

Thraciidae

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Synonymy:

Thracia diegensis

Literature:

Palmer, 1958 (holotype photo); Oldroyd, 1924; Dall, 1915 (as T. diegensis)

Diagnostic characters:

1. Hinge plate thin or absent, hinge teeth completely absent.
2. Ligament internal
3. Resilium directly beneath beaks, without buttress.
4. Small size, adults to 10 mm in length.

Additional notes:

1. Juveniles of Asthenothaerus, Periploma, and Thracia are easily confused externally. In specimens less than 8 mm, the hinge structure must be observed. Periploma and Thracia have distinct hinge tubercles even at a juvenile stage.

Depth range: Intertidal to 65 m.

Distribution: San Pedro, California to Cabo San Lucas, Baja California, Mexico



Drawings by Laurie Marx, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History