

1557. *Terebra polypenus* Pilsbry & Lowe, 1932. The shell is walnut-brown, darker below the suture and on the base, the nuclear whorls white. Length, 14.1 mm; diameter, 3 mm. Dredged off Mazatlán, Mexico, in 37 m depth. nv p 82

POLYPENUS
PILSBRY & LOWE
1932

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1557. ANSP, holotype

Terebra (Microtrypetes?) polypenus, new species. Plate 1, fig. 4.

Mazatlan in about 20 fathoms (Lowe). Type 155282 ANSP.



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The shell is small, slender, walnut brown, darker below the suture and at the base. There are about three smooth whitish nuclear whorls and 12 subsequent whorls, which are slightly swollen or subangular at the shoulder, where there is a deeper spiral line, flat below it. Axial sculpture of many weakly sinuous riblets, or in places one or more of them may be subdivided into several small ones; approximately 33 on the penult whorl. Spiral sculpture of many flattish spiral cords, about four weak ones above the sulcus, below it a wide one followed by nine narrow cords on the penult whorl. On the last whorl the spirals continue over the rounded periphery but become obsolete on the base. Siphonal fasciole limited by an acute spiral. Columellar margin of aperture sigmoid, brown. Anterior channel wide and deep. The internal axis is stout, cylindric, abruptly and deeply excavated near the anterior partition, the prominent edge of the cylindric part thus forming a strong spiral fold.

Length 14 mm., diam. 3 mm.

This species has much finer ribs than *T. iola*. The deeper lines immediately below the shoulder place *T. polypenus* somewhat intermediate between *Microtrypetes* and *Strioterebrum*. P & L 7932 p 44

178. *Terebra polypenus* Pilsbry & Lowe, 1932

(Pl. 46, fig. 178)

1932 *Terebra (Microtrypetes) polypenus* Pilsbry & Lowe, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia 84:44, pl. 1, fig. 4; 1958 Keen, Seashells Trop. W. America ed. 1:490, fig. 953.

1971 *Terebra polypenus* Pilsbry & Lowe, Bratcher & Burch in Keen, Seashells Trop. W. America ed. 2:682, fig. 1557.

Description: Shell to 14 mm; color light brown, darker anterior to the periphery of the body whorl; outline of whorls slightly convex; protoconch of 3 to 3½ whorls; subsutural band ribbed with about 4 weak spiral cords, defined by shallow groove; axial ribs numerous, crowded, weak, unevenly spaced, sinuous, about 33 on penultimate whorl; spiral cords weak, crossing ribs, about 8 on penultimate whorl; aperture elongate; columella curved.

Type locality: "Mazatlan, Mexico, about 20 fms."

Distribution: Mazatlan, Mexico.

Type: ANSP no. 155282; 14.0 × 3.0 mm.

Discussion: This species was described from a single specimen and has not been reported since. It may be a pathological specimen of another species.

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178, *T. polypenus* Pilsbry & Lowe. Holotype Academy Natural Sciences, Philadelphia No. 155282; 14.0 mm.