

14. *Terebra (Decorihastula) flavofasciata* PILSBRY, 1921

(Plate 6, Figure 35)

1921. *Terebra flavofasciata* PILSBRY, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, 69: 306

**Shell:** Shell small and moderately slender; white or dirty-white in colour, ornamented with a faint orange-brown narrow transverse line on whorls, presutural groove irregularly stained with orange-brown. Whorls slightly convex, numbering about 15, apart from protoconch of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rose-coloured nuclear whorls; sculpture consists of elevated moderately curved and rounded strong axial ribs, numbering about 19 on the penultimate whorl. Presutural band defined by a moderately deep spiral groove, which appears as deep pits in the interstices; some of these pits are occasionally stained with orange-brown; intercostal spaces with 7-8 short and moderately deep spiral grooves. Body whorl axially plicate with a narrow orange peripheral line, ultimate third and occasional intercostal space stained light orange-brown; columella creamy-white, straight, with an angulate cord exteriorly.

**Animal:** Foot light creamy-fawn, siphon vivid red, eye-stalks small, eyes black and situated just beneath the tip of the stalks.

**Size:** 27 mm.

**Habitat:** Dredged from 15 fathoms on clean sand substrate.

**Distribution:** West off Viti Levu. - Hawaii, New Guinea.

**Discussion:** This species which previously has been reported as endemic to the Hawaiian Islands, appears to have a Pacific Ocean distribution. The species *Terebra pumilio* (E. A. SMITH, 1873) may possibly be the same species.



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Figure 35: *Terebra flavofasciata* PILSBRY. Fiji. x 2.0

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72. *Terebra flavofasciata* Pilsbry, 1921

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- 1921 *Terebra flavofasciata* Pilsbry, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia 72:306, pl. 12, fig. 3; 1960 Weaver, Hawaiian Mar. Moll. 1(5):18, pl. 5, fig. top row right; 1967 Cernohorsky, Mar. Shells Pacific I:200, pl. 50, fig. 368; 1984 Aubry, Terebridae, pl. 3.
- 1967 *Terebra (Decorihastula) flavofasciata* Pilsbry, Cernohorsky & Jennings, Veliger 9(1):46, pl. 6, fig. 35.
- 1979 *Terebra undulata* Gray, Kay, Hawaiian Marine Shells:402, fig. 130D [non Gray, 1834].

**Description:** Shell to 35 mm; color cream with white subsutural nodes, usually with 2 white bands on body whorl, sometimes with scattered fulvous blotches; outline of whorls slightly concave; protoconch of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  whorls; subsutural band of elongate nodes with up to 6 spiral cords in interspaces, band defined by deep punctations between nodes; axial ribs continuing from nodes on subsutural band; spiral cords, 4 to 9, riding up sides of ribs, not reaching summit, frequently being more crowded immediately below subsutural band; aperture quadrate; columella recurved; operculum reddish brown.

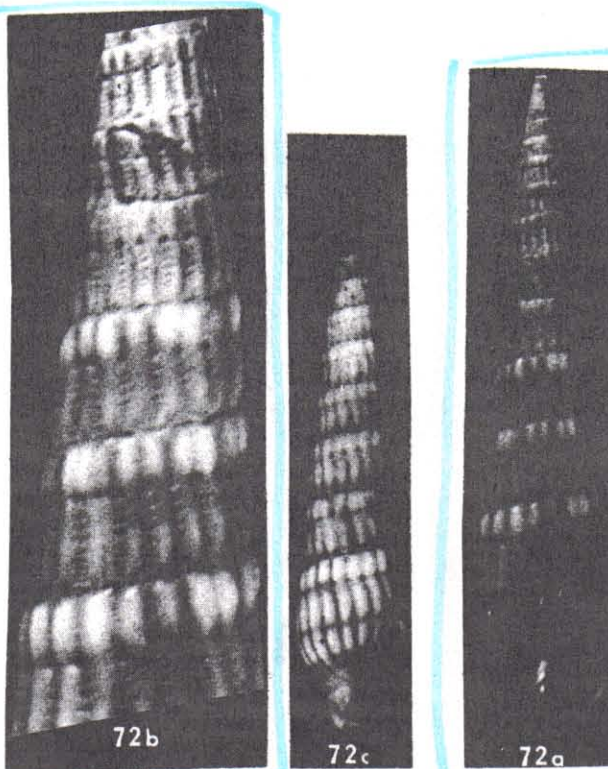
**Type locality:** "Launiupoko Camp, West Maui, Hawaii."

**Distribution:** From Mozambique to Hawaii.

**Type:** Holotype ANSP no. 4609; 25.1 × 5.9 mm.

**Discussion:** This species was erroneously synonymized with *T. undulata* (69) by Kay (1979). There is no brown staining between the ribs on this species as in *T. undulata*, and the ribs are more closely spaced in this species. It is more common in Hawaii than in any other part of its range. See *Terebra nebulosa* (68) for comparison.

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72a-c. *T. flavofasciata* Pilsbry. 72a, Holotype Academy Natural Sciences, Philadelphia No. 4609; 25.1 mm. 72b, Middle whorls of holotype. 72c, Fiji Is.; 35.0 mm.

