

# MONOCULUS CONCHACEUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Pedes* natatorii.

*Corpus* crusta tectum.

*Oculi* (plerisque) approximati, testæ innati.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MONOCULUS testâ ovali tomentosa.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 3003.

M. antennis capillaribus multiplicibus, testâ bivalvi.

*Lyn. Syst. Nat.* ed. 12. p. 1059.

M. ovato-conchaceus.

*Degeer. ins.* 7. p. 476. t. 29. f. 5—7.

Cypris pubera.

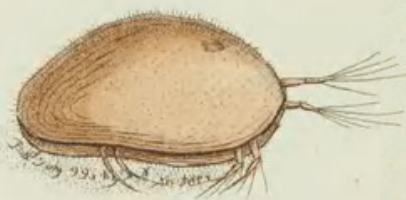
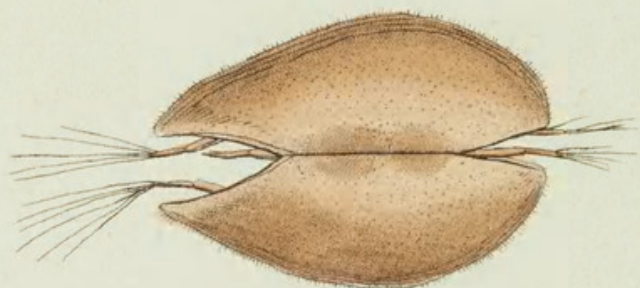
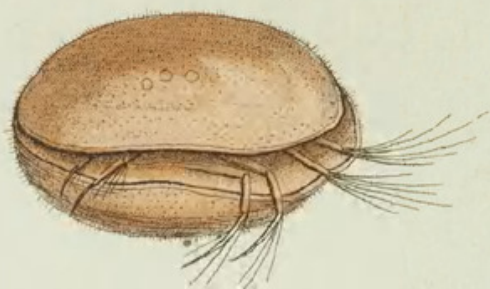
*Müll. entomost.* p. 56. n. 15. t. 5. f. 1—5.

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In omnibus fere aquis stagnantibus conspici possit æstivo tempore Monoculus conchaceus, mytulo deminuto simillimus. Variat moles pro ætate; interdum grano arenæ vix major, interdum decimæ fere unciae parti æqualis. Color, ut plurimum, leviter fuscus, interdum subflavo tinctus.







THE  
MUSCLE MONOCULUS.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Feet* formed for swimming.

*Body* covered by a crustaceous shell.

*Eyes* (in most species) approximated, fixed in the shell.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

Brown oval MONOCULUS, with downy shell.

Oval-shelled MONOCULUS.

Muscle MONOCULUS.

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The Monoculus Conchaceus, so remarkable for its resemblance to a muscle in miniature, may be discovered in almost every stagnant water during the summer months. In size it varies according to age; being sometimes scarce larger than a grain of sand, and sometimes nearly the tenth of an inch in length. Its color is a pale brown, with a slight cast of yellow.



Shaw, George. 1799. "The Muscle Monoculus, *Monoculus conchaceus* [Pl. 390]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 10(CXIX), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304572>.

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