

**RUNCINA FERRUGINEA N.SP. (CEPHALASPIDEA:
OPISTHOBRANCHIA: GASTROPODA),
A NEW RUNCINID FROM GREAT BRITAIN**

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(Plates I–II, Figs. 1–4)

A new species of the family Runcinidae is described. The name *ferruginea* reflects the fact that the animal displays a uniform reddish-brown colour.

The central tooth of the radula of *R. ferruginea* is bilobed and each lobe bears about ten slender denticles. The lateral teeth are hook-shaped and show smooth edges. The central tooth of *Runcina coronata*, the type species, is bilobed also, each lobe carrying only about five denticles but these being of a more prominent character. The lateral teeth have highly denticulated edges.

The male copulatory organ consists of three parts. A short penis protruding into an atrium, a prostate gland and a seminal vesicle.

The hermaphroditic and female part of the reproductive system consists of ovotestis, spermoviduct, spherical ampulla, fertilization chamber, uterus, albumen gland, mucous gland and a common genital duct leading to the exterior. From this duct a ciliated duct leads to the fertilization chamber. The organization of the reproductive system is basically the same as in *R. coronata*, the only differences are in the proportions of the different parts mentioned.

INTRODUCTION

Members of the small suborder Runcinacea have recently been reviewed and efforts have been made to group new findings (Burn, 1963; Baba, 1967; Miller & Rudman, 1968). The following structures served for the classification: gills alone (Baba, 1967), gills, radula, gizzard-plates and shell (Burn, 1963). According to this classification a more detailed subdivision became necessary. Two proposals brought forward by Burn (1963) and Baba (1967) are in discussion (see below). Two new genera *Runnica* and *Pseudoilbia* (Miller & Rudman, 1968) have not as yet been definitely placed in a family. As a consequence of this grouping some of the former members of the genus *Runcina* have been moved to another genus, e.g. *Runcina elioti* (Baba, 1937) to *Runcimida* (Burn, 1963) by reason of four or five gills surrounding the anus in a semi-circle, and *Runcina setoensis* (Baba, 1954; Ghiselin, 1963) to *Metaruncina setoensis* (Baba, 1967) because of its single gill and a greatly reduced radula (compare Table 1).

In the Plymouth Fauna List (Marine Biological Association, 1957) the only species of the Runcinacea found in that area to that date, is listed under the generic name *Pelta*. This name was suppressed in 1967 (Lemche, Opinion No. 811) and *Runcina* again became the valid name.

Two proposals towards the classification of the suborder Runcinacea:

Burn (1963)
FAM. ILDICIDAE

Genus: *Ildica*

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FAM. RUNCINIDAE

Subfam. Runcininae

Genus: *Runcina*

Genus: *Runcinida*

Genus: *Runcinella*

Subfam. Ilbinae

Genus: *Ilbia*

(Not yet classified: *Runnica*, *Pseudoilbia*)

Baba (1967)

FAM. RUNCINIDAE

Genus: *Ildica*

Genus: *Metaruncina*

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Genus: *Runcina*

Genus: *Runcinida*

Genus: *Runcinella*

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Genus: *Ilbia*

MATERIAL

Twenty animals of *Runcina ferruginea* n.sp. were first found between 21 and 30 August 1974 in a shallow sea-water tank in the Marine Biological Laboratory in Plymouth. The tank contained some rocks, a variety of algae and animals from the higher inter-tidal zone, and a great number of *R. coronata*. The specimens of *R. ferruginea* measured between 0.6–4 mm in length, being conspicuously different in colour and pattern from *R. coronata*.

In November 1975 I received four animals measuring between 3.5 and 4 mm found in the same tank, as well as eggs, developing stages and hatching animals.

The species has not as yet been found outside the Laboratory, but they have lived there for more than 2 years and have been breeding. The external description is made from the holotype and the paratype. For the internal description two animals were used for the dissection of the radulae and gizzard plates; four animals for serial sections and reconstruction of the reproductive system. For comparison several *R. coronata* have been used in similar preparations.

OBSERVATIONS

Holotype: deposited in the Museum of Natural History in Basle, Switzerland, no. 11' 105a; fixed and kept in formalin 5%.

The living animal (Fig. 1) measured about 4 mm in length and about 1 mm in width at mid-length. The body is elongated, limaciform and has no tentacles. The mantle extends slightly beyond the foot except at the posterior end where the foot extends as a short tail, which protrudes during locomotion. The anterior edge of the foot is minutely notched in the median line. A quarter of the total length of the animal is taken up by the tail when the animal is well stretched. The tail tip is narrowly rounded. The mantle is smooth, broadly rounded behind and slightly wider towards the head. The head is shallowly bilobed in front. The eyes shine faintly through the skin.

