**Turbonilla sp. A**

Gastropoda: Pyramidellidae

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Synonymy:
- Turbonilla sp. F of Shrake
- Turbonilla sp. A of Hyperion
- Turbonilla "red" of CSDOC
- Turbonilla sp. J of MBC
- Turbonilla sp. C of Pt. Loma

Literature:

Diagnostic Characters:
1. Number of ribs in body whorl is 19-25.
2. Number of striae is 8, with very fine secondary striae.
3. Post nuclear whorls number 10 in most specimens (range 9-14), 14 in largest specimen.
4. Ribs slightly retractive.
5. Consistent spire angle.
6. Aperture auricular (ear shaped).
7. Sutures compressed.
8. Interstices wider than ribs.
9. Faint spiral striations; equal and weak.
11. Varices in adult; white to waxy yellow in color.
12. Shell is thin and light for its size, without periostracum; base color is chestnut with both light and dark bands and is up to 2.5 cm in length.

Comments: Subgeneric distinctions are confused and in a state of flux, are interpreted differently by different authorities and do not permit reliable use. Turbonilla sp. A is one of the most commonly encountered species of Turbonilla in benthic samples from southern California.

Distribution: Range from San Diego to at least Goleta. Depth from 5 to 170 m.
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Figure 1. *Turbonilla* sp. A