

An Addition to the List of Hawaiian *Terebra*

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A photo of an unidentified Hawaiian *Terebra* appeared in *Hawaiian Shell News* for October 1965. Now, after nearly 20 years, that lonely shell finally has been given a name.

The auger had been dredged by HMS benefactor Mariel King's research vessel *Pele* in 1963 and deposited with the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu. Recently, HMS president Dr. Carl Christensen, in charge of malacology at the Museum, allowed the author to search the collection for this shell. Shown (right) are two specimens from the Bishop Museum collection. The shell on the left (217596) measures 21mm; that on the right (222403) is 23.5mm.

The specimen on the left is probably the original shell figured in 1965

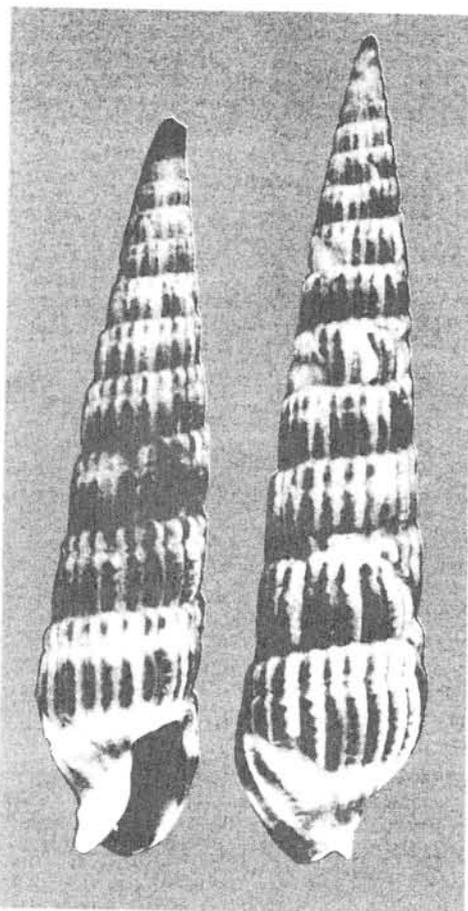
A complete list of then-known Hawaiian *Terebra* was published in *HSN* Aug. 1978. This undescribed auger was referenced along with an additional specimen dredged off Keehi Lagoon, Honolulu after the 1965 publication.

Faunal surveys on guyots in the Central Pacific near Midway Island were carried out by the Japanese fisheries research vessel *Kaiyo Maru* in 1972 and 1973. Dr. Sadao Kosuge of the Institute of Malacology, Tokyo in 1979 described 12 new molluscan species from the *Kaiyo Maru* material. One of these was the *Terebra* which had remained undescribed so long.

Kosuge's description includes the following points: "Shell white, shiny with irregular, axially set, brown striae. Spire sculptured with axial and spiral grooves, forming low granulations."

In the proper light, these granules sparkle, setting this *Terebra* apart from all other Hawaiian species. Type locality is off Midway Island at a depth of 84 meters (275 feet).

A rare species in local collections, *Terebra castaneostriata* Kosuge, 1979 should now be included on the list of Hawaiian *Terebra*.



T. castaneostriata

Photo: Salisbury



"I have a few specimens of *Volutocorbis abyssicola* and *V. lutosa* available for exchange. I would like a couple of *Cypraea tessellata*, or make me an offer." Anne Butler 20 Erasmus Drive, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth 6001, South Africa.

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Catherine Roberts, 72 Taronca Avenue, Mt. St. Thomas 2500, Australia, writes that she has decided on *Haliotis* as her new field and is prepared to exchange her common to uncommon Australian shells for specimens from other parts of the world.

Come to the Party

The Hawaiian Malacological Society's annual Christmas party is set for Wednesday, 5 December, at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers Club.

"We will have our traditional shell exchange after the social hour and dinner," reports Mrs. Inndi Ernst, co-chairman (with Bill Ernst) of the event. "The conversation starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. George Cook will be our M.C."

"As always, Society members and friends visiting Hawaii are particularly welcomed."

Deadline for reservations is 30 November.

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