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It is a rare Seeley Lake Firby egg, *Atelerix jasperii* -- an endangered species (not related to the scarce baffling, babbling Furby). The only known habitat for the Firby is the Clearwater Valley and Lake McDonald area of Montana. Their eggs are found along the lakeshores each fall, just after the bears go into hibernation and just prior to lake freezeup. Their ecosystem relationship is still a mystery. Sometimes mistaken for the common larch ball or porcupine egg.