

94. *Terebra tiurensis* Schepman, 1913

(Pl. 25, fig. 94)

1913 *Terebra tiurensis* Schepman, Siboga Exped. 49  
1(5):374, pl. 25, fig. 10.

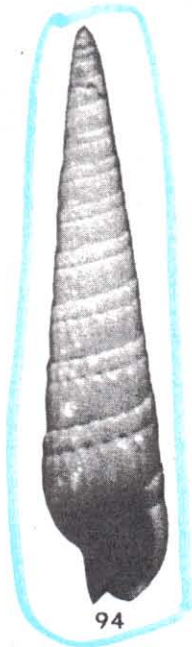
**Description:** Shell to 32 mm; color ivory with 2 faint small brown blotches on the dorsum mid-way down shell; outline of whorls slightly convex; protoconch of 1½ conical whorls; subsutural band slightly convex, defined by punctations between the ribs; axial ribs rather weak, unevenly spaced, contiguous with those on band; spiral sculpture absent; aperture semi-quadrate; columella curved.

**Type locality:** "Near Ruma Luis, north-point of Tiur Island, Indonesia."

**Distribution:** The holotype is the only specimen of this species examined.

**Type:** Holotype ZMUA; 14.5 × 3.3 mm.

**Discussion:** The specimen marked as the type appears to agree with Schepman's figure, but there is a discrepancy between that and his description. None of the "scattered reddish brown spots, just below the subsutural band, in a few cases stretching, though more faintly, down over the whorls" are visible. There are two very small, very faint brown blotches on the dorsum, midway down the whorl. B-94-698



94. *T. tiurensis*

Schepman. Holotype Zoological Museum, University of Amsterdam; 14.5 mm.

*Duplicaria tiurensis* (Schepman, 1913)

(Plate 53. Figure 398.)

**SHELL:** Creamy-white, ornamented with irregular chestnut-brown zones, axial streaks and spots; whorls number about 12 apart from protoconch of four pinkish nuclear whorls. Sculptured with about 21 straight axial ribs, a row of small nodules and deep spiral grooves at sutures; interstices with 4-5 fine spiral striae.

**SIZE:**  $\frac{1}{4}$  to one inch.

**DISTRIBUTION:** From South Africa to the Fiji Islands. Rare.

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Duplicaria Tiurensis (Schepman, 1913) 22 mm. Indo-Pacific. In aquaria. Laboratory, Baso. ....

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45. *Duplicaria (Duplicaria) tiurensis* (SCHEPMAN, 1913)

(Plate 6, Figure 43)

1913. *Terebra tiurensis* SCHEPMAN, Siboga Exp., Pt. 5, p. 374, pl. 25, fig. 10

**Shell:** Shell very small and fragile, slightly broadening towards aperture. Creamy-white in colour, ornamented with irregular chestnut-brown zones, axial streaks and spots. Whorls convex, numbering 12, apart from protoconch of 4 pinkish nuclear whorls; presutural band defined by a deep and narrow spiral groove. Sculpture consists of narrow, angulate and straight axial ribs, numbering about 21 on the penultimate whorl; the presutural groove forms small and narrow longitudinally oriented nodules at the sutures. Intercostal spaces with 4 to 5 very fine spiral striae. Body whorl slightly angulate, axially plicate, axial ribs becoming obsolete towards the anterior canal; a narrow whitish peripheral band encircles the body whorl, ultimate third of whorl light tan in colour. Columella creamy-white, concave, with a single cord extending towards the siphonal canal which is recurved; interior of aperture creamy-white.

**Size:** 18.7 mm.

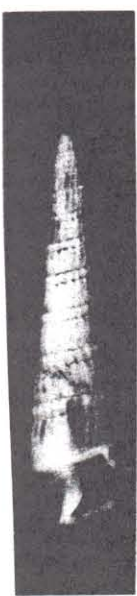
**Habitat:** In clean sand, from 10 - 15 fathoms.

Rare.

**Distribution:** Momi Bay, West Viti Levu. - South Africa.

**Discussion:** The species is known from only one specimen and further material is needed to confirm the actual occurrence in Fiji.

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Figure 43: *Duplicaria tiurensis* (SCHEPMAN). Fiji. x 3.0

26. *Terebra (Strioterebrum) tiurensis* n. sp. Pl. XXV, fig. 10.

Stat. 248. Near Ruma Lusi, North-point of Tiur-island. Till 54 M. 1 Spec.

Shell small, acicular, very shining, whitish, with violet apex, scattered reddish-brown spots, just below the subsutural band, in a few cases stretching, though more faintly, down over the whorls. Nuclear whorls, which are violet, as stated above, smooth, convex, about 4 in number, below at the suture with a keel; total number of whorls about 14, postnuclear ones slightly convex, with a deep suture; sculpture consisting of axial ribs, 19 or 20 on penultimate whorl, disappearing on last whorl, ribs and interstices with a deep subsutural groove, having the appearance of punctures in the interstices, for the rest the shell is smooth; last whorl rather regularly convex, contracted below. Aperture oblong, with an acute angle above, narrower at the sutural band, peristome thin, columellar margin short, ending with an oblique curved fold, with a trace of a second fold about halfway.

Alt.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , lat.  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ; apert. alt. 3, lat.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  Mill.

I know no species to which this one is closely allied. It has some superficial resemblance with one of the specimens of *T. conspersa*, but the deep groove and shining surface, without other spirals makes it quite different.

SCHEPMAN 1913 p 374