The anus is situated behind the end of the mantle to the right of the median line. The renal pore opening is below the gills, just to the right of the anus (Pl. ID). Three small gills more or less surround the anus and are just visible when the animal is crawling. The pinnate gills are about 235 μm long when measured in serial section (Pl. ID). There was no sign of an opaline gland.

The common genital aperture is located laterally to the gills. From there a narrow seminal groove runs towards the head. The anterior end of this groove meets the male aperture which opens to the right of the mouth.

The colour of the body (dorsum, foot and gills) is a homogeneous reddish-brown and under the binocular the whole body seems to be powdered with very fine dark brown spots. The entire body is densely covered with cilia. No shell was found.

The movement of the animal were distinctly 'sluggish' compared with the very active *R. coronata* at the same time.

Paratype: deposited in the Museum for Natural History, Basle, Switzerland, no. 11, 105*b*; fixed and kept in formalin 5%.

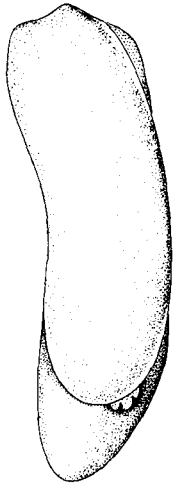


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Fig. 1. *R. ferruginea*. Drawing after a photograph from a living animal of 4 mm.

Fig. 2. Gizzard plate (living animal 3.5 mm). Length of the plate 180 μm .

The living animal measured about 3 mm in length and was approximately 0.8 mm broad. Colour and shape as well as the description of the animal are identical with that of the holotype.

Among the animals found were a great number of small ones. Slugs of 2.5 mm length were 0.6 mm broad, those of 1 mm length 0.3 mm. The smaller the animals the lighter was the intensity of the brown colour. Animals of 1 mm length or less were very light brown, the foot was nearly colourless with only a very slight tinge of reddish-brown. In animals smaller than about 2 mm the digestive gland shows through the skin as an oval, dark brown complex within the posterior part of the notum.

Eggs: these measured between 400–440 μm including all the capsule layers. Each egg had a diameter of 320–350 μm . There was one egg per capsule and during development no veliger stage could be observed. Newly hatched animals measured 0.6 mm in length and 0.2 mm in width.

There were too many temperature changes during development to allow any definite statement to be made regarding the normal duration of this period.

The reproductive system, the gizzard plates, radula and jaws are described according to the findings from preparations and serial section of six animals.

The jaws are composed of minute pointed denticles triangular in shape (Pl. IA) and

measuring 2–3 μm at the base, 4–5 μm in height. The radula formula is 1.1.1. An animal which measured 3.5 mm alive had 25 rows of teeth. The oldest of the rhachidians is 12 μm broad and 8 μm high at the highest point (Pl. Ic). It is bilobed, each lobe carrying about ten slender denticles 1 μm high and 0.2 μm wide. On each side of the rhachidian are the hook shaped lateral teeth with smooth edges. These teeth are 22.5 μm broad and 13.5 μm high (Pl. Ie).

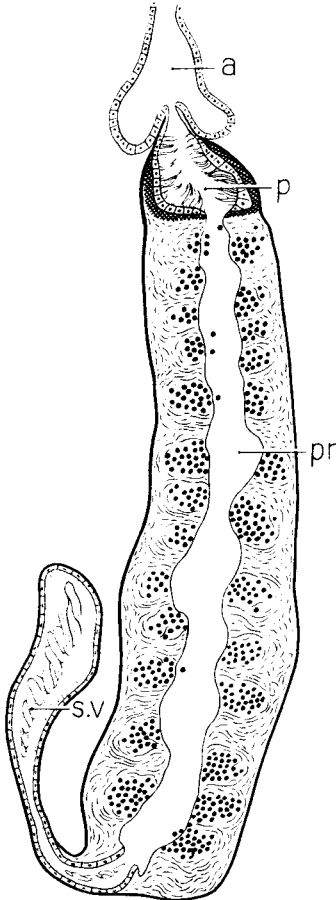


Fig. 3

Fig. 3. Male copulatory organ (proportions correct). a = atrium, p = penis, pr = prostate gland, sv = seminal vesicle containing sperm.

