

247. *Duplicaria similis* (E. A. Smith,
1873)

(Pl. 64, fig. 247)

1873 *Terebra similis* E. A. Smith, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. 4th ser., 11:265.

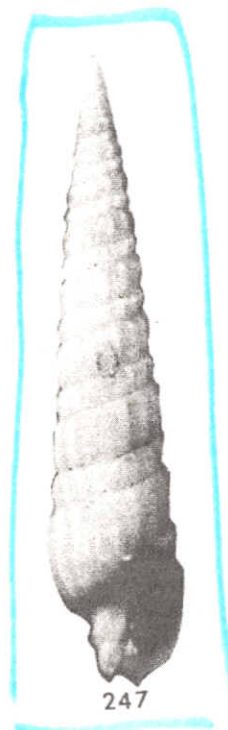
Description: Shell to 28 mm; color pinkish white with white stripe at periphery of body whorl; outline of whorls extremely convex on early whorls, moderately convex later, shouldered below subsutural band; protoconch of 1½ small, inflated whorls; subsutural band narrow on early whorls becoming moderately sized later, with elongate nodes, band defined by deep subsutural groove; axial ribs sharp, wide-spaced, arcuate on early whorls, straight later, off-set from the nodes on band, 17 on penultimate whorl; aperture elongate; columella recurved with two plications.

Type locality: Unknown.

Distribution: Unknown.

Type: Questionable holotype BM(NH) no. 1979135; 27.4 × 5.8 mm.

Discussion: E. A. Smith stated in his original description that the habitat was unknown and that the holotype measured 22 mm. The questionable type, measuring 27 mm, contains a label with Madras as the locality. The specimen resembles *D. australis* (246) except that the early whorls are more inflated, and the axial ribs are much fewer and more widely spaced. We have seen no other specimens of this species. ~~6-247-1204~~



247, *D. similis* (E. A. Smith). Questionable holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1979135; 27.4 mm.

178. *similis*, *Terebra* - E. A. SMITH, 1873, A. M. N. H.,
11: 265. Hab. ? ("Madras" on label). Coll. Cuming.
Size: 22×6 mm. Questionable holotype: 27.4 mm.
(= "*T. concolor* E. A. SMITH" on label). C69

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Similis (*Terebra*), E. A. Smith. Ann. Mag. N. H., 1873, xi,
p. 265, 39

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Terebra (*Euterebra*) *similis* E. Sm.—Described² from a
unique individual, this being bleached. The two before us from
Madras, and one from Karachi (Townsend coll.), were dredged living,
are pale ochraceous yellow to fawn colour, and exhibit the character-
istic sculpture. The locality having been hitherto unknown makes
the discovery of these specimens of unusual interest.

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² Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist. (4) vol. 11, 1873, p. 265.

Terebra similis.

T. testa subulata, polita, alba, subturrita; anfr. primi 8-9 angulatum
convexi, caeteri planiusculi, sulco profundo inaequaliter divisi; pars
superior nodulis parvis erectis, subacutis, munita; pars inferior
costis subvalidis, erectis (in anfr. ultimo subelongato 14-15 fere
ad basim continuis) instructa; apertura oblongo-elongata; colu-
mella subrecta, elongata; canalis brevis.

Long. 22 mill., diam. 6; apertura long. 6½ mill., diam. 2½.

Hab. — ?

At first sight this species is rather like *T. concolor*; how-
ever, on closer comparison, there are found to exist several
good specific differences. In *T. similis* the infrasutural band
is defined by a deeper furrow than in *T. concolor*; and the
nodules in the former are upright and rather acute, especially
those in the first seven or eight whorls, while those of the latter
are oblique, not so strong, and not acute. The longitudinal
ribs also of *T. similis* are considerably stouter than those in
T. concolor; and the aperture and body-whorl of the latter are
likewise much shorter than in the former.

SMITH 1873 p 265