

Shellfish quick guide

Bivalves



Nut shell

Small and round like a cherry stone. Smooth. Light brown.



Cockle Tuangi

Has a criss-cross pattern of ridges like a file.



Trough shell Ruheruhe

Usually bigger than a cockle or pipi with a thinner shell. Fine growth lines (not criss-crossing).



Pipi Pipi

Has an elongated shape. Smooth.



Wedge shell Hanikura

Has one rounded and one pointed end. Pointed end is bent over to one side.

Gastropods



Mud Whelk

Bullet shaped with small knobby lumps along the ridges



Harbour Top shell Whētiko

Hās a spiral on the top, yellow rimmed opening underneath.



Horn shell Koeti

Horn shaped corkscrew shell.



Mud snail Karahu / Titiko / Pupu



Southern olive shell Tikoaka



Oyster borer Kaikai tio

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