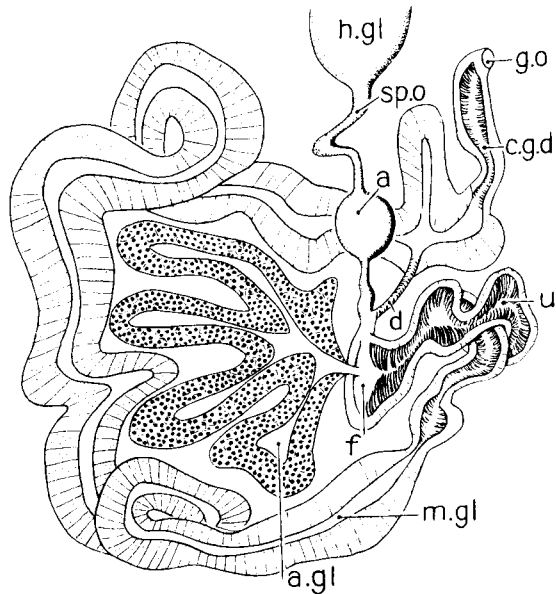


Fig. 4

Fig. 4. Female parts of the reproductive system (simplified, proportions only approximately): a = ampulla, a. gl. = albumen gland, c.g.d. = common genital duct, d = duct covered with cilia, f = fertilization chamber, g.o = genital opening, h.gl = hermaphroditic gland, m.gl = mucous gland, sp.o = spermoviduct, u = uterus.

There were four gizzard plates slightly curved and armed with eight deeply folded transverse laminae which show a straight edge (Fig. 2). One plate measures about 170–180 μm in length, 80 μm in height and is 80 μm wide.

The male copulatory organ (Fig. 3) extends from the anterior male orifice which opens

to the right of the mouth, backwards partly underneath the stomach and the hermaphroditic gland. In an animal of about 4 mm the organ comprises an atrium about 120 μm long with an exterior diameter of 110 μm and a constricted aperture. A short broad penis projects into the atrium (Pl. IIF), about 120 μm long, with a diameter of 150 μm . The wall is covered with a columnar epithelium bearing long cilia. There is a sphincter muscle between the penis and the adjoining prostate gland. The prostate gland itself is a long cylindrical organ, the length being about 940 μm and its diameter varying between 165 and 200 μm , it has glandular walls and a narrow lumen (Pl. IIE). The other end of the prostate opens into an oval shaped seminal vesicle of about 420 μm length and 65 \times 50 μm in diameter. The wall consists of a regular cubical epithelium with short cilia. The organ is usually densely packed with sperm (Pl. IIE).

Complete understanding of the female reproductive organ (Fig. 4) is difficult. Most of the ducts are very thin but must be capable of considerable expansion in view of the great size of the eggs, few in number as they are.

The hermaphroditic gland is placed dorsally in front, to the right side and behind the digestive gland. The sperm matures centrally, the eggs (Pl. IIG) are arranged more peripherally. From the posterior end of the hermaphroditic gland a spermoviduct runs to a spherical ampulla (Pl. IIC). From this ampulla a twisting duct, occasionally with some dilatations leads to a chamber with an irregular outline, the fertilization chamber. A ciliated duct enters this chamber. This duct forks off from the mucous gland near the common genital opening. The albumen gland (Pl. IID) opens into this fertilization chamber as well. The fertilization chamber itself leads into a ciliated chamber (Baba, 1967) or so-called uterus (Colosi, 1915). The cilia here are densely packed and very long. This uterus leads into the mucous gland (Pl. IID) which is heavily folded. The mucous gland ends in the common genital duct which penetrates obliquely through the body wall to the exterior (Pl. IIC). There is no bursa copulatrix.

DISCUSSION

From the point of view of coloration all the species of the genus *Runcina* are quite distinct (Table 2). From the description of the hue as well as the radula, the gills and other items, Pruvot-Fol (1954) seems right in saying that *R. calaritana* (Colosi, 1915) is a synonym for *R. coronata*. Her view that *R. capreensis* (Mazzarelli, 1894) is identical with *R. coronata* is wrong because of the distinct pattern of big black dots as well as the size of the gills and the shape of the radula. *R. coronata*, *R. marshae* as well as *R. ferruginea* have gills which extend beyond the mantle, especially when the animal is moving. *R. capreensis* and *R. australis* have very small rudimentary gills while *R. prasina* exhibits only one gill in a lateral position, which makes its place among the *Runcina* somewhat doubtful.

The character of the epithelium on the under side of the mantle above the gills showed no signs of specialization in *R. ferruginea*, while in *R. coronata* the epithelial mucous glands seem to be absent (Pl. IIA).

