



Ouachita Rock Pocketbook

Arkansia wheeleri

Date of Listing: Endangered, 1991

Size: 3 to 4 inches long

Diet: Filter feeder, feed on plankton

Where it Lives: In medium-sized rivers and backwater pools

Reproduction: Little is known.

The Ouachita Rock Pocketbook is a freshwater mussel with a round to triangular shell. It lives in muddy substrates. Threats to this mussel include the construction of reservoirs, other types of habitat alteration and pollution.



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