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Synonymy: Mysella sp. B (MBC, Hyperion, Scott, and others)
Montacutidae Genus A, species A (Pt. Loma, MBC, and others)

Literature: Dall, W.H. 1899.
Scott, P.H. 1987.

Diagnostic Characters:

1. Shell small (5 mm length), thin, fragile, and with strong, widely spaced concentric sculpture.
2. Shape subquadrate, compressed, with an abruptly truncate posterior margin; inequilateral with anterior longer.
3. Beaks moderately prominent, opistogyrate.
4. Cardinal teeth small, equal in size.

Comparisons:

The regular concentric sculpture of this species easily separates it from all other northeastern Pacific Mysella.

Distribution: San Diego, California to Santa Maria, California (145-490 ft).