In all species with jaws these are described as small elements more or less square or triangular in shape. In serial sections through *R. ferruginea* and *R. coronata* both shapes

could be found probably due to the amount of abrasion and plane of section. With the exception of *R. africana* and *R. capreensis* all the members of the genus *Runcina* display a bilobed rhachidian and except for *R. australis* bear a varying number of denticles. In *R. ferruginea* the number of these denticles differs from that of other species. The lateral teeth in *R. ferruginea* are hook-shaped, the edges smooth as in *R. africana*, *R. marshae* and *R. capreensis* (Table 2). The type species *R. coronata* exhibits a dense row of denticles (Pl. IF). The gizzard plates vary in shape, and in the number of ridges or denticles (Table 2). Compared with the type species *R. coronata* which in our case had 10–11 ridges on each plate (Pl. IB), *R. ferruginea* has only about eight and has smaller and straight ridges. Burn (1963) postulated a difference between *R. coronata* from the Mediterranean and the Atlantic because Alder & Hancock (1846) drew only six laminae on each gizzard plate. According to my findings this is due only to the size of the animal.

No shell has been seen, either in *R. coronata* or in *R. ferruginea*. Vayssière (1883, 1885) believes that he saw a reduced one in certain animals.

The opaline or anal gland does not appear as a constant structure within the Runcinacea. In *Runcinella* (Odhner, 1924) it is well developed and consists of a sac opening beneath the anus and containing seven date-like corpuscles, each of them of glandular formation. In *Metaruncina* a number of compound glandules open to the exterior above and slightly to the left of the anus. With the exception of *R. coronata* no opaline gland is mentioned in any of the member of the genus *Runcina* and none has been found in *R. ferruginea*. In *R. coronata* this gland lies above the anus (Colosi, 1915) and opens through a short duct above and somewhat to the left of it (Pl. IIB). The gland measures about $125 \times 80 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter and consists of a small number of large cells with an extremely basal lying cell nucleus. The contents of the cells seems to be destroyed by the fixative, and they appear empty (Pl. IIA, B).

As far as the other genera such as *Runnica* and *Pseudoilbia* are concerned it is not yet certain if such a gland exists. For *Ilbia ilbi* (Burn, 1963) an opaline gland is noted, but Burn himself corrected his observations in 1969 stating that this interpretation was wrong and that no gland could be found (Table 1).

In *R. ferruginea* we have a direct development without veliger stage as already described for *R. coronata* (Vayssière, 1900) and *Metaruncina setoensis* (Baba & Hamatani, 1959).

In the suborder Runcinacea the male copulatory organs are separated from the rest of the reproductive system and lie independently in the right anterior and ventral part of the body. The opening is found to the right of the mouth. In three of the four species of *Runcina* described (*R. coronata*, *R. capreensis*, *R. australis* and *R. ferruginea*) the copulatory organs consist of the three parts: a penis, prostate gland, and a seminal vesicle to store the sperm. The penis is muscular and protrudes into an atrium with a constructed opening. The penis is shorter in *R. ferruginea* than in *R. coronata*, not only in absolute figures, which vary with the size of the animal but in relation to the total length of the penis, prostate gland and seminal vesicle. The length of the penis in *R. ferruginea* is about 8%, in *R. coronata* about 11% of the total length of the copulatory organ.

The prostate gland is long and cylindrical in shape in *R. coronata* and also *R. ferruginea*, but in *R. australis* is shorter and fusiform. No sphincter muscle is found in this species between the prostate and the penis but a narrow coiled penial duct is inserted between

these two organs. The seminal vesicle or bulbus seminalis (Ghiselin, 1963; Baba, 1967) is considerably shorter than the prostate in mature animals of *R. coronata* and *R. ferruginea*, but is about the same length as the prostate in *R. australis*.

The ciliated groove running from the genital opening to the male orifice shows no further specialization. This perhaps accounts for the fact that Mazzarelli (1894) describes no groove in *R. capreensis*, in spite of the identical arrangement of the genital organs to those of other runcinids. Colosi (1915) thinks that the seminal vesicle is filled with allosperm and that this is transported through the seminal groove to the genital opening for fertilization of the eggs. Today it is known that the autosperm travels through the seminal groove and is stored in the seminal vesicle. In *Ildica*, *Runcinella* and *Runcinida* it is difficult to understand how the transfer of sperm can occur during copulation when no seminal vesicle exists (Ghiselin, 1963).

