomotis

#### Flier

Centrarchus macropterus

#### Blackbanded Sunfish

Enneacanthus chaetodon in river, not lake

#### Bluespotted Sunfish

Enneacanthus gloriosus

#### Banded Sunfish

Enneacanthus obesus

#### Redbreast Sunfish

Lepomis auritus

#### Pumpkinseed

Leponiis gibbosus

#### Warmouth

Lepomis gulosus

#### Bluegill

Lepomis macrochirus

#### Dollar Sunfish

Lepomis marginatus in river, not lake

#### Redear Sunfish

Lepomis microlophus

## Spotted Sunfish

Lepomis punctatus in river, not lake

## Largemouth Bass

Microptenis salmoides

## Black Crappie

Pomoxis nigromaculatus

# Everglades Pygmy Sunfish

Elassoma evergladei

## Banded Pygmy Sunfish

Elassoma zonatum

#### Carolina Pygmy Sunfish

Elassoma boehlkei in river, not lake

#### Swamp Darter

Etheostoma fusiforme

#### Tessellated Darter

Etheostoma olmstedi in river, not lake

#### Waccamaw Darter

Etheostoma perlongum

#### Sawcheek Darter

Etheostoma serriferum in river, not lake

#### Yellow Perch

Perca flavescens

# **SNAILS**

of Lake Waccamaw and Big Creek

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Physella hendersoni (Clench)

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April 11, 1994

Dr. Richard Neves US Department of Fish and Wildlife Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA 24061

Dear Dr. Neves:

Enclosed you'll find a draft copy of the Environmental Education Learning Experience (EELE) developed for Lake Waccamaw State Park. The program is designed for students in grades 6, 7 and 8, and is concentrated on freshwater mussels and the water chemistry of Lake Waccamaw.

If your time permits, we would appreciate a review of the entire document; however if that is not feasible, then On-Site #1 Mussel Lake (p. 4.1), the Appendices (p. 8.1) and Pre-visit #1 Fun With Freshwater Mussels (p. 3.1) would be the priorities.

Because of our accelerated production schedule, we only have two weeks between the draft stage and the start of the final workup (graphics, final formatting, etc.). If you could have your comments to me by April 25 it would be most helpful. In addition to mailing any reviewed material, our fax number is 919-870-6843. I can be reached by phone at 846-9991.

Thank you for you help

Sincerely,

Tom Howard

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