Size 28mm

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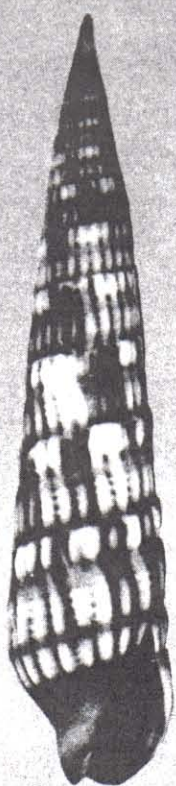
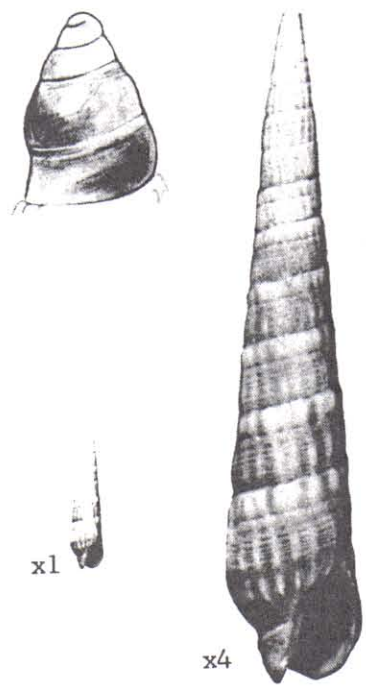


Photo: Rich Salisbury

5. *Terebra flavofasciata* Pilsbry, 1921. Family Terebridae. This shell is often confused with *Terebra affinis*. Hawaii is the type locality. The Hawaiian shells seem to be much more colorful than those found in the rest of the Pacific. Uncommon over its range, it is found at scuba depths in white sand. The strong apertural line of this species can be used to separate it from *Terebra affinis*.

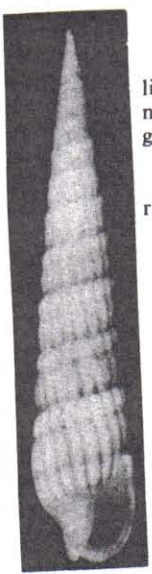
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Cream-white; buff between ribs; to approx. 30 mm. (USNM 338826)

*Terebra flavofasciata* Pilsbry  
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8. *Terebra flavofasciata* PILSBRY. Scarce. Shallow water species.



*Terebra flavofasciata* Pilsbry, 1921  
(Plate 50. Figure 368.)

**SHELL:** White, ornamented with a faint, narrow orange-brown spiral line on whorls; whorls number about 15 apart from 2 1/2 rose-coloured nuclear whorls. Sculptured with about 19 curved axial ribs, 7-8 deep grooves in interstices and a deep spiral groove at sutures.

**SIZE:** One to 1 1/2 inches.

**DISTRIBUTION:** From New Guinea to Fiji and Hawaii. Moderately rare.

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*Terebra flavofasciata* n. sp. Pl. XII, fig. 3.

Shell shaped like *T. propinqua* Pse.; white, part of the intercostal spaces of the presutural band marked with vinaceous russet; 3 ochraceous-buff bands, one below the sutural band, another narrow, at the periphery, and the third occupying the base. Sculpture of smooth, rounded axial ribs, slightly wider than their intervals, 19 on the last whorl of the type, 25 mm. long, (16 in a shell 17 mm. long). The intercostal intervals have many spiral cords wider than their interstices, 10 on the penult whorl, below a series of deeper transverse pits defining the presutural band. Upon the band the interstitial spirals are finer. On the base the ribs become obsolete and there are coarser spiral cords. Aperture rhombic, somewhat channelled and yellow at the base.

Length 25, diameter 5.5, aperture 5.3 mm.; 15 whorls.

Off Launiupoko camp, West Maui; small specimens, 17-18 mm. long, off Honolulu, 6 to 8 fms. D. Thaanum and D. B. Langford.

Smaller than *T. propinqua* and *T. pertura*, with more numerous spirals and different coloration. Possibly to be compared with *T. sulcata* Pease (Amer. Journ. Conch., V, 67), the type of which is lost.

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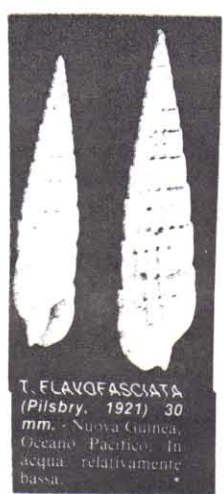


PLATE 5, TOP RIGHT

*Terebra flavofasciata*<sup>2</sup> Pilsbry, 1920  
Length: 35 mm.  
Distribution: Hawaiian Islands  
Habitat: Deep water (uncommon)

2. Shell shaped like *T. columellaris* Hinds but smaller; white, an occasional intercostal space on presutural band marked with russet; 3 yellowish brown bands on body whorl, one below suture, a narrow one at the periphery, one at the base. Sculpture of smooth, rounded, axial ribs, about 19 on the body whorl of a shell 25 mm. in length. The intercostal intervals have many spiral cords, 10 on the penult whorl, below a series of deeper transverse pits defining the presutural band. The ribs become obsolete on the base where there are spiral cords.

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