

Terebra (Myurella) fuscobasis, sp. nov.

Testa parva, breviter subulata, nitida, alba, zona dilute fusca infra suturam cincta, et anfract. ultimi basi fusca; anfr. 10, primi 3 laeves, politi, caeteri convexiusculi, superne paululum constricti, costis longitudinalibus acutis (in anfr. ultimo circa 12 versus periphoriam obsoletis) incrementique striis ornati, et sulco levi supra costas continuo superne divisi; anfr. ultimus magnus, lira acuta circa caudam cinctus; columella fusca.

Long. 11 mill., diam. $3\frac{3}{4}$.

Hab. Persian Gulf (Colonel Pelly).

This species has no spiral sculpture. The longitudinal ribs are thicker at the top; and being cut across by the narrow transverse furrow a little below the suture, the appearance of a narrow infrasutural belt is thus produced.

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85. *fuscobasis*, *Terebra (Myurella)* - E. A. SMITH, 1877, A. M. N. H., 19: 227. Hab. Persian Gulf (Colonel Pelly). Coll. R. MacAndrew. Size: $11 \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ mm. Holotype: 11.3 mm (spot of red wax on whorl above aperture); syntype: 9.2 mm. C69

11.—*Terebra fuscobasis* Smith.

T. (Myurella) fuscobasis E. A. Smith, Ann. and Mag. N.H., 1877, xix., p. 227.

Hab.: P.G., Bunder Abbas, Persia (F.W.T.) "Persian Gulf," Col. Pelly in Mus. Brit. M.C., Charbar. I., Karachi.

A small, unfigured species, resembling the last in character of sculpture, but not so shining, broader proportionately basally. Our largest example measures but 15 mm. in length. A narrow pale reddish brown band encircles the lower whorls at a little distance below the sutures, the base being fuscous. But we have seen examples devoid of this character, from which the specific name was evidently derived. Under a lens of considerable power the interstices between the ribs are seen to be very finely striate. In *evoluta* they are quite smooth, and also in *edgarii*.

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Fuscobasis (Myurella), Smith. Ann. Mag. N. H., 1877, xix, p. 227, 39

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(Pl. 33, fig. 128a-c)

- 1877 *Terebra (Myurella) fuscobasis* E. A. Smith, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4, 19:227.
1966 *Striaterberum (Partecosta) wilkinsi* Dance & Eames, Proc. Malac. Soc. Lond. 37(2):42, pl. 3, fig. 4, and pl. 5, fig. 5.

Description: Shell to 11 mm; color white with a fulvous brown zone at or below the subsutural band and below the periphery of the body whorl; outline of whorls angulate on early whorls, convex on later ones; protoconch of $2\frac{1}{2}$ conical whorls; subsutural band with widely spaced nodes; band defined by shallow or distinct, smooth or macroscopically punctate groove; axial ribs arcuate, contiguous with nodes on band; spiral sculpture absent except for faint microstriae; aperture quadrate; columella recurved.

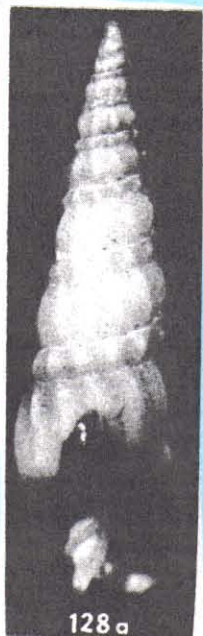
Type locality: *T. fuscobasis*, "Persian Gulf"; *T. wilkinsi*, "Fao, Persian Gulf."

Distribution: Persian Gulf.

Type: *T. fuscobasis* holotype BM(NH) no. 1873.7.5.8, 11.3 mm; *S. wilkinsi* holotype BM(NH) no. 1893.12.15.74, 9.2×2.8 mm.

Discussion: This species is variable in the strength of the subsutural groove and the prominence of the subsutural nodes. It is the type species of the genus *Partecosta* Dance & Eames, 1966. Some syntype specimens in the type lot of *T. wilkinsi* Dance & Eames also have a brown-stained base and are more similar to *T. fuscobasis* than to the holotype. Refer to *T. nassoides* (130) and *T. fuscocincta* (129) for comparisons.

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128a-c, *T. fuscobasis* E. A. Smith. 128a, Holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1873.7.5.8.; 11.3 mm.