

September 16, 2019 7:30 a.m.

Siesta Key Beach.

Weather warm and humid. Incoming tide.

Walked about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south. As usual, little early on, but a steady tide-line of shell material thereafter. After first quarter mile, augers (*Terebra dislocata*) became the most frequent gastropod shell, most in very good condition. Also found olives (mostly small *Americoliva sayana*) and ceriths (*Cerithium atratum*) in some numbers. Coquinas (*Donax variabilis*) present in great numbers both live and fresh dead. Many very colorful. 4 bags of grunge material provided only minimal micro shells, and those found were the most common. Little evidence that small gastropods are living and dying in this area, perhaps the residual of the long red tide episode. Total species were 41 gastropods and 27 bivalves. [Ever the retired marine biology teacher, I collected a beautiful red alga (*Botryocladia occidentalis*) which was new to me.

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