

INVASIVE

Zebra mussels

Dreissena polymorpha

KEYS TO ID

- Stripes are generally in zigzag pattern
- Pattern is variable; some may lack striping altogether and can be solid tan or brown
- Have a flat edge and won't topple over when set on it
- Shells form straight line when closed
- Range from $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch to 2 inches

LOOKS SIMILAR TO

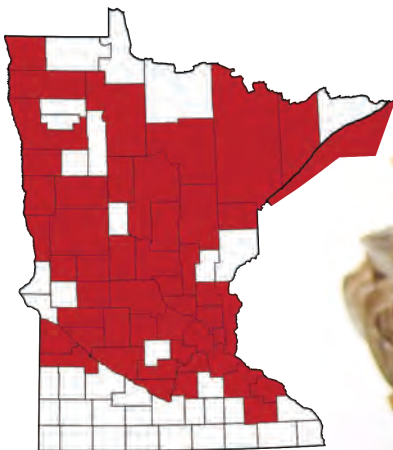
- Quagga mussels (invasive)
- Asian clam (invasive)
- Chinese mystery snail (invasive)
- Native snails (native)
- Native mussels (native)



WHERE TO LOOK

- Often found attached to submerged objects (such as boats and docks as well as plants and rocks)
- May leave behind byssal threads when removed
- Newly settled mussels are usually in shallow areas; adults are common in depths of 10 to 20 feet

CURRENTLY FOUND



Zebra mussels covering native mussel