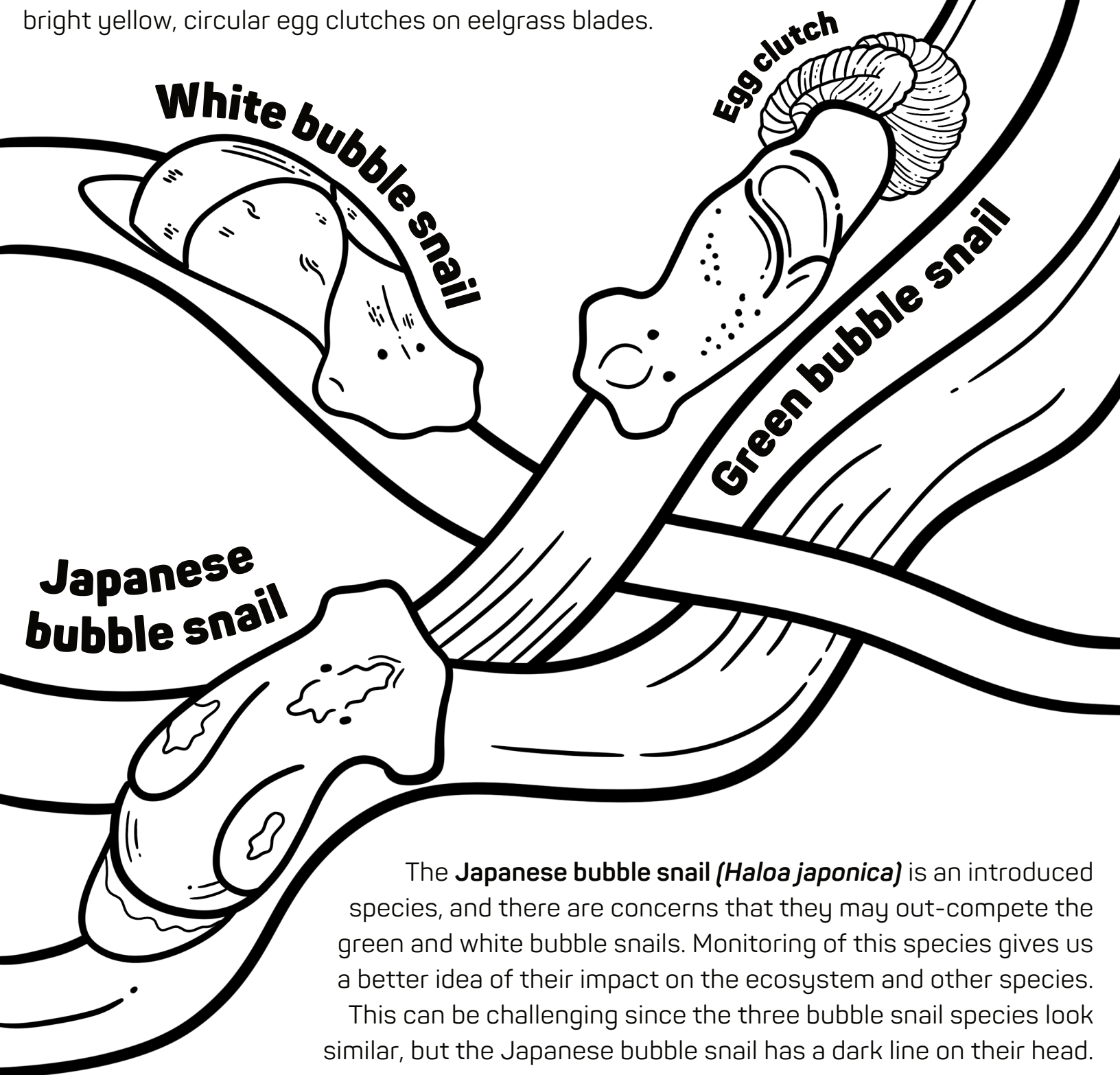


# Bubble Snails

There are two species of bubble snails native to the Salish Sea: the **green bubble snail** (*Haminoea virescens*) and the **white bubble snail** (*Haminoea vesciula*). Bubble snails are named for the small, round shell that protects their soft body. They feed on algae and marine plants. They also lay their bright yellow, circular egg clutches on eelgrass blades.



The **Japanese bubble snail** (*Haloa japonica*) is an introduced species, and there are concerns that they may out-compete the green and white bubble snails. Monitoring of this species gives us a better idea of their impact on the ecosystem and other species.

This can be challenging since the three bubble snail species look similar, but the Japanese bubble snail has a dark line on their head.