

**Buccinum gemicum**

1771, Mantissa plantarum . . . regni animalis appendix, p. 550.

LOCALITY: Not given.

"Testa turrita, anfractibus bifidis, substriata superiore protuberantiore . . . Testa subulata, alba. Anfractus bifidi: inferior lator, transversaliter obsolete striatus: stria superiore crassiore. Anfr. superior angustus, sed magis elevatus, laevis, obtusus; primo intuitu videntur cingula quasi ex duplici filo convoluta."

All that is said above about *Buccinum monile* can be repeated for this species. The treatment by Gmelin (1791, p. 3506) and Dillwyn (1817, p. 645) is to the same effect as their treatment of the preceding species, except that both authors listed this as "*geminum*." Deshayes (1859, p. 318) also dismissed it as indeterminable, and Tryon (1879-1888, vol. 7, p. 39) merely classed it with *monile* as probably a *Terebra*.

I have searched in vain for a specimen or figure of any *Terebra* that even approaches the characters mentioned in the description of *gemicum* and can add nothing to the accepted opinion that the species is to be left as unidentified.

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GEMINUM  
LINNÆ 1771

*Buccinum gemicum* Linnaeus, 1771, Mantissa plantarum Reg. Anim. appendix. p. 550. Gmelin (1791), Dillwyn (1817), and Dodge (1956) have declared this species to be indeterminable. B177  
*Buccinum geminum* L., of Gmelin, 1791 and others is *gemicum* (see above). B177

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**BUCCINUM GEMINUM, Linn. Mant. p. 550.**

Description malheureusement trop courte; elle ne permet pas la détermination de l'espèce. DESH 1859 p 318

**geminum, 172.** *B. spirae anfractibus bifidis: inferiore substriato, superiore protuberantiore. Mant. 2. p. 550.*  
*Habitat . . . testa subulata alba.* Gmelin 1791 p 3506

There still remain to notice the following species, which were referred by the old authors to that section of *Buccinum* which is now regarded as synonymous with *Terebra*, but which there is much difficulty and doubt in referring to any shells at the present time in our collections:—*Buccinum murinum*, Linn.; *B. acus*, Chemnitz; *B. hec-ticum*, Gmelin; *B. bifasciatum*, Petiver; *B. concinnum*, Gualtier; *B. succinctum*, Chemnitz; *B. geminum*, Linn.; *B. proximum*, Linn.; *B. monile*, Linn.; *B. sinuatum*, Linn.; and *B. phallus*, Chemnitz, is since known as *Pleurotoma buccinoides*. HMS 44 c 162

Geminum (*Buccinum*), Linn. Mantissa, 550: Undetermined, TRYON 1885. 39

**GEMINUM. 138.** Shells turreted; whirls transversely divided, with the lower divisions slightly striated, and the upper more protuberant.

*Buccinum geminum. Linnaeus Mant. p. 550. Gmelin, p. 3506.*

Inhabits —

Linnaeus describes this species to be subulate, white, with the whirls transversely divided; the lower division is broadest, and is marked with transverse obsolete striæ, of which the uppermost are thickest, and the lower division is narrower, but more elevated and smooth. DILLWYN 1817 6645