

Character shift in the naticid gastropods from the Badenian (Miocene) of Poland

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Natica millepunctata from Korytnica is as elongate as *N. helicina* sympatric with it, whereas *N. millepunctata* from Nawodzice (the only naticid species at this locality) is significantly more globose than both the Korytnica naticids. It is here postulated that this intraspecific morphological differentiation resulted from either a convergent character displacement, or a divergent character release. Character shift has also been detected in shell size of *N. millepunctata*. The shifts were related to interspecific competition for food.

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