Class: Gastropoda

Order: Neogastropoda

Family: Volutidae

Genus: Neptuneopsis

*Neptuneopsis gilchristi*

Species: Neptuneopsis gilchristi  
  
FishBoard code: Neptun

Common name: Giant bullia

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Distinguishing features: Shell large and light, with high spire, wide aperture and tapering, unnotched base; inner lip with a thin, smooth callus glaze, but no pleats. Sculptured by very fine, dense spiral threads. Operculum smaller than aperture, leaf-shaped and apical nucleus.

Colour: Pale buff or greyish under a thin, persistent khaki periostracum

Size: Up to 200 mm in length. Average 120 - 150 mm in length.

Distribution:

Similar species: Fasciolaria rutila which has a longer spire and less pronounced bulbous apex.

References: Sea Shells of Southern Africa (pg. 111, pl. 26)