

4½–5, compact, sharply angled at the periphery; base convex-flattened, and impressed in the middle. Suture lightly impressed. Aperture oblique, subtriangular. Peristome acute with an inner thin callosity. Outer lip angled. Inner lip oblique, reflexed above, slightly callous. Perforation narrow, but open. Parietal wall without callosity.

Diameter (including peripheral processes), 3mm; height, 1.5mm.

Holotype in the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Paratypes in the Dominion Museum, Wellington, and the author's collection.

Habitat: Helena Bay, 24.9.58; Kaeo, 26.2.49, 19.9.58; Kamo, 1935; Mangakahia Gorge, 25.9.58; Mangamuka Gorge, 17.1.57, 23.9.58, 17.10.62 (types); Orewa, 25.6.62; Oruaiti, 22.9.58; Otangaroa, 23.2.59, 1.6.66; Paihia, 12.1.49; Tangoio Hill, 9.2.59; Te Kuiti, 1.7.62; Waikare, Bay of Islands, 18.11.64; Waioeka Gorge, 13.2.57; Waipoua Forest, 22.10.62; Whangamata, 1.10.58. All collections by the author.

*T. serrata* is a small flattened species. The presence of fine processes on the periostracal plaits is shared only with *T. elevata*, which, however, has a much taller spire, and plaits with more pointed peripheral extensions.

#### *Therasiella elevata* n.sp. Figs. 1 D–F, 4B, 5B.

Shell small, subperforate, elevated, trochiform, membraneously plaited, thin, pellucid. Sculpture; Protoconch with 5–6 microscopic spiral striae; the following whorls with moderately frequent, thin, membraneous plaits, about 30 on the fourth post-nuclear whorl, produced at the periphery into triangular, sharply pointed processes, the suture-periphery and periphery-umbilicus portions of the plaits each provided with about 8 hair-like processes; interstices with frequent, fine growth lines. Colour pale brown to corneous. Periostracum thin, not shining. Spire conoidal, acute, about twice the height of the aperture. Protoconch of 1½ convex whorls. Whorls 5½, compact, sharply angled at the periphery, the body whorl descending slightly below the periphery of the preceding whorl in mature specimens; base flattened, impressed in the middle. Suture lightly impressed. Aperture oblique, subtriangular. Peristome acute, with an inner thin callosity. Outer lip angled. Inner lip oblique, reflexed above, slightly callous. Perforation narrow, but open. Parietal wall without callosity.

Diameter (including peripheral processes), 3.5mm; height, 2mm.

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Habitat: Ahipara Saddle, 1.10.57; Herekino, 22.9.58 (types); Omapere, Hokianga, 21.2.40, 3.10.57; Peria, 23.9.58. All collections by the author.

*T. elevata* is readily distinguished from other members of the genus by the presence of fine processes on the periostracal plaits and the relatively high spire.

#### *Therasiella neozelanica* n.sp. Figs. 1 G–I, 4C, 5C.

Shell small, subperforate, depressed, membraneously plaited, thin, pellucid. Sculpture; Protoconch with about 5 microscopic spiral striae; the following whorls with frequent, thin membraneous plaits, about 40–80 on the third post-nuclear whorl, produced at the periphery into triangular processes which are very acutely pointed; without projecting processes or hairs in the suture-periphery and periphery-umbilicus portions of the plaits; interstices with microscopic growth lines and spiral striae. Colour corneous. Periostracum thin, shining. Spire conoidal, flattened, about equal to the height of the aperture. Protoconch of 1½ convex whorls. Whorls 5, compact, sharply angled at the periphery; base convex-flattened, and impressed in the middle. Suture lightly impressed. Aperture oblique, subtriangular. Peristome acute, with an inner thin callosity. Outer lip angled. Inner lip oblique, reflexed above, slightly callous. Perforation narrow, but open. Parietal wall without callosity.

Diameter (including peripheral processes), 4mm; height, 2mm.