

# New Zealand mudsnail

(*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)

Invasive - present in Lake Tahoe



Photos: M. Rydel, Marine Taxonomic Services

## Key characteristic

- **Very small, dextral (right-sided opening)**



Photo: US Geological Survey

## Habitat

- Silt, sand, cobbles, and aquatic vegetation to depths of 150 ft

## Size

- 4-6 mm long (about the size of a grain of rice)

## Shape

- Elongated, coiling shell consisting of 5-8 whorls

## Color

- Gray or brown shell