



71. *Terebra paucistriata* (E. A. Smith,
1873)

(Pl. 20, figs. 71a-b)
(Color pl. D, fig. 21)

- 1873 *Myurella paucistriata* E. A. Smith, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4, 11:269.
1966 *Terebra (Decorihastula) paucistriata* (E. A. Smith) Cernohorsky & Jennings, Veliger 9(1):47, pl. 5, figs. 31, 31a.
1967 *T. paucistriata* (E. A. Smith), Cernohorsky, Mar. Shells Pacific 1:205, pl. 51, fig. 383, 383a; 1978 Hinton, Guide to Shells of New Guinea pl. 49, figs. 10, 10a; 1984 Trondle, Xenophora 15: 12, fig. 24; 1984 Aubry, Terebridae pl. 12.

Description: Shell to 38 mm; color white to light brown, all with white nodes on subsutural band and with white continuing on ribs a short distance anterior to band, creating the optical illusion of a second row of nodes, interspaces between ribs being stained darker sometimes; outline of whorls slightly convex; protoconch of $3\frac{1}{2}$ conical whorls; subsutural band marked by deeper grooves or punctations between ribs; axial ribs sinuous, 10 to 22; spiral grooves, 1 to 6, confined to interspaces; aperture moderately elongate with sculpture pattern showing through thin outer lip; columella straight; operculum yellowish brown.

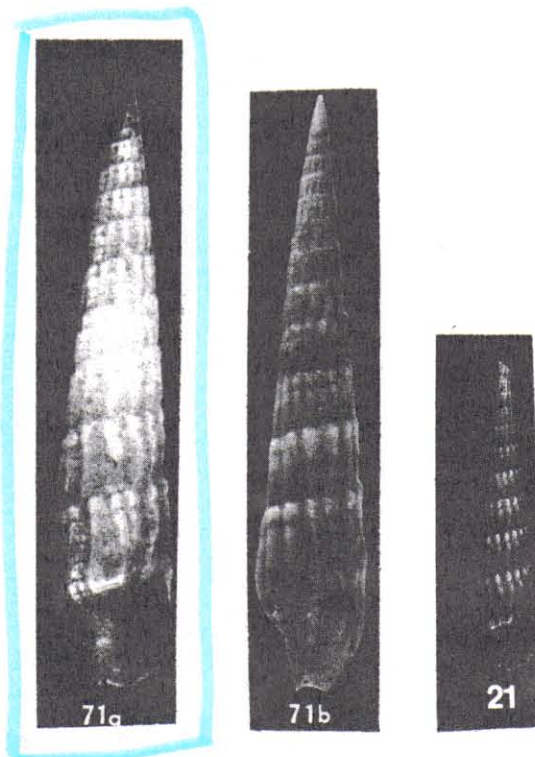
Type locality: "Ovalau, Fiji Is., 5 fms."

Distribution: From the Philippines to French Polynesia; intertidal to 14 m.

Type: Holotype BM(NH) no. 1856.11.3.17; 18.6 × 4.6 mm.

Discussion: When the shell is in good condition, and the color is good, it is easy to identify because of the white color at the top of the rib just below the subsutural band. It resembles a second row of nodes although that part of the rib is not enlarged into a node. See *T. nebulosa* (68) for comparison.

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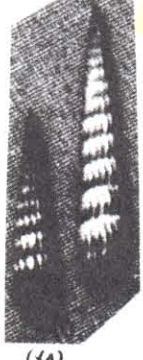
71a,b, *T. paucistriata* (E. A. Smith). 71a, Holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1856.11.3.17.; 18.6 mm. 71b, Luzon Bay, Philippines; 29.5 mm.

21: *Terebra paucistriata* E. A. Smith; Fiji Is.; 26.1 mm.

L'espèce n'était pas connue de Polynésie française avant nos récoltes et elle s'y trouve figurée pour la première fois. *T. paucistriata* est une espèce rare, proche de certaines formes de *T. undulata* : mais à la différence de cette dernière. *T. paucistriata* peut être de couleur jaune très pâle. Elle possède toujours une bande spirale blanche sur le dernier tour et la bande blanche sous-suturale est doublée. Les deux espèces vivent souvent ensemble en Polynésie française. Taille moyenne adulte de *T. paucistriata* : 2,5 cm.

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10. *Terebra paucistriata* E.A. SMITH. Similar to preceding species but more slender, has double row of beads at suture and a white band at base.



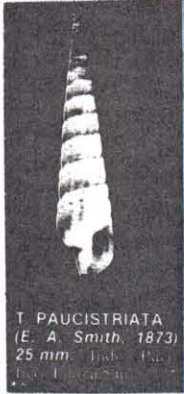
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20. *Terebra paucistriata* E. A. SMITH. New Britain. Range, New Guinea to Fiji. Scarce. Fawn, with two rows of white beads at suture; strong axial ribs, with brown interstices longitudinally punctate. Average length 25 mm.

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T. PAUCISTRIATA
(E. A. Smith, 1873)
25 mm. (Holotype)
New Britain

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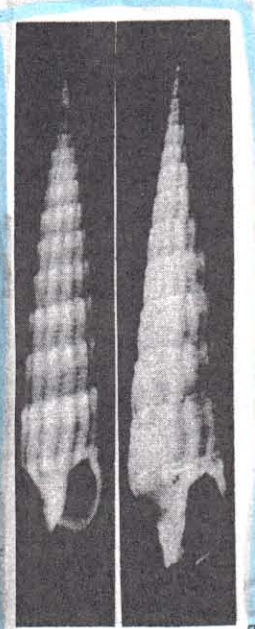


Fig. 383 Fig. 383a

Terebra paucistriata (E. A. Smith, 1873)

(Plate 51. Figures 383, 383a.) (383a = Holotype)

SHELL: Light yellowish-orange, sculptured with 10-12 coarse white axial ribs and a double row of white nodules at suture; interstices are stained with yellowish-orange and sculptured with 3-8 spiral grooves. Presutural groove is moderately deep and the body whorl has a white peripheral band.