The female part of the genital system is not very well known in the Runcinacea as Table 1 demonstrates and therefore these criteria have not been used for classification. That many facts are still unknown is due partly to the lack of a sufficient number of animals for description and partly because the specimens in question had not reached sexual maturity. Most authors only checked if a bursa copulatrix exists (Burn, 1963; Miller & Rudman, 1968). Vayssière (1883) describes a 'poche copulatrice' for *R. coronata* which in our serial sections cannot be found.

The most detailed drawing has been published by Baba (1967) for *Metaruncina setoensis*. The principle of the organization seems basically the same as in *R. ferruginea* and *R. coronata*. Colosi (1915) gives a complicated account of the genital system of *R. calaritana* (= *R. coronata*). In his description and his drawing however no duct is apparent to allow the heterosperm to reach the fertilization chamber. He concludes that they pass through the whole female gland mass.

The nomenclature for the different parts of the female gland mass is contradictory. So it would seem that the term 'uterus' is used in different ways by Odhner (1924) in *Runcinella*, and by Colosi (1915) in *R. calaritana* and is called 'ciliated chamber' by Baba (1967) in *Metaruncina*.

R. ferruginea has a longer and more twisted hermaphroditic duct than *R. coronata*. The common duct leading to the exterior is rather short in *R. ferruginea* but forms a long loop within the body wall in *R. coronata*.

Tables 1 and 2 demonstrate the great difficulties met with in classifying this small group of Runcinacea. Each genus differs in one or two items only and consists generally of only one species.

What is known about *R. prasina* (Mörch, 1863) and *R. inconspicua* (Verrill, 1901-3) makes it doubtful if their grouping within the genus *Runcina* is correct. The same applies in the case of *R. australis*, the only species which exhibits a bursa copulatrix and a penial coil.

According to the radula, gills, gizzard plates and genital system the newly described *R. ferruginea*, however, can be placed in this genus together with the type species *R. coronata*.

TABLE 1. ANATOMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUBORDER RUNCINACEA

+ = existing, o = absent, - = no data available, sc = semicircle around anus, c = circle around anus. Differences in the shape of the radula teeth are not listed. For the genus *Runcina* compare Table 2.

Species	Author	Gills				Anus			Jaws	Radula formula	Gizzard plates	Opaline gland	Seminal vesicle	Penial coils	Bursa copulatrix
		0	1	3-4	4-5	Median	To the right	External								Internal	Shell
<i>Ildica nana</i>	Bergh (1889)	.	+	.	.	+	.	.	1.1.1	—	—	—	0	0	—
<i>Metaruncina</i>	Baba (1954)	.	+	.	.	+	.	.	reduced	4	+	+	0	0	0
<i>setoensis</i>	Forbes	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	+	+	0	0	0
<i>Runcina coronata</i>	(1851)	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	+	+	0	0	0
<i>Runcina Mörch</i>	(1863)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>prasina</i>	Mazzarelli	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	1.1.1	4	0	0	+	0	0
<i>capreensis</i>	(1894)	.	.	rud.	.	+	.	.	1.1.1	4	+	+	0	0	0
<i>Runcina Verrill</i>	(1901/03)	.	+	.	.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>inconspicua</i>	(?)	—	(?)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Runcina Pruvot-</i>		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>africana Fol</i>	(1953)	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Runcina Burn</i>	(1963)	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	+	+	+
<i>australis</i>	Burn	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	+	+	+
<i>Runcina Burn</i>	(1966)	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>marshae</i>	Kress	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Runcina Kress</i>	(1977)	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	0	0	+	0	0
<i>ferruginea</i>	(present paper)	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Runcinida elioti</i>	Baba (1937)	.	.	.	+	+	sc	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Runcinella Odhner</i>	(1924)	.	.	.	+	+	c	.	2.1.2	4	+	+	0	0	+
<i>zelandica</i>	Burn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	0	0	0	0	0	+
<i>Ilbia ilbi</i>	(1963)	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	+	+	0	0	+
<i>Runnica Miller & Rudman</i>	(1968)	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	0	0	?	?	+
<i>katioides</i>	Rudman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.1.1	4	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Pseudoilbia lineata</i>	Miller & Rudman (1968)	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.0.2	0	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 2. COMPARISON WITHIN THE GENUS *RUNCINA*

