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177. *TEREBRA INCOMPARABILIS*, Desh.

T. testa elongato-turrita, acuminata, pallide albo-lutescente maculis magnis castaneis, quadratis, approximatis, biserialim picta; ultimo anfractu seriebus tribus ornato; anfractibus angustis, convexiusculis, subinvolutis, late bimarginatis, transversim striato-punctatis; margine suturali latiore, in anfractibus primis crenulato, in alteris plicato; ultimo anfractu basi convexo, laevigato, canali brevi terminato; apertura alba, elongato-angusta, subquadrata; columella alba, cylindracea, uniplicata.

Long. 85 mill., larg. 13.

Hab. Panama.

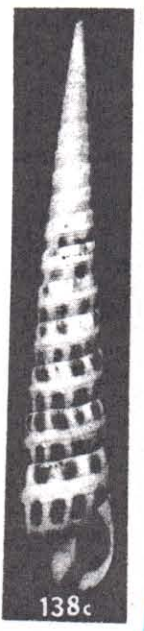
Collection Cuming.

Cette belle espèce a beaucoup de rapports avec le *Terebra maculata* de Lamarck: la coloration est la même, seulement les taches sont plus nombreuses et plus serrées; les tours de spire sont en proportion plus étroits, plus enveloppants, et leur surface présente une structure particulière.

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138c, Holotype of *T. incomparabilis* Deshayes, same Institution No. 197997; 84.6 mm.

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177. *T. incomparabilis* Desh. P.Z.S., 1859, 307. Panama. Type B.M. = *formosa* Desh.

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100. *incomparabilis*, *Terebra* - DESHAYES, 1859, P. Z. S. L., p. 307. Hab. Panama. Coll. Cuming. Size: 85 x 13 mm. Holotype: 84.6 mm; there is a slightly shouldered ridge in the centre of each whorl and the 2 spiral rows of spots are equal sized. = *Terebra lingualis* HINDS, 1844.

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Terebra incomparabilis DESHAYES, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1859, p. 307, issued between July and October, 1859. "Hab. Panama." REEVE, Conch. Icon., vol. 12, *Terebra*, sp. 13, 1860. [*T. incomparabilis* placed in synonymy of *T. flammea* Lamarck.] REEVE, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1860, p. 450. ["variety of *T. flammea*, Lamarck."] HEDLEY, Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales, vol. 38, pt. 2, p. 306, 1913. [Hedley considered *T. incomparabilis* to be a variety of *T. flammea*, and that both inhabited the West Indies.] CLENCH, Nautilus, vol. 51, no. 4, p. 114, 1938. [*T. incomparabilis* was considered to be a variety of *T. robusta* and both close to or identical with *Epitonium feldmanni* Röding in Bolten.]

Reeve and Hedley had access to collections in the British Museum where Hinds', Reeve's, and Deshayes' materials were stored. We are therefore inclined to accept their judgment in the disposition of this troublesome form and thus remove the name *T. incomparabilis* from west American records to those of the Caribbean region. The original description seems to fit that of *T. flammea* better than those of the west American forms. H 4 H 1961 679

177. *T. incomparabilis*, Deshayes, variety of *T. flammea*, Lamarck 1860

Incomparabilis (*Terebra*), Desh. Proc. Zool. Soc., 1859, p. 307. = *T. robusta*, Hinds, T 44 1855 . 11

177. *Terebra incomparabilis* Deshayes. Panama. Type in B.M. (one). Identical with *formosa*. T 016 44