

A LONG NEGLECTED PROBLEM: SEPARATING *OLIVA VIDUA*
(RODING, 1798) FROM *O. ELEGANS* LAMARCK, 1811

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ABSTRACT

Some specimens of *Oliva uidua* (Roding, 1798) and *Oliva elegans* Lamarck, 1811 are very similar in general aspect. Morphometric analysis indicates however that the two species are completely distinct. The causes of the difficulties (such as optional non-isometric growth) are discussed; discriminant characters are suggested.