

# Marine Mollusks Dichotomous Key

(for Specimens 1-8)

- 1a. The body of the shell has a whorl or spiral appearance.....Go to #2
- 1b. The body of the shell does not have a whorl or spiral appearance.....Go to #7
  
- 2a. The body of the shell is decorated with nodes or spines.....Go to #3
- 2b. The body of the shell is smooth and not decorated with nodes or spines.....Go to #5
  
- 3b. The shell spirals towards the left (is left-handed).....**Lightning Whelk**
- 3b. The shell spirals towards the right (is right-handed).....Go to #4
  
- 4a. The shell has a number of spiny vertical ridges that run the length of the shell.....**Apple Murex**
- 4b. The shell does not have spiny vertical ridges that run the length of the shell....**Florida Fighting Conch**
  
- 5a. The shell is spherically shaped (shaped like a ball).....**Atlantic Moon Snail**
- 5b. The shell is not spherically shaped.....Go to #6
  
- 6a. There are numerous, widely-spaced brown lines spiraling up shell surface.....**Banded Tulip**
- 6b. There are no brown lines spiraling up shell surface.....**Lettered Olive**
  
- 7a. The shell is rather flat, with ears along the hinge line.....**Calico Scallop**
- 7b. The shell is not flat, and has no ears along the hinge line.....**Giant Atlantic Cockle**