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Bright white; very shiny; with low spiral cords; to approx. 15 mm. Just offshore in shallow water.

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Terebra rushii Dall
off S.E. FLORIDA

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Terebra rushii Dall, 1889
Rush's Auger

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RUSHII (1)
DALL 1889

Off south Florida.

15 mm., brilliant, polished white, columella not keeled, sides of whorls flat and with 4 strong, flat spiral cords. Base with fine spiral threads. Growth lines on the earlier whorls. Uncommon; 8 fathoms.

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B. WHORLS FLAT OR CONVEX
b. SHELL SMALL, ACUTE, ELONGATE, COLUMELLA NOT KEELED.
Whorls flat; band smooth, convex; sides with four flat spirals, decreasing forward from the band to the suture, and others still finer on the base; transverse sculpture obsolete except on the earliest whorls except faint incremental lines; shell porcelain-white, polished. Lon. 15.0; lat. 3.3 mm., whorls 13.
Acus Rushii Dall.
DALL 1889 p. 64

Acus Rushii Dall was dredged in 8 fms. by Dr. W. H. Rush, U. S. N., five miles off Cape Florida, at the southwestern extreme of the peninsula. With its strongly marked flat spiral sculpture and brilliant whiteness, it is one of the most marked of our small species.
DALL 1889 p. 65

TEREBRA (ACUS) RUSHII Dall.

Plate XXIX, fig. 6.

Terebra (Acus) rushii DALL, Rep. Blake Gastr., Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., XVIII, 1889, p. 64.

Dredged 5 miles off Cape Florida, in 8 fathoms, by Dr. W. H. Rush, U. S. N. U.S.N.M., 82952.

It is a small, brilliantly white shell, remarkable for its exclusively spiral sculpture.
DALL 1889 Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus. p. 63



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187. *Terebra rushii* (Dall, 1889)
(Pl. 48, figs. 187a,b)

1889 *Acus rushii* Dall, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoology Harvard 18:64.
1902 *Terebra (Acus) rushii* Dall, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 24:503, pl. 29, fig. 6.

Description: Shell to 17 mm; color shiny white; outline of whorls flat; protoconch of 1 1/2 whorls; subsutural band almost smooth, defined by moderately shallow groove; axial sculpture absent in some individuals, with obsolete ribs on others; spiral sculpture of 3 or 4 inconspicuous cords; aperture quadrate; columella curved.

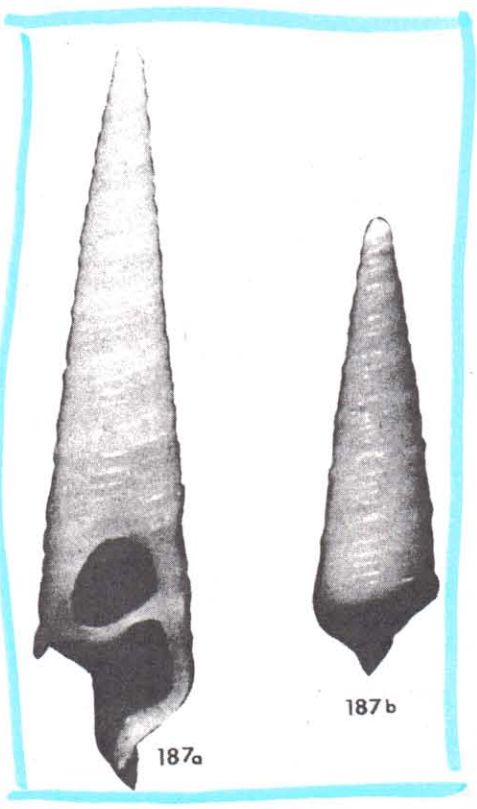
Type locality: "Off Cape Florida in 8 fms."

Distribution: Off South Florida; to 16 m.

Type: Lectotype USNM no. 82952; 14.4 x 3.2 mm.

Discussion: The larger of the two syntypes is fragmented, the entire aperture missing. The smaller one is juvenile and has an immature aperture. The type specimens do not agree with Dall's subsequent illustration and dimensions, where the larger specimen is shown with a complete aperture, and it may represent a composite drawing of the two specimens. Named in honor of the U. S. Naval physician, William H. Rush, who was an ardent shell collector in the late 19th Century.

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187a, b, *T. rushii* (Dall). 187a, Damaged lectotype National Museum Natural History, Washington No. USNM-82952; 14.4 mm. 187b, Paralectotype with part of outer lip missing, same Institution No. USNM-82952; 9.7 mm.