

***Terebra (Microtrypetes) kerensis* new species**

Figs. 31-33

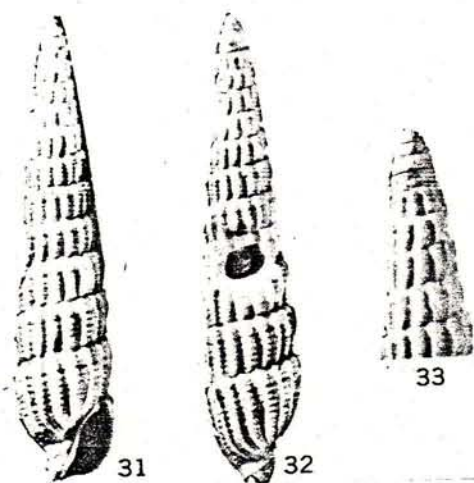
Small, very slender; a protoconch of about three smooth whorls is followed by eleven sculptured whorls that are flat-sided but slightly shouldered. Sculpture consisting of sharp, straight axial ribs, sixteen present on penultimate whorl, and narrow spiral grooves, 4-5 on each whorl; one groove close to the suture is larger than the others, suggesting the boundary of a subsutural band. Aperture lenticular, drawn out to form the anterior canal; columella with a single low fold.

Measurements of the holotype, USNM 214340: height 10.0 mm, diameter 2.0 mm.

This little species resembles *T. spei* described by Brown and Pilsbry (1913, p. 497, fig. 1) from the Pleistocene of Panama but is more slender, has less curvature in its axial ribs and its whorls are slightly shouldered; also, the subsutural groove on the species here described is less developed than on the shells of the Panama species. *T. kerensis* is more slender than *T. iola*, type of the subgenus and has fewer spiral grooves than that species.

Occurrence: Many specimens from USGS locality 25715 on the Kere River.

LADD 1976 NAUTILUS (90/4) p. 137
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28-29 Holotype, USNM 214337. $\times 4$ 31-33 *Terebra (Microtrypetes)* *kerensis* new species 31, 32 Holotype, USNM 214340. $\times 6$ 33 Apex of holotype. (slightly re-touched). $\times 10$.

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Terebra (Microtrypetes) kerensis Ladd, 1976, Nautilus, v. 90, no. 4, p. 137, figs. 31-33.

Holotype, USNM 214340, measures: height 10.0 mm, diameter 2.0 mm. Many shells collected from USGS locality 25715 on the Kere River, Santo, New Hebrides; age, Pleistocene. LADD 1976 p. 137