

# Bivalves of Ireland

This is a selection of the 250-plus Bivalve species which have been recorded in Irish waters. The **Big Beach Biodiversity Survey** is looking for volunteers to conduct a timed survey, recording bivalve shells and other species cast up on the tide. To take part, please visit [ExploreYourShore.ie](http://ExploreYourShore.ie)



*Politapes rhomboides*  
(Banded Carpet Shell)



*Pharus legumen*  
(Bean Razor Shell)



*Mytilus edulis*  
(Blue Mussel)



*Mya truncata*  
(Blunt Gaper)



*Cerastoderma edule*  
(Common Cockle)



*Lutraria lutraria*  
(Common Otter Shell)



*Ostrea edulis*  
(Common Oyster)



*Pholas dactylus*  
(Common Piddock)



*Ensis magnus*  
(Sword Razor Shell)



*Glycymeris glycymeris*  
(Dog Cockle)



*Atrina fragilis*  
(Fan Mussel)



*Gari fervensis*  
(Faroe Sunset Shell)



*Limaria hians*  
(Flame Shell)



*Pecten maximus*  
(Great Scallop)



*Modiolus modiolus*  
(Horse Mussel)



*Arctica islandica*  
(Icelandic Cyprine)



*Magallana gigas*  
(Pacific Oyster)



*Ensis siliqua*  
(Pod Razor Shell)



*Acanthocardia echinata*  
(Prickly Cockle)



*Aequipecten opercularis*  
(Queen Scallop)



*Mactra stultorum*  
(Rayed Trough Shell)



*Mya arenaria*  
(Sand Gaper)



*Chamelea gallina*  
(Striped Venus)



*Spisula solida*  
(Thick Trough Shell)



*Mimachlamys varia*  
(Variegated Scallop)



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