

PERIWINKLE IDENTIFICATION p.1

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Not a periwinkle



Dogwhelk
Nulcella lapillus

SPIRE POINTED



Common Periwinkle
Littorina littorea

Groove between whorls shallow

Groove between whorls deep



Rough Periwinkle
Littorina saxatilis

SPIRE FLATTENED



Front of shell rounded



Front of shell less rounded, often almost 'straight'

Flat Periwinkles
Littorina obtusata *Littorina fabalis*

PERIWINKLE IDENTIFICATION p.2

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Not a periwinkle



siphon ↑ groove
(absent in winkles)

Dogwhelk
Nulcella lapillus

SPIRE POINTED



Common Periwinkle
Littorina littorea

'Smooth'

Notched



Rough Periwinkle
Littorina saxatilis

SPIRE FLATTENED

Spire domed



Flat Periwinkles
Littorina obtusata *Littorina fabalis*

Spire low, almost flat



Colour and pattern are variable, particularly in rough and flat periwinkles. Colour and pattern do not aid identification.