SIZE: 1/4 to 1 1/4 inches.

DISTRIBUTION: Fiji Islands and possibly Tropical Pacific. Rare.

Light yellow-orange; to approx. 30 mm.

Terebra paucistriata (E.A. Smith)
MELANESIA

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Figure 24 :
Terebra paucistriata
(Smith, 1873)
Lagon de Hitiaa (Tahiti)
21 mm
(Photo G. RICHARD)

Paucistriata (*Myurella*), E. A. Smith. Ann. Mag. N. H., 1873, xi, p. 269, 39

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149. *paucistriata*, *Myurella* - E. A. SMITH, 1873, A. M. N. H., 11: 269. Hab. Ovalau, Fiji Islands (J. MacGillivray, H. M. S. *Rattlesnake*). Size: 19x4 mm. Holotype no. 1856.11.3.17: 18.6 mm. C69

Myurella paucistriata.

M. testa parva, subulata, subturrita, flavida, zona alba infra suturam et altera in anfr. ultimi medio cineta; anfr. 16-17, planiusculi, costis longitudinalibus validis, subacutis, superne nodosis (in anfr. ultimo 13 basim versus obsoletis) instructi, sulco parvo, inter costas praecipue conspicuo, inaequaliter divisi, et striis spiralibus 3-4 inter costas (anfr. ultimo pluribus) insculpti; columella recta, vix contorta.
Long. 19 mill., diam. 4.

Hab. Ovalau, Fiji Islands, 5 fathoms in sand (*J. Macgillivray*).

The upper half of each whorl is white, and the lower part yellowish; the body-whorl has a white zone at the periphery; the strong ribs are somewhat nodulous above, which appearance is produced by being partially cut across by a slight spiral furrow, deepest between the ribs; the spiral striae are deep and far apart, three or four in number in the upper whorls, and about twelve in the last.

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T. (Decorihastula) paucistriata (E. A. SMITH, 1873):
Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. 11: 269. Unfigured.

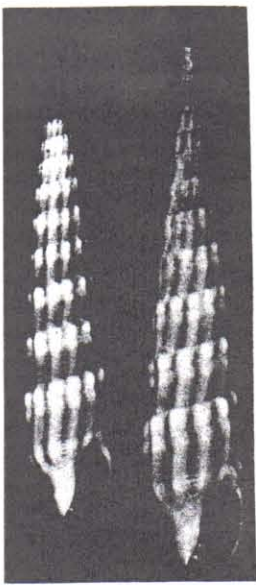
Superficially resembles sub-adult specimens of *T. undulata* GRAY. It can be distinguished by the smaller size, more slender form, spiral sculpture, and style of coloration. Rare in Batangas Bay, Luzon (B no. 588). BUREH 64

17. *Terebra (Decorihastula) paucistriata*
(E. A. SMITH, 1873)

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E.A. SMITH 1873
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(Plate 5, Figures 31, 31 a)

1873. *Myurella paucistriata* E. A. SMITH, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.,
11 (4): 269



Shell: Shell small, slender and glossy, light yellowish-orange in colour. Whorls slightly convex, numbering from 16 to 17 apart from protoconch of $3\frac{1}{2}$ nuclear whorls; the presutural band is defined by a moderately deep spiral groove, forming a double row of white beads at the sutures. The row of beads posteriorly to the sutures is coarse and well defined while the anterior row is weak and indicated by being white. Sculpture consists of elevated coarse and sharply angulate whitish axial ribs numbering from 10 to 12 on the penultimate whorl; axial ribs only slightly curved on the last two whorls but straight, obliquely oriented and contiguous on earlier whorls. Intercostal spaces deep and "V"-shaped, stained with yellowish-orange and with 3 to 8 transverse grooves which do not quite extend to the summits of the axial ribs. Body whorl somewhat angulate with 4 to 5 spiral grooves on its ultimate third and with a distinct white peripheral band. Columella straight, white and corded; interior of aperture whitish at the margin, fawn to orange

Size: 18 to 32 mm.

in the interior.

Habitat: In clean sand, from 0 to 2 fathoms.

Moderately rare.

Distribution: Throughout the Fiji Islands. - ?

Discussion: *Terebra paucistriata* differs from *T. undulata* GRAY in colouring, by being more slender in shape, with angulate body whorl, deep intercostal spaces, and a white peripheral band which is absent in *T. undulata*. *Terebra paucistriata* differs from *T. (Decorihastula)* species in the latter having a shallower presutural groove, more numerous and curved axial ribs and intercostal grooves, a rounded body whorl and is lacking the sheen of *T. paucistriata*.

The holotype is preserved in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) where it bears the number B.M.N.H.1856.11.3.17, and measures 18.5 mm in length; it was dredged by J. McGillivray in 5 fathoms in sand at Ovalau Island, Fiji (S. P. Dance, *in litt.*). *CERN-1967-47-48*

Figure 31: *Terebra paucistriata* (E. A. SMITH). Fiji. x 2.3

Figure 31 a: *T. paucistriata* (E. A. SMITH). Holotype no. B. M. N. H. 1856.11.3.17. Ovalau, Fiji Islands. Length 18.5 mm. Photo British Museum (Natural History).