

# Bubble Pondsail

*Austropeplea lessoni*



## Adaptation to environment

- Live in swamps, ponds, &, less-frequently, in slow-flowing streams
- Can withdraw into shell and close its “operculum” (shell door) to seal in moisture
- During drought periods they can bury themselves many centimetres in mud until rains come
- They are air-breathers and will crawl on mud, stones, & water plants.

# Feeding relationships

Where do I live?  Swamp

## What do I eat?

- Detritus (dead animal & plant matter)
- Aquatic plants.

## What eats me?

- Birds
- Freshwater fish, crustaceans such as crayfish.

- A widely-distributed species across much of Australia
- Honey-coloured, thin, fragile, translucent shell with a wide aperture
- Large fleshy foot with wide, triangular tentacles.