Species	Synonyms	Distribution	Coloration	Radula	Gizzard plates
<i>R. coronata</i> Forbes (1851)	<i>Pelta coronata</i> Quatrefages (1844), <i>Pelta</i> sp. Alder & Hancock (1846); <i>Limapontia coronata</i> Alder & Hancock (1846); <i>R. hancocki</i> Forbes (1851); <i>R. calartiana</i> Colosi (1915)	Channel, Atlantic, Mediterranean	Black, sprinkled with minute brown dots. Front of the mantle buffish-fawn, eyes surrounded by a pale ring, behind the eyes a curve of white spots. White spots terminate the mantle. Foot yellowish	Approx. 20 rows. Central teeth: bilobed, each lobe with 4-6 denticles. Lateral teeth: hook- shaped, distinct denticles along the inner edge	Distinct plates with 7-8 irregular ridges
<i>R. prasina</i> Mörch (1863)	—	Antilles	Leek-green, more intensive dorsally. Foot yellowish- green	—	—
<i>R. capreensis</i> Mazzarelli (1894)	—	Gulf of Naples	Blackish, numerous white spots and irregular big black dots. Triangular field of black spots on the foot extending posteriorly	Central teeth: not bilobed, one small denticle (?) lateral teeth: hook- shaped, smooth edges	—
<i>R. inconspicua</i> Verrill (1901/3)	—	Bermudas	Dark green-brown, small orange margins. Foot light green with white dots and orange-violet margins	—	—
<i>R. africana</i> Pruvot-Fol (1953)	—	Morocco, Senegal	Dorsum brown with reddish dots. Head yellow, behind eyes white dots. Mantle at the rear yellow. Foot posteriorly yellow with dark brown centre	Central teeth: only margin bearing denticles lateral teeth: hook-shaped, smooth edges	No transverse ridges, only 6-7 denticles
<i>R. australis</i> Burn (1963)	—	Victoria (Australia)	Body greenish-black, foot and mantle margins 'ashy-yellow', as well as anterior corner of dorsum and triangular area over shell	About 30 rows. Central teeth: narrow bilobed cusp, lateral teeth: minutely denticulated along inner edge	Each with 10-11 pairs of irregular denticles
<i>R. marshae</i> Burn (1966)	—	Fiji	Dull orange	About 10 rows. Central teeth: only slightly bilobed, denticulated lateral teeth: hook- shaped, smooth edges	With 8 irregular ridges each bearing denticles
<i>R. ferruginea</i> Kress (1977) (present paper)	—	Plymouth	Homogeneously reddish- brown, with very minute dark-brown spots	About 25 rows. Central teeth: bilobed, each side with 10 fine denticles lateral teeth: hook- shaped, smooth edges	With 8 transverse straight ridges

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ADDENDUM

A visit to Plymouth after submission of this paper for publication, gave me an opportunity to examine a specimen which had been dredged from Duke Rock (Plymouth Sound) on 12 April 1976. Two members of the Specimen Department examined the living specimen and came to the conclusion that the appearance was identical with that of *R. ferruginea* found in the tank and described above. My subsequent preparations of the radula (S.E.M.) and of the gizzard plates confirmed this identification. We therefore now have the first record for the Plymouth area outside the Laboratory itself.

It is interesting to note the difference in habitat between *R. coronata*, which has been recorded only from intertidal rock pools, and this specimen of *R. ferruginea* which was dredged from a depth of about 10 m.

