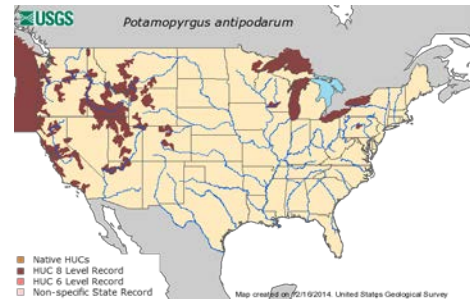


KEEP THE NEW ZEALAND MUD SNAIL OFF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

Where is it found?

The non-native, invasive New Zealand mud snail occurs in freshwater streams in southern California, including the Santa Clara River, streams in the Santa Monica Mountains, central California, and other locations.



NZ mud snail distribution in U.S.

How big is it?

New Zealand mud snails are very small and easily overlooked. A single juvenile, essentially invisible to the unaided eye, transported to Santa Rosa or Santa Cruz Islands could be enough to permanently alter their freshwater communities.



Size comparison with a penny

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

ANY BOOTS, GEAR, OR EQUIPMENT that have been in freshwater streams on the mainland are considered **CONTAMINATED** and must be decontaminated or replaced with new equipment.



All **AQUATIC SAMPLING EQUIPMENT** should be new or have provided proof that it has been decontaminated.



Any aquatic boots, such as waders or aquatic shoes must be new or have provided proof of decontamination.



Regular island staff, volunteers, and upland researchers should have boots and personal gear that are **ONLY** used on the islands.