

204. *Terebra brevicula* Deshayes, 1859

(Pl. 52, figs. 204a-c)

- 1859 *Terebra brevicula* Deshayes, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond. pt. 27:296; 1860 Reeve, Conch. Icon. 12: pl. 22, sp. 119; 1952 Cotton, Trans. Royal Soc. S. Australia 75:38.
 1912 *Terebra gruveli* Dautzenberg, Ann. Inst. Oceanog. Monaco 5:5, pl. 1, figs. 1, 2; 1983 Bouchet, Boll. Malac. Milano 18(9-12):198, figs. 9, 38-39.

Description: Shell to 26 mm, broad; color gray, with posterior portion of the whorls darker, body whorl having a white stripe at the periphery and dark gray anterior to that, some specimens with a few small brown flecks; outline of whorls convex; protoconch of 1½ whorls; subsutural band raised, sometimes with a few obsolete nodes, defined by a weak subsutural indentation; axial sculpture of 10 to 12 widely spaced obsolete ribs, sometimes completely faded, and numerous axial striae; spiral sculpture absent; aperture quadrate, with a white and dark gray stripe showing through outer lip, columella curved; operculum yellow, translucent.

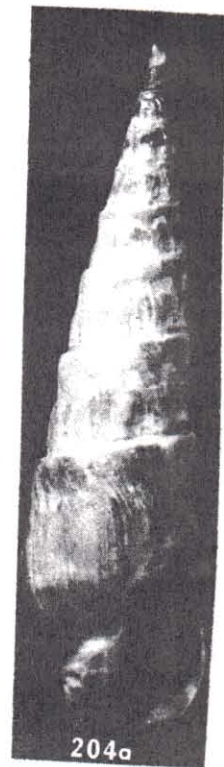
Type locality: *T. brevicula*, "Van Diemen's Land" Tasmania, error. Santa Maria Bay, south Angola, West Africa, is here designated as the type locality; *T. gruveli*, Mossamedes, Angola.

Distribution: Angola, West Africa; 1 to 3 m.

Type: *T. brevicula* probable type BM(NH) no. 197985, 21.6 mm; *T. gruveli* holotype MNHNP, 15.0 mm.

Discussion: Even fresh specimens of this species often look as though the sculpture has been worn or eroded. There are about 90 paratypes of *T. gruveli* in the Dautzenberg collection in the Brussels Museum, all looking worn, but specimens in alcohol with the animal and operculum intact also have a worn appearance. Although the type locality of *T. brevicula* was given as Tasmania, no shell resembling it has been collected there. Cotton (1952) stated that the species is not found in Australia, but at the same time he wrongly synonymized it with a Californian species.

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204a-c, *T. brevicula* Deshayes.
 204a,b, Probable syntypes, British Museum (N.H.) No. 197985; 25.6 mm and 21.6 mm respectively.

110. TEREBRA BREVICULA, Desh.

T. testa elongato-turrata, griseo-fusca, longitudinaliter plicata, plicis latis, planis, undulatis; anfractibus planis, latis, albo marginatis, margine convexiusculo, fusco irregulariter punctato, ultimo anfractu basi dilatato, fasciola alba in medio bipartita, flammulis castaneis numerosis saepius ornato; apertura elongato-subquadrata, intus castanea; columella cylindracea, sub-uniplicata, extus angulo acuto marginata.

Long: 37 mill., larg. 8.

Hab. La Terre de Van Diemen.

Collection Cuming.

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110. *T. brevicula* Desh. P.Z.S., 1859, 296. Tasmania. Type B.M. ~~44~~ T44

41. *brevicula*. *Terebra* - DESHAYES, 1859, P. Z. S. L., p. 296. Hab. La Terre de Van Diemen. Coll. Cuming. Size: 37.8 mm. Two specimens present: 25.6 mm (erroneously marked x inside aperture) and 21.6 mm, but neither corresponds with Deshayes' given size. C69

Brevicula (*Terebra*), Desh. Proc. Zool. Soc., 1852, p. 296, 25

T. BREVICULA, Desh. Pl. 7, fig. 24.

Sutural band swollen, scarcely crenated, defined by a broad concave depression, below it the body-whorl is slopingly convex, somewhat angulated on the periphery, where it is somewhat distantly plicately tuberculated; lead-color, white-banded at the suture and on the periphery, the latter filleted with chestnut on both margins. Length, 23 mill. TR404 185 p 15 Tasmania.



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24. *Terebra brevicula*, Reeve, Conch. Icon., f. 119,

TEREBRA BREVICULA Deshayes

Terebra brevicula Deshayes, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1859, p. 296; *Id.*, Reeve, Conch. Icon., xii., 1860, Pl. xxii., fig. 119.

In the British Museum, I found a shell marked type, labelled, "*T. brevicula*, Desh., P.Z.S., 1859, p.296, Van Diemen's Land," and another, the original of Reeve's figure, and again another. These are in poor condition, and appear to have been bathed in acid. What is left of them answers fairly to half-grown shells of *T. albocincta* Carpenter, from California.

This name, which has long been a nuisance to Australian conchologists, can now be definitely rejected from our catalogues.

HEDLEY 1913 p 204

- Species 119. (Mus. Taylor.)

TEREBRA BREVICULA. *Ter. testá abbreviato-subulatá, olivaceo-plumbeá, purpureo vittatá, medio albifasciatá, anfractibus declivi-convexis, infernè subangulatis, ad angulum plicato-tuberculatis, tuberculis distantibus, margine suturali tumido, vix crenato; aperturá ovato-effusá, columellá carinatá et contorto-recurvâ.*

THE SHORT TEREBRA. Shell shortly subulate, olive lead-colour, filleted with purple-white, banded in the middle, whorls slopingly convex, somewhat angled at the lower part, plicately tubercled on the angle, tubercles distant, sutural margin swollen, scarcely crenated; aperture ovately effused, columella keeled and twistedly recurved.

DESHAYES, Pro. Zool. Soc. 1852, p. 296.

Hab. Tasmania.

A very distinct typical form, in which the encircling groove is replaced by a broad concave depression, the sculpture below it having the appearance of tubercles.



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Rather dark gray with whitish peripheral band; axial ribs very weak; to approx. 25 mm. (BMNH type coll.)

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