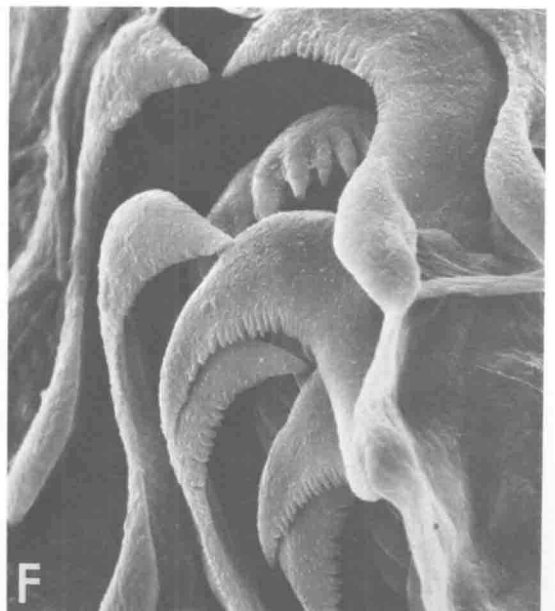
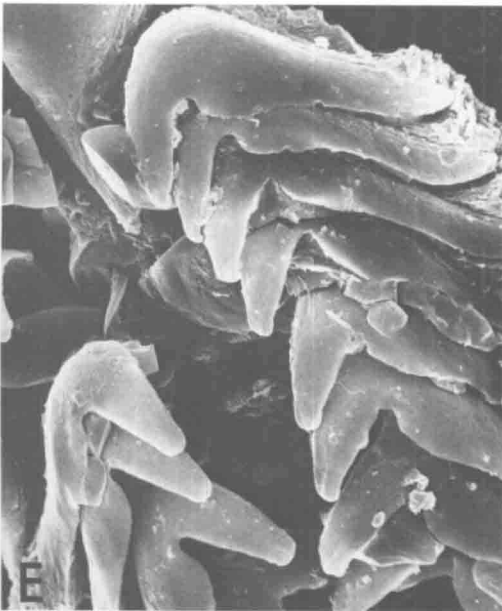
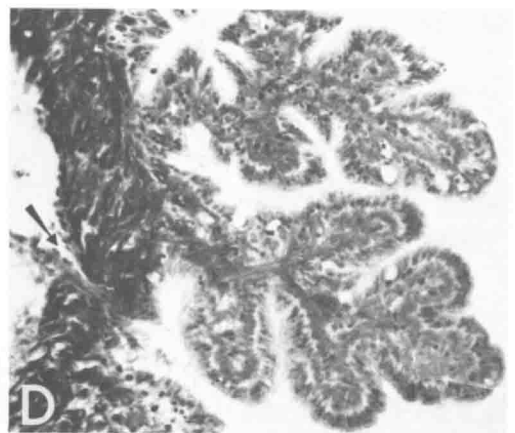
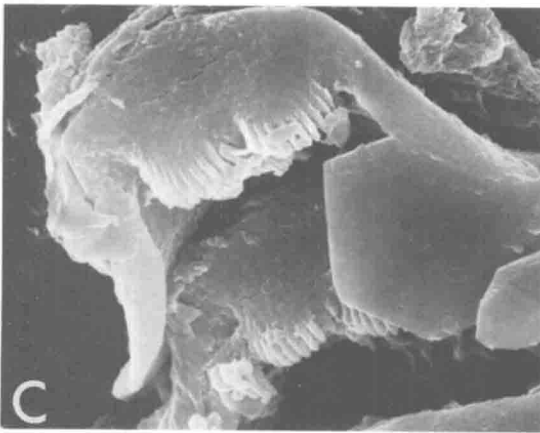
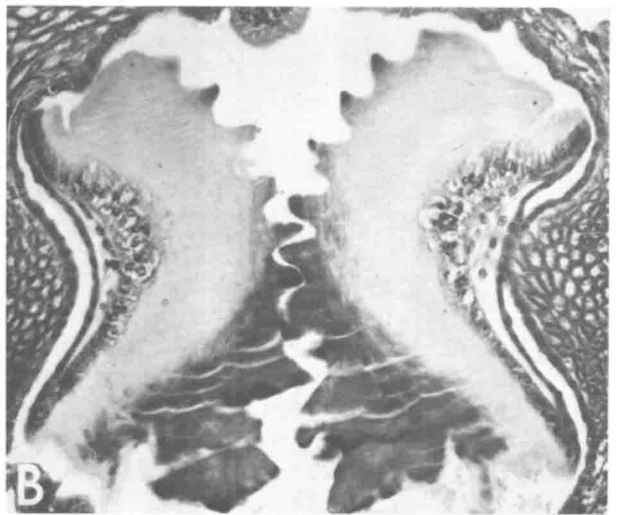
Since the time that *R. ferruginea* was first recorded from the tank in the Laboratory there has been a remarkable proliferation of the species there, and specimens can now be observed of a size up to 8 mm in length and 2 mm in width.

Eggs have been laid in the tank during the months of August and September.

