

AMBROSIA

MELVILL 1912

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= POLYGYRATA

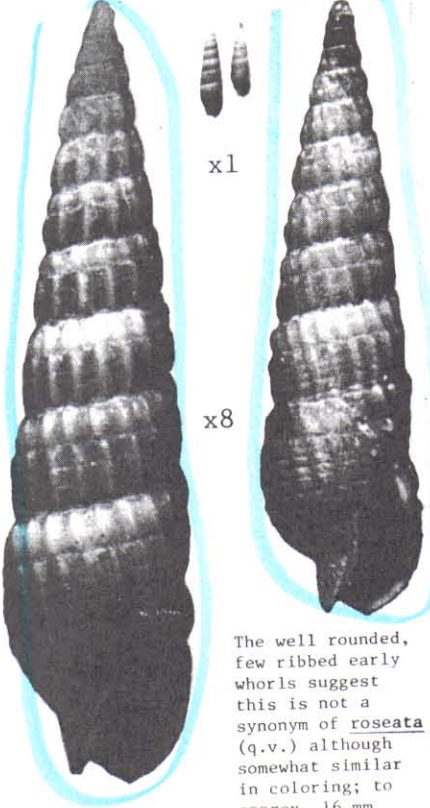
13. *ambrosia*, *Terebra* - MELVILL, 1912, P. M. S. L., 10: 250, pl. 11, fig. 10. Hab. Mekran coast, Charbar. Size: 16×4½ mm. Holotype no. 1912.9.17.38: 15.9 mm; Paratype no. 1912.9.17.39: 12.4 mm. = *Terebra exigua* DESHAYES, 1859.

*T. (Strioterebrum) ambrosia* MELVILL, 1912: Proc. Mal. Soc. 10: 250, pl. 11, fig. 10. BOREHAY  
A rare species. Batangas Bay, Luzon (B no. 249).

1.—*Terebra ambrosia* Melv.

*T. ambrosia* Melv., Proc. Malac. Soc., x, p. 250, pl. xi, fig. 10, 1912. Hab.: M.C., Charbar, 5 fathoms, sand.

Slightly larger than the allied *T. cognata* Smith, the type measuring long, 16; lat., 4.50 mm. The purplish-plum colour is very characteristic. The spiral noded band below the sutures is well marked, the body-whorl possessing a double row, the rest of the surface of the shell being closely transversely lirate. H d ST 1917 p 204



The well rounded, few ribbed early whorls suggest this is not a synonym of *roseata* (q.v.) although somewhat similar in coloring; to approx. 16 mm. (BMNH type coll. 1912.9.1738-9)

*Terebra ambrosia* Melvill SK  
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104b, Lectotype of *T. ambrosia* Melvill, same Institution No. 1912.9.17.28.; 15.9 mm.



TEREBRA AMBROSIA, n.sp. Pl. XI, Fig. 10.

*T. testa* attenuato-fusiformi, brunneo purpurascens, vel cinerea, solidula, rugosa, anfractibus 12-13, quorum apex ipse parvus, vitreus, globosus, caeteris infra suturas imprimis spiraliter nodulosis, nitidis, glabris, deinde unisulcatis, simul ac ad basim anfractuum longitudinaliter costoso-plicatis, plicis rudibus, spiraliter crassiliratis, anfractu ultimo bino spirali nodularum ordine contiguo, praedito, apertura ovata, labro tenui, columella obliqua. Long. 16, lat. 4.50 mm.

*Hab.*—Mekran Coast, Charbar, 5 fathoms, sand.

Near *T. cognata* of Smith, to whom I am indebted for calling my attention to this species. These two, with several others, belong to the alliance of *T. variegata*, which is of wide distribution in the Eastern tropics. MELVILL 1912 p250