

Terebra (Myurella) fuscocincta, sp. nov.

Testa parva, subulata, nitens, albida vel cornea, lineis duabus fuscis cincta, altera saturatiore paululum infra suturam, altera fere ad anfractuum basim; anfract. ultimi basis fusca; anfr. 10, convexiusculi, infra suturam leviter constricti, costis validis, acutis, arcuatis, superne subtubercularibus (in anfr. ultimo circiter 10 vix ad basim attenuantibus) instructi; columella brevis; cauda lira distincta cincta; canalis brevis, latus.

Long. 8 mill., diam. 2.

Var. anfr. planiusculis, costis rectis munitis.

Hab. Persian Gulf (Colonel Pelly).

This species is coloured somewhat like *pumilio*, but is at once distinguished from that form by the absence of the transverse striation and by the existence of fewer ribs. The upper brown line or band is quite at the top of the whorls in *pumilio*, whereas in the present species it is a little below the suture, colouring a slight depression or constriction which exists there.

The variety is allied to *tenera*, Hinds, which, however, is shorter, has fewer ribs, and wants the brown line near the base of the whorls and that around the periphery.

E.A. SMITH 1877 p. 228

86. *fuscocincta*, *Terebra (Myurella)* - E. A. SMITH, 1877, A. M. N. H., 19: 228. Hab. Persian Gulf (Colonel Pelly). Coll. R. MacAndrew. Size: 8×2 mm. Holotype no. 73.7.5.3: 7.7 mm (spot of red wax on whorl above aperture); syntypes: 6.3 mm, 5.3 mm, 4.9 mm, and 3.8 mm. C 69

12.—*Terebra fuscocincta* Smith.

T. (Myurella) fuscocincta E. A. Smith, Ann. and Mag. N.H., 1877, xix., p. 228.

Hab.: P.G., Henjam Island (F.W.T.). "Persian Gulf," Col. Pelly in Mus. Brit.

A very small species, measuring 8 mm., somewhat shining, smooth, slightly longitudinally costate, costæ few, ornamented with a fuscous-ed spiral line, a little below the sutures of each whorl, and also fuscous at the base of body-whorl. This and the last were the only two of the considerable number of *Terebra* from this region described by Mr. Smith that we had not seen when, in 1901, our first catalogue was published. n 8570 1917 p 208

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129. *Terebra fuscocincta* E. A. Smith, 1877

(Pl. 33, fig. 129)

1877 *Terebra (Myurella) fuscocincta* E. A. Smith, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4, 19:228.

Description: Shell to 8 mm; color beige with a fine brown subsutural line and light brown base of body whorl; outline of whorls convex; protoconch of 3 smooth whorls; subsutural band narrow, noded, defined by depression but no groove; axial ribs widely spaced, about 12 on subsutural whorl, beginning with node on band; spiral sculpture absent; aperture elongate; columella curved.

Type locality: "Persian Gulf."

Distribution: Persian Gulf.

Type: Lectotype here selected BM(NH): no. 1873.7.5.3; 7.7 × 2.0 mm.

Discussion: All five specimens in the type lot were collected dead, and the species has been reported only once since the original description. *T. fuscobasis* (128), another small Persian Gulf species, is distinctly constricted at the base of the body whorl and lacks the interrupted brown bands and brown base of *T. fuscocincta*. See *T. nassoides* (130) for comparison. B-129-1120

129, *T. fusco-*

cincta E. A. Smith. Lectotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1873.7.5.3; 7.7 mm.



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