



Seaside News



The Scotch bonnet is the North Carolina state shell. Beachcombers are happy to discover one because they are not always easy to find. Some people are lucky and can have more than one hundred Scotch bonnets in their collection, but others may only have one or two. It is difficult to find a whole one as they are delicate and can break up easily in the surf. The Scotch bonnet is a species of sea snail. Its name, "Scotch bonnet" relates to the outline and color pattern of the shell, which look a bit like a tam o' shanter, a traditional Scottish bonnet or cap. These shells are found on Outer Banks beaches.

Word Search

Scotch Bonnet

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- SPECIES
- DIFFICULT
- BREAK
- SNAIL
- NORTH CAROLINA
- COLOR
- FOUND
- SURF
- OUTER BANKS
- SCOTCH BONNET
- OUTLINE
- SHELL
- COLLECTION
- TAM O' SHANTER
- SEA
- RELATES
- PATTERN
- WHOLE
- DELICATE
- FIND

1. What is the North Carolina state shell?
2. What does a Scotch bonnet resemble?
3. Where are Scotch bonnets found?
4. Why is it hard to find a whole Scotch bonnet?
5. What lives in a Scotch bonnet shell?

Joke of the Month

How do beaches greet each other?

With a sandshake

1. Scotch bonnet
2. A tam o' shanter
3. On the Outer Banks
4. They are delicate and break up in the surf
5. A sea snail