Nassarius spp. from the City of San Diego's Ocean Monitoring Program

(=Nassarius) perpinguis
(Hinds, 1844)
Shell of moderate size, white to light brown under closely adherent periostracum, with darker bands of brown; whorls evenly rounded, fossa deep; axial and spiral sculpture of nearly equal strength, producing fine, even cancellations; mature lip only slightly thickened, deeply lirate within; columella with fine raised lines on lower portion; parital shield with single raised fold. Length 18-22 mm. (McLean, 1996)

(=Nassarius) mendicus
(Gould, 1849)
Shell light brown with fine cancellate sculpture, sometimes with spiral bands of darker brown. Length 18-22 mm. (McLean, 1978)

(=Nassarius) insculptus
(Carpenter, 1864)
Shell of moderate size, white under closely adherent greenish-brown periostracum; whorls 7, whorls slightly inflated; axial sculpture of strong ridges on early whorls, usually fading on later whorls; spiral sculpture of shallow grooves, about 10 per whorl; fossa shallow; outer lip inflated and thickened, inner lip with broad shield or callus, one strong basal fold and smaller raised folds becoming pustular near termination of inner lip callus. Length 18-25 mm. (McLean, 1996)