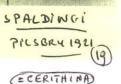


Terebra cerithina spaldingi Pilsbry, 1921. This is another controversial subspecies. Twila Bratcher informs me she does not consider it to be a "good subspecies. As in T. argus brachygyra, small T. cerithina spaldingi have pronounced axial ribs. which often disappear in adults. This makes it nearly impossible to separate Hawaiian T. cerithina spaldingi from T. cerithina from other areas of the Pacific.

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Terebra spaldingi n. sp. Pl. XII, fig. 13.

Shell narrow, polished; whitish, the intercostal intervals flesh colored; three faint gray spiral lines on the last whorl, the upper one visible on the spire.

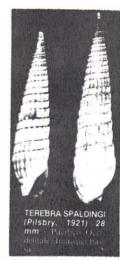
Sculpture of smooth, rounded axial ribs, about 22 on the last or penult whorls, a little prominent just below the suture, interrupted by a well impressed presutural groove; intervals smooth. Last whorl with a spiral ridge bounding a narrow basal furrow, which extends also above the narrowly reflected basal margin. The aperture is rather wide below, posteriorly channelled, the outer lip retracted a little above. Inner lip calloused, a little elevated. No columellar fold.

Length 29.5, diameter 6.9, aperture 7.5 mm. Twelve whorls. Off Honolulu, 6 to 8 fathoms. D. B. Langford.

A form from Kaneohe Bay in 4 fathoms is much larger, length 37.3, diameter 9 mm.

This species is closely related to T. cerithina Lam., but differs in having all of the whorls ribbed. The Honolulu specimens are stained with iron. T. affinis Gray differs by the interstitial sculp-

PLSB 1921 P308 ture.



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Lower Row, Right and Left

SPALDING'S AUGER SHELL

Terebra spaldingi Pilsbry

Spalding's auger shell is a fairly robust species in outline and is marked over the entire outer surface with smooth longitudinal ribs. It has an encircling groove anterior to the suture which marks off the presutural band. It is whitish in color and is marked with flesh colored tints in the grooves and about the sutural band. It measures about one and one-half inches in length. This species occurs in the Hawaiian Islands. Timether page 1994



19b, Holotype of

T. spaldingi Pilsbry, Academy Natural Sciences, Philadelphia No. 117044; 30.3 mm.

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