

# Golden mussel

(*Limnoperna fortunei*)

Invasive - NOT present in Lake Tahoe



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## Key characteristic

- **Small, golden to yellowish brown colored shell**



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## Habitat

- Attached to hard surfaces < 33 ft deep

## Size

- Typically under 4 cm (1.5"), but can be found up to 5 cm (2")

## Shape

- D-shaped shell

## Color

- Light golden to darker yellowish brown to brown, purple inside