

Anodonta (Sinanodonta) woodiana (LEA, 1834)
(Mollusca: Bivalvia: Unionidae) – a New Invasive
Species for the Bulgarian Malacofauna

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Abstract: The species *Anodonta (Sinanodonta) woodiana* (Lea, 1834) found in the Danube River between the 655th and the 498th river km (Gorni Vadin village - Ruse) is reported for the first time in Bulgaria. It is distinguished from the aboriginal species by the form of the shell, the rough umbonal sculpture and the pink nuance of the nacre. According to the dimensions and the rate of growth data, the age of the biggest individual is about 5-6 years. Thus the total number of the Bulgarian freshwater mollusks reaches to 97 species.

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