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KEY TO THE GENUS ASTROPECTEN

- I. Spines present on supramarginal plates. One or two rows of spines may be found on each plate, or spines may be restricted to one or two in infra-marginal region. Figure 1.

Astropecten braziliensis

- II. Spines not present.

- A. Adambulacral spines are chisel-shaped . Figure 2.

1. The central paxillae in each group of paxillae are enlarged. Figure 1.

Astropecten braziliensis

2. Central paxillae are not enlarged.

Astropecten verrilli

- B. Adambulacral spines are not chisel-shaped.

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