

ELENA

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Terebra (Terebra) elena new species

Plate 1, figs. 1, 9.

Shell large, robust, solid; whorls numerous, about 14 preserved on the holotype, apex lost; embryonic sculpture similar to that of *T. robusta* is tripartite, the lower third being a concave band which, unlike that of *T. robusta*, persists as a deep impressed zone throughout life, the coiling following along its lower edge; the mature sculpture is otherwise smooth, except for the sinuous lines of growth; beak of moderate length, strongly twisted and with a strong keel at its end; aperture semielliptical with a sinuated outer lip and a thin spread of callus on the inner lip.

Length 120 mm. (imperfect), diameter 25 mm. Type.

This species is closely related to the recent *T. robusta* Hinds but is distinguished by the persisting concave band which lies just above the lower suture on the whorls of the spire and continues about the middle of the body-whorl.

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