

1523. *Terebra balaenorum* Dall, 1908 (Synonym: *T. pulchella* Deshayes, 1857 [not Röding, 1798]). The straw-colored shell has brownish blotches, the early whorls straight-sided, later whorls concave. The body whorl is unusually long, the aperture elongate, the columella straight, with no plication. Length, 45.5 mm; diameter, 9.8 mm. Outer coast of Baja California to Jalisco, Mexico, in depths of 22 to 117 m.

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Terebra (Strioterebrum) balaenorum DALL, n. sp.

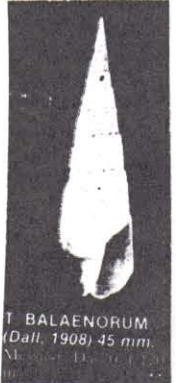
Shell small, slender, acute, whitish flesh-color, with occasional brown flecks, or all pale brown, with about fifteen whorls, of which the apical three are glassy, smooth, and brownish; subsequent whorls flattish, with a well-marked nodulous presutural band and impressed sulcus; the nodules are subrectangular, corresponding to the axial ribs, which are feeble, moderately retractively arcuate and about seventeen in number on the penultimate whorl; in front of the band are six or seven flattish straplike or threadlike spiral little-elevated ridges, irregular in width with narrower interspaces and obscure very fine spiral striation visible on top of the ridges here and there, the base being similarly sculptured with rather narrower ridges; all the ridges are slightly nodulous or wavy when interrupted by the ribs; aperture elongate, lozenge-shaped, the outer lip thin, inner lip polished but not callous, pillar hardly keeled; canal reduced to a notch, siphonal fasciole with a sharp posterior keel. Lon. of shell, 27.0; of last whorl, 10.5; of aperture, 7.0; max. diam., 6.0 mm.

U. S. S. "Albatross," station 2835, off Ballenas Bay, west coast of Lower California, in five and a half fathoms, mud. U. S. N. Mus. 110,599; also at La Paz, Gulf of California, by W. J. Fisher.

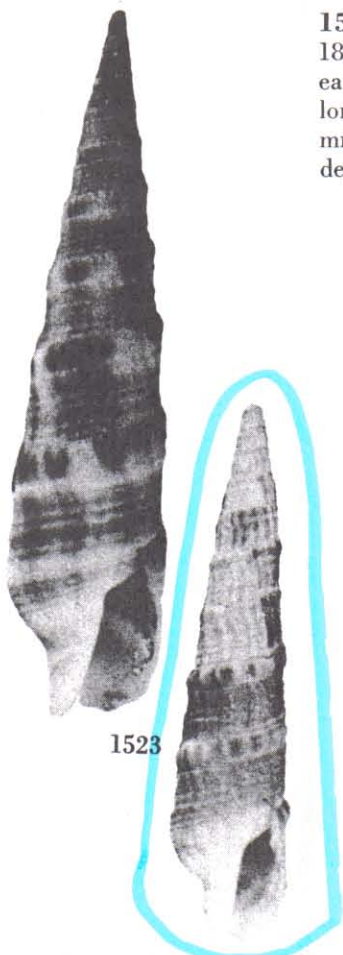
This species is somewhat like Reeve's figure of *Terebra serotina* Adams and Reeve, from Japan, which, however, is a larger species, has a double band of nodules and a callous inner lip.

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23. Right, USNM, holotype, no. 110,599; left, Bratcher collection, Guaymas

THE HOLOTYPE DOES NOT FIT EXACTLY WITH THE DESCRIPTION (Abs of Whorls)



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151b, Holotype of *T. balaenorum* Dall, National Museum Natural History, Washington No. USNM-110599; 27.0 mm. BRAT 77