

84. *Terebra suspensa* E. A. Smith, 1904

(Pl. 23, fig. 84)

1904 *Terebra suspensa* E. A. Smith, Journ. Malac. 11(2):30, pl. 2, fig. 2; 1973 Kensley, Sea-shells South Africa p. 216, fig. 879.

1932 *Terebra suspensa affinis* Turton, Mar. Shells Port Alfred p. 11, pl. 3, fig. 91. [non *T. affinis* Gray, 1834]

Description: Shell to 26 mm; color cream with random brownish blotches and brown basalband; outline of whorls slightly convex; protoconch of 2½ whorls; subsutural band flat, scarcely noded, subsutural groove absent but ribs change angle slightly, marking band; axial ribs flat, numerous, curved, almost obsolete, about 32 on penultimate whorl; interspaces filled with rows of punctations, 7 to 12 per whorl; aperture quadrate; columella recurved.

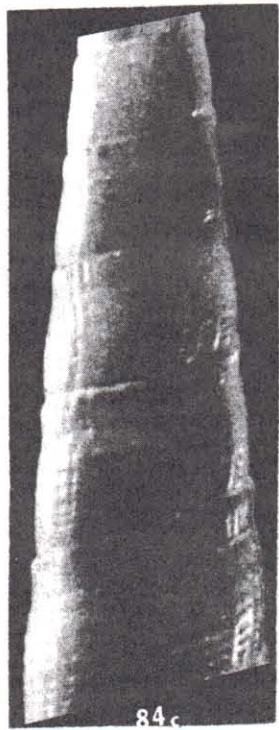
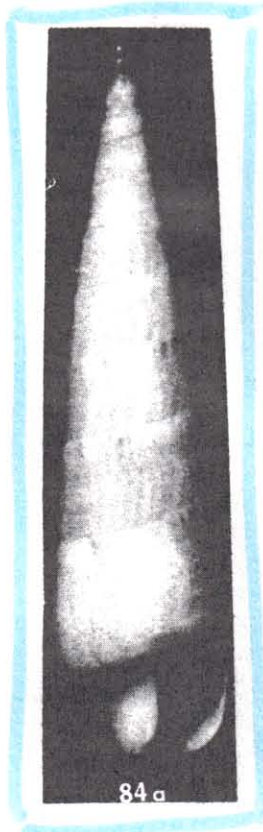
Type locality: *T. suspensa*, "Port Elizabeth, South Africa;" *T. suspensa affinis*, "Port Alfred, S. Africa."

Distribution: South Africa.

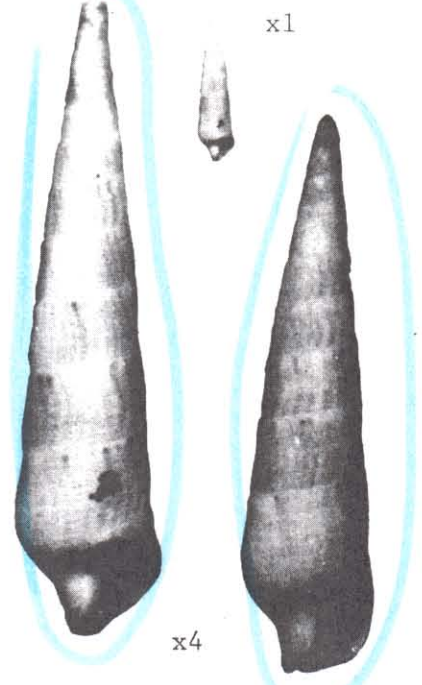
Type: *T. suspensa* lectotype BM(NH) no. 1903.12.19.858-862, 19.8 mm; *T. suspensa affinis* holotype Oxford Mus., 18.0 × 4.5 mm.

Discussion: The type specimens of *T. suspensa* are very worn as were the examples we have subsequently examined. Turton's *T. suspensa affinis* (non Gray) is a color form with a dark brown sutural band.

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84a, Lectotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1903.12.19.858-862; 19.8 mm. 84b, 84c, Middle whorl' 84a-c, *T. suspensa* E. A. Smith.



