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reticulation of the sand color. This color character seems to fade very quickly in dead shells.

On sand flats beyond low tide mark. In beach drift.

Family **TEREBRIDÆ**

The Terebridæ is a family of carnivorous molluscs native to tropical and subtropical seas, principally in shallow water and generally in sandy stations.

The shells are elongate and tapering, with whorls regularly increasing in size. A short aperture terminating in a recurved basal notch.

Genus **TEREBRA** Bruguière, 1798

Subgenus **STRIOTEREBRUM** Sacco, 1891

Terebra²⁸⁴ *dislocata* Say

Plate 37, fig. 251

Alt. to 40 mm. Shell elongate, tapering regularly to acute apex; color an indefinite blend of ashy-blue and brownish tones, apex dark. About fifteen flattened whorls, sutures distinct. Sculpture of close longitudinal plicature cancellated by spiral grooves; nodulous band below sutures. Aperture small, outer lip thin. Columella short, recurved into basal notch. Operculum corneous, translucent, yellowish, apical nucleus.

Abundant on sand bars exposed at extreme low tide.

Terebra concava²⁸⁵ *vinosa* Dall

Plate 37, fig. 252

Alt. to 22 mm. Shell with general characters of *T. dislocata*: Smaller, upper whorls thin, color bluish-gray with vinous tint, sometimes maculations of reddish-brown, apex dark; about thirteen whorls. Sculpture of delicate longitudinal plications and spiral grooves; small subsutural band. Operculum brown.

Most common in inside bays.

Terebra protexta²⁸⁶ Conrad

Plate 37, fig. 253

Alt. to 30 mm. Shell with general character of other Terebras. Thirteen to fifteen whorls; lower portion of whorls brown, sutural band light. Longitudinal plications convex over whorls, spiral sculpture obsolete or wanting over sutural band. Operculum red-brown or claret color.

Dredged in three to six fathoms.

²⁸⁴ Lat., *terebra*, a boring tool, *c.g.* auger; *dislocatus*, dislocated.

²⁸⁵ Lat., *concavus*, hollow; *vinum*, wine.

²⁸⁶ Lat., *pro*, before; *textus*, texture.

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Fig. a apertural view; fig. b rear view.

