

## Virginia Land Snails

### *Strobilops aeneus* Pilsbry, 1926

Family: Strobilopsidae  
Common name: Bronze Pinecone

#### Identification

Width: 2.4 - 2.8 mm  
Height: 1.5 - 2.0 mm  
Whorls: 6

The shell of this species is dark reddish-brown and is covered with curved radial ridges. The periphery of shells in this genus is generally rounded, but on *S. aeneus* it is a bit angular. The pattern of the lamellae, as seen through the base, is alternating short-long-short-long. The aperture is wider than it is tall, with a bit of a reflected lip. The shell sculpture is somewhat smoother on the base, which is narrowly umbilicate.

#### Ecology

*Strobilops aeneus* is found upon old logs and in leaf litter, sometimes with *S. labyrinthicus*. In Tennessee this species was on flatter, drier, and more acid sites, and absent from wet or very rich sites (Coney et al, 1982).

#### Taxonomy

Synonyms for *S. aeneus* are *Strobila labyrinthica*, *Strobilops aenea*, *S. labyrinthica*, and *S. l. strebeli*.

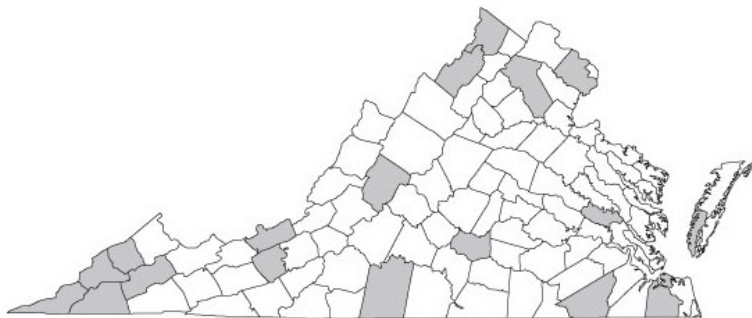
#### Distribution

This snail ranges widely through the middle and eastern parts of the US, though it is sparse in the north and rare in New England (Hubricht, 1985). It is spread throughout most of Virginia.

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#### Range Map



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