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90 *Terebra suspensa*, Smith, 1904. 20. P.A.
Long spiral shells with very flat whorls. The surface is cancellated by spiral cords and axial ribs. Common. **TURTON 1932 p 11**

191. *suspensa*, *Terebra* - E. A. SMITH, 1904, Journ. Malac. 11: 30, pl. 2, fig. 12. Hab. Port Elizabeth ("Pt. Alfred, Cape Colony; ex Turton" on label). Size: 20x4.5 mm. Holotype no. 90.3.12.19.858: 19.8 mm. Syntypes no. 90.3.12.19.859-862: 18.0 mm, 17.5 mm, 16.3 mm, and 16.1 mm. **C63**

**Terebra suspensa* Smith.

Terebra suspensa Smith, 'J. of Malac.,' vol. xi, p. 30, Pl. II, fig. 12.

Hab.—Port Alfred, Cape Colony. **SMITH 1908 AN. NAT. HIST. p 21**



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Terebra suspensa Smith

Still Bay

20 x 4,1 mm

Colour: Creamy white, with subsutural brown spots and faint axial streaks **KERSLEY 73 p 16**

Rather weakly sculptured; cream-white with light brown markings; to 20 mm. (BMNH type coll. 1903.12.19.858-62)

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SOUTH AFRICA

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Hab.—Port Alfred, Cape Colony. **SMITH 1906 p 21**

Terebra suspensa Smith

Protoconch 2-2½ whorls, alt. and diam. 0.75 mm., smooth.

Pleistocene deposits at Sedgefield, Groenvlei (Knysna district). (S. Afr. Mus.) See A. R. H. Martin. *S. Afr. J. Sci.*, 52, p. 187, 1956.

Still Bay, dead shells (S. Afr. Mus. Muir Coll.). **BAINARD 12 S.A. p 100**

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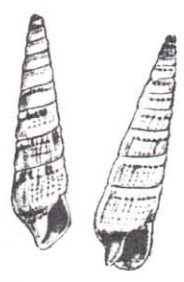
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Shell small, narrow, with fairly deep sutures; a very faint spiral groove cuts off a flattened cord beneath the suture; entire surface with fine axial ribs crossed by spiral threads (about 12 per whorl), forming pit-like intervals. White, tinged with orange-brown, usually forming spots below the suture and a band around the base. Maximum length 26 mm, but seldom exceeds 18 mm.

RANGE: Jeffreys Bay to East London.

NOTES: Not infrequently washed up in beach-drift, but seldom in fresh state. In Transkei and Natal it is replaced by a somewhat similar species, *Terebra loisae* E.A. Smith, 1903, which is fairly common in a more or less damaged state. This is larger than *suspensa* (33 mm), with a deep posterior groove, stronger axial ribs and few, weak spiral threads. **KILGOUR & BULLOCK 1932 p 111**

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18 *Terebra suspensa*, 16 and 18 mm (p. 118)

Terebra suspensa, n. sp.

Pl. ii, fig. 12.

Terebra pertusa, Sowerby (nec Born): Marine Shells S. Afr., p. 24.

Testa parva, elongata, alba, pallide fusco maculata, ad apicem fuscescens; anfractus 12, duo superiores (protoconcha) laeves, dilute fusci, rotundati, mammaeformes, caeteri lente accrescentes, leviter convexi, paulo infra suturam subconstricti, costis longitudinalibus numerosis tenuibus arcuatis instructi, inter costas spiralliter punctati, ultimus ad peripheriam rotundatus, circa basim zona fusca cinctus; apertura parva; columella alba, brevis, rectiuscula, antice obliqua; canalis brevissimus, obliquus.

Longit. 20 millim., diam. 4.5; apertura 4 millim. longa, 2 lata.

Hab.—Port Elizabeth (Sowb.).

This species differs from *T. pertusa* of Born in its much smaller size, finer and more numerous spiral series of punctures, rather shorter whorls, and in colour. The dark infrasutural band, so characteristic of *T. pertusa*, is wanting in the present species. The upper part of the whorls in Born's species is smooth between the riblets and is marked off by a conspicuous row of punctures, whereas in *T. suspensa* it is punctate between the costae, and less clearly defined. **SMITH 1904 J. of Mal. p 30-**



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Fig. 12. *Terebra suspensa*, n. sp.