Class: Gastropoda

Order: Neogastropoda

Family: Fasciolariidae

Genus: Africolaria

*Africolaria rutila*

Species: Africolaria rutila  
  
FishBoard code: FasRut

Common name: Africolaria rutila

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Distinguishing features: Shell higher than wide rather narrowly fusiform, with evenly rounded whorls and deep sutures, siphonal canal rather long and narrow, aperture smooth within. Has fairly prominent spire. Tip/apex of shell slightly bulbous (not as pronounced as Neptuneopsis gilchristi). Large oval operculum. Sculptured by very fine regular spiral threads.

Colour: Light brown, mottled colouration, white periostracum very thin, pale yellowish-brown

Size: Up to 200 mm or more.

Distribution: Atlantic Cape, from south of Cape Point to north of St Helena Bay

Similar species: Neptuneopsis gilchristi - which has a shorter spire and more pronounced bulbous apex.

References: Sea Shells of Southern Africa