

Charonia tritonis tritonis (Linnaeus, 1758). Pl. 1, Figs. 1-4.

1758. *Murex tritonis* Linnaeus, Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 754 (in part, references to Bonanni and Rumpf only; Bonanni, "Recreatio Mentis Oculi", etc., fig. 188 was selected as type figure by Clench and Turner, 1957: 196).
1767. *Murex tritonis*: Linnaeus, Systema Naturae, ed. 12: 1222.
1807. *Triton marmoratum* Link, Besch. Nat.-Samm. Univ. Rostock: 122 (in part, reference to Gmelin only; this refers to Bonanni, "Recreatio", etc., fig. 188, and was selected as type figure of *marmoratum* by Clench and Turner, 1957: 196).
1810. *Triton tritonis* Montfort, Conchyliologie Systematique 2: 587 (in part; Montfort's figured specimen is *C. lampas capax* from New Zealand).
1822. *Triton variegatum* Lamarck, Animaux sans Vertèbres 7: 178 (in part).
1844. *Triton variegatus*: Reeve, Conch. Icon. 2, *Triton*: pl. 2, fig. 3b (typical variety only).
1852. *Tritonium tritonis*: H. and A. Adams, Genera of Recent Mollusca 1: 102; 1858, Vol. 3: pl. 11, fig. 1c.
1873. *Triton variegatum*: Hutton, Cat. Mar. Moll. New Zealand: 12.
1881. *Triton tritonis*: Tryon, Man. Conch. 3: 9, pl. 1, fig. 1; pl. 3, fig. 16; pl. 5, fig. 25 (not pl. 4, as given in text).
1913. *Septa tritonis*: Suter, Man. N.Z. Moll.: 304, pl. 42, fig. 1.
1933. *Charonia tritonis*: Bayer, Zool. Meded. Leiden 16: 56.
1936. *Charonia tritonis*: Hirase, A Collection of Japanese Shells in Nat. Colours, etc.: 66, pl. 95, fig. 9.
1941. *Charonia tritonis*: Hatai, Bull. Imp. Trop. Industr. Res. Inst. Palau 7: 122, pl. 3, figs. 1, 2.
1951. *Charonia tritonis*: Taki, An Ill. Handbook of Shells in Nat. Colours from the Japan. Is., etc.: pl. 95, fig. 9.
1952. *Tritonalia tritonis*: Kuroda and Habe, Checklist Bibliogr. Mar. Moll. Japan: 92.
1952. *Tritonalia tritonis*: Tinker, Pacific Sea Shells: 88, unnumbered fig.
1954. *Charonia tritonis*: Bellatante, J. Conch. Paris 94: 70.
1955. *Tritonalia tritonis*: Kira, Coloured Ill. Shells of Japan, ed. 1: 43, pl. 21, fig. 15.
1956. *Charonia tritonis*: Kaicher, Indo-Pacific Sea Shells, Tonnacea: pl. 4, fig. 1.
1959. *Charonia tritonis*: Allan, Australian Shells, ed. 2: 111, pl. 1, fig. 3.
1961. *Charonia tritonis*: Kira, Coloured Ill. Shells of Japan, ed. 2: 53, pl. 21, fig. 12.
1961. *Charonia tritonis*: Rippingale and McMichael, Queensland and Great Barrier Reef Shells: 67, pl. 7, fig. 8.
1962. *Charonia tritonis*: Kira, Shells of the Western Pacific in Colour: 56, pl. 22, fig. 12.
1963. *Charonia tritonis*: Barnard, Ann. Sth. Afr. Mus. 47: 26 (with further synonymy).
1964. *Charonia tritonis*: Powell, Rec. Auckland Inst. Mus. 6(1): 14.
1967. *Charonia tritonis*: Cernohorsky, the Veliger 9(3): 326, pl. 46, fig. 27.

Grows considerably larger than Atlantic form, and is considerably narrower in shape at same size. Periphery regularly rounded, bearing no knobs, or only weak ones. Outer lip flaring markedly, teeth on its inner surface weak or absent over central portion. Plicae on inner lip low and broad, and separated by dark brown interstices narrower than width of plicae.

C. tritonis tritonis is distributed throughout the Indo-West Pacific faunal province. Specimens are recorded from Kyushu, the southern island of Japan, and farther south (Kira, 1962: 56) and from Durban, South Africa (Barnard, 1963: 26) and presumably occur along the coasts of Africa and Asia between these extremes; in the east the subspecies extends to Hawaii, and probably as far south-east as the Tuamotu Archipelago and Pitcairn Island. It is also recorded from most islands within the area outlined by the few records mentioned. In Australasia it occurs throughout northern Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland, and has been recorded from Lord Howe Island; two undoubted specimens have been collected in northern New Zealand.

New Zealand specimens have been reported from Wainui Bay, Whangaroa, Northland (Powell, 1964: 14), and from Cape Maria van Diemen and Reef Point,