

October 1, 2019 7:40 a. m.

South Lido Beach

Weather warm and humid, 74 degrees. Low tide.

Walked around south side of the beach and on the west side, as far north as the first hotel. Very few shells of any type, and virtually no gastropods around the south point. The closer I got to the hotel, I began to find a few gastropods, along with all the traditional bivalves. The two olives (*Americoliva sayana*) were very small, the augers (*Terebra dislocata*) and ceriths (*Cerithium atratum*) were mature. However, none of the gastropods appeared fresh dead and only the coquinas (*Donax variabilis*) appeared so among the bivalves. Three pint bags of grunge generated a few species of small shells but even the previously common micros were found in small numbers and poor condition. If no other explanation can be found, it would appear there has been little recovery from the red tide.

Total species were 36 gastropods and 30 bivalves. Highlight find was a quality shell of *Solariorbis infracarinatus*.

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