

Whitish; nodulose; bearing an uncanny resemblance to *T. russetae* (q.v.) from off New South Wales; a complete specimen would probably reach about 25 mm. Offshore in deep water. (USNM type collection)

Terebra nodata Dall

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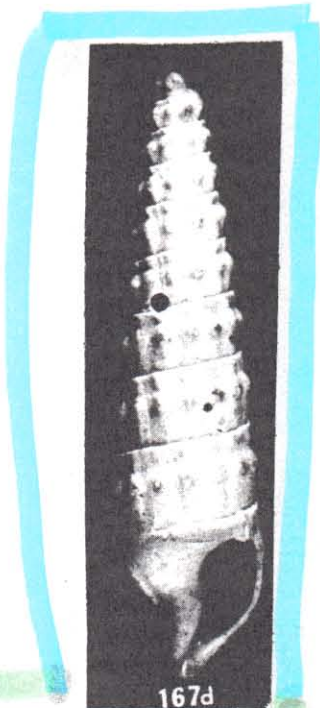
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167d, Holotype of *T. benthalis* var. *nodata* Dall. National Museum Natural History. Washington No. USNM-97099; 17.0 mm.

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Terebra (Acus) benthalis Dall, var. *nodata* Dall. p. 179

Plate v, Fig. 9.



Shell small, slender, polished, yellowish white, with a blunt, somewhat inflated nucleus, and thirteen (or more) somewhat flattened whorls; suture distinct, appressed, the presutural band narrow, bounded in front by a rather wide, shallow sulcus and ornamented by obscure rounded pustules, from ten to fifteen on each whorl; immediately in front of the sulcus is a row of larger and more prominent nodulations, the number on each whorl being the same as on the band; there are also a few transverse, sometimes sharp but generally obscure, ridges crossing the whorls; spiral sculpture of fine obscure lines, often obsolete, but pretty evenly distributed over the surface; aperture (broken) narrow, outer lip simple; pillar simple, without any marginal keel; canal narrow, not exhibiting any fasciole; base attenuated in front, gently rounded to the periphery. Maximum longitude of shell, 18.5; maximum latitude, 4^{mm}.

HAB.—U. S. Fish Commission Station 2750, off St. Bartholomew, West Indies, in 496 fathoms, fine gray sand; bottom temperature 44° F.

The first three apical turns of this shell are smooth, then the sculpture above described begins. The soft parts were not obtained. It resembles the shell described in the *Blake Report* under the name of *benthalis* and is doubtless a variety of it, in which the longitudinal sculpture has become faint and the nodulations intensified.

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