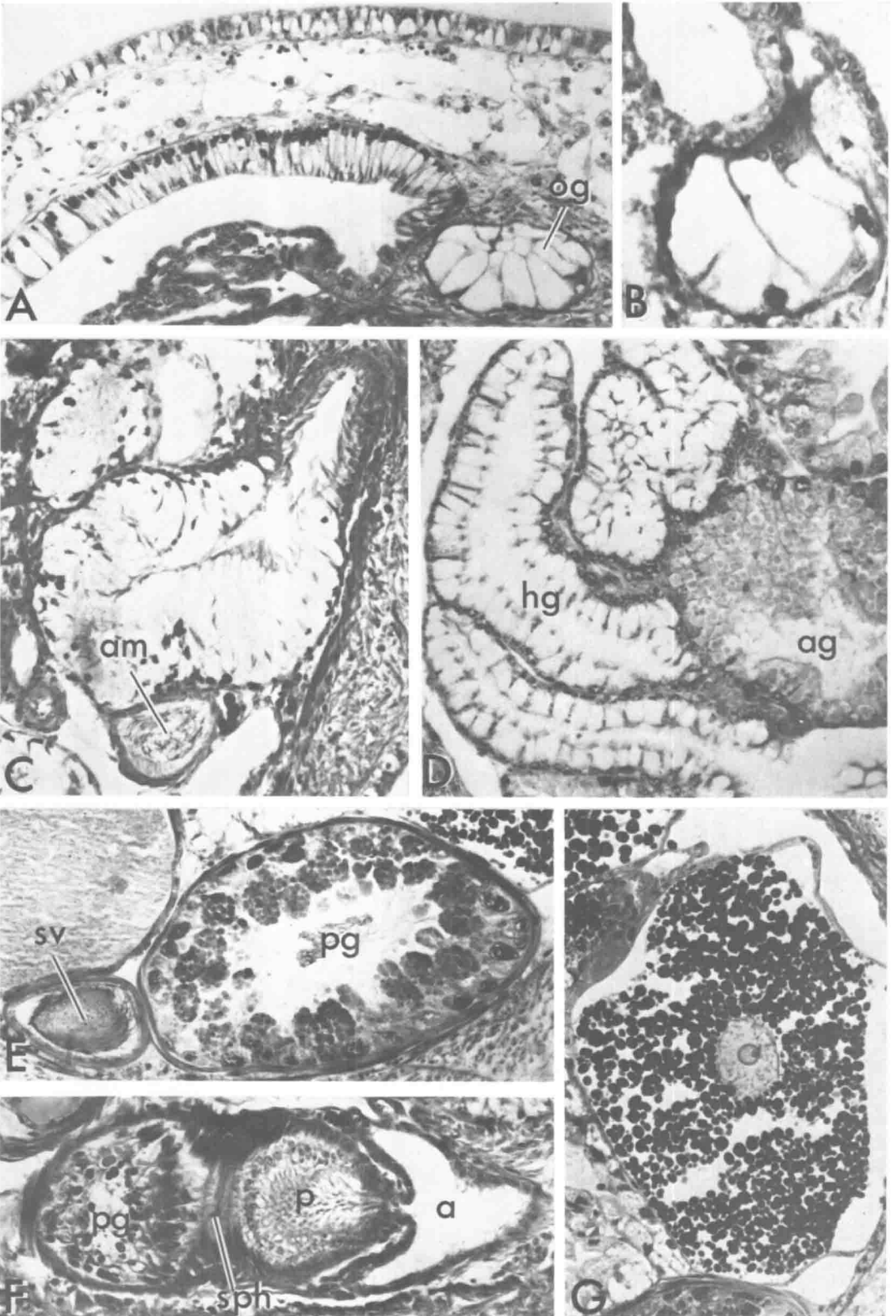
Another observation of interest is that specimens there are frequently found to swim at the water surface, a behaviour never seen in *R. coronata* in the same tank.

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EXPLANATION OF PLATES

PLATE I

- A. *R. ferruginea*: jaw, triangular elements, $\times 1200$.
- B. *R. coronata*: gizzard plates, $\times 200$.
- C. *R. ferruginea*: radula, central tooth, bilobed, each lobe with 10 denticles, scanning electron microscope. $\times 5000$.
- D. *R. ferruginea*: longitudinal section through two gills. Renal pore opening below the gills (arrow). $\times 200$.
- E. *R. ferruginea*: radula, lateral teeth with smooth edges, scanning electron microscope. $\times 2000$.
- F. *R. coronata*: radula, lateral teeth with distinct denticles, scanning electron microscope. $\times 1200$.

PLATE II

- A. *R. coronata*: sagittal section through the opaline gland (og) and gills, showing the different aspect of the epithelium above the gills. $\times 200$.
- B. *R. coronata*: opaline gland with duct leading to the exterior. $\times 380$.
- C. *R. ferruginea*: parts of the mucous gland leading into the strongly ciliated common genital duct. am = ampulla, $\times 250$.
- D. *R. ferruginea*: part of the albumen gland (ag) and the mucous gland (hg). $\times 250$.
- E. *R. ferruginea*: section through prostate gland (pg) and seminal vesicle (sv). $\times 250$.
- F. *R. ferruginea*: section through atrium (a), penis (p) and prostate gland (pg). Sphincter muscle between penis and prostate gland (sph). $\times 250$.
- G. *R. ferruginea*: nearly mature egg, $\times 250$.