

Genus Calocidaris H.L. Clark 1907

This genus is characterized by entirely smooth and shiny primary spines.

Calocidaris micans Mortensen 1903



Fig. 1477. *Calocidaris micans*. Diameter 49 mm, longest spine 90 mm; Havana, Cuba. ZMUC
Side view: The scrobicular spines are much larger than the other secondary spines.

Test relatively high, up to 75 % of the test diameter, not flattened above nor below;

apical system: madreporite not larger than other genital plates, plates densely tuberculated; ocular plates just exsert or just insert;

ambulacra: at the ambitus the interporiferous zone contains four series of almost equal-sized tubercles, adorally and adapically the inner tubercles are smaller than the marginal ones and more irregular; poriferous zone narrow;

interambulacra: areoles large and round, the well-differentiated scrobicular tubercles reach the upper and lower edge of the plates; median zone depressed towards the midline, extrascrobicular tubercles in horizontal series; aboral primary tubercles faintly crenulated at the upper side;

primary spines long and slender, up to three times the diameter, but usually 1.5 times, tapering gently to the tip, totally smooth and shiny, lacking hairs or granules; above the ambitus set with about 16 glassy zones slightly elevated longitudinally, visible only to the aided eye; below the ambitus they form faint, glassy ridges;

oral primaries flattened with ridges and thin edges;

secondary spines small and pointed at the tip; scrobiculars appressed;

large globiferous **pedicellariae** with single, large end tooth and a closed space between the tooth and the large blade opening.

Colour: Test and secondary spines light brown to beige; primary spines white with faintly reddish-brown tip, collar reddish-brown or pinkish, neck and shaft light olive; cleaned test white with very slight olive tint.

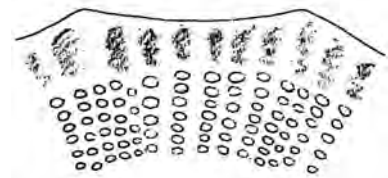


Fig. 1478. *Calocidaris micans*.

Part of section of primary spine:
 The surface is entirely smooth.
 No scale. Mortensen 1903

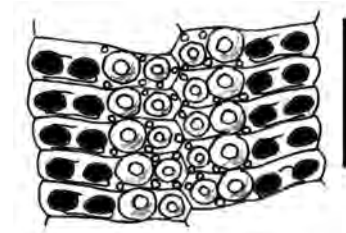


Fig. 1479. *Calocidaris micans*.
Ambulacral plates: The interporiferous zone is covered by four series of tubercles; the inner ones only slightly smaller than the marginal tubercles. Scale 3 mm. Sketch after Phelan 1970

Distribution: West Indies and Gulf of Mexico at a depth of 200 – 330 m.

Literature: Th. Mortensen 1903, 1910; T. Phelan 1970; S. Coppard & H. van Noordenburg 2007.



Fig. 1480. *Calocidaris micans*. Diameter 49 mm, longest spine 90 mm; Havana, Cuba. ZMUC
Above left: Aboral side: The secondary spines excepting the scrobiculars, may be aborally very small.
Above right: Oral side: The primary spines are entirely smooth, lacking any cortical hair or spinules.

Genus *Centrocidaris* A. Agassiz 1904

This genus is characterized by its high and rather naked genital plates.
 There is only one species.

***Centrocidaris doederleini* (A. Agassiz 1898)**

Test small, not exceeding 30 mm; low, flattened above and below;

apical system: ocular plates exsert, genital plates remarkably high and narrow, consequently the periproct is small; all plates rather naked, some small tubercles along the outer edges, a single usually in the middle of the genital plates;

ambulacra almost straight, relatively broad, in width almost half of interambulacra; interporiferous zone twice the width of pore zone; marginal tubercles regular and contiguous, usually a single inner tubercle per plate, narrow naked midline;

interambulacra: areoles large and shallow, almost completely filled by the boss; adorally coalescing; scrobicular tubercles slightly larger than marginal tubercles; median space with a single series of extrascrobicular tubercles and a distinct naked midline;

peristome smaller than apical system;

primary spines in length about 1 – 1.5 times the test diameter; slender, cylindrical; aborally with indication of c. 10 low ridges, cortical hair well developed, forming a dense meshwork covered by a glabrous crust appearing totally smooth; subambitally set with more or less distinct fine teeth, oral primaries serrated;

secondary spines long, very slender, club-shaped, not appressed;
 stem of **globiferous pedicellariae** with limb.



Fig. 1481. *Centrocidaris doederleini*. Diameter of test 12 mm; Galapagos Is. ZMUC
Above left: Only the uppermost primary spines are entirely smooth. Oral side see fig. 1484.

Colour: Primary spines white, collar yellowish; secondaries greenish with a faint darker midline; naked median space in ambulacra and interambulacra in life dark purple to red violet; apical system white with dark purple to brown sutures; denuded test white with greenish-olive tint and brown to violet-red interporiferous zones in ambulacra.

Distribution: West coast of central America, Cocos and Galapagos Is.; depth 91 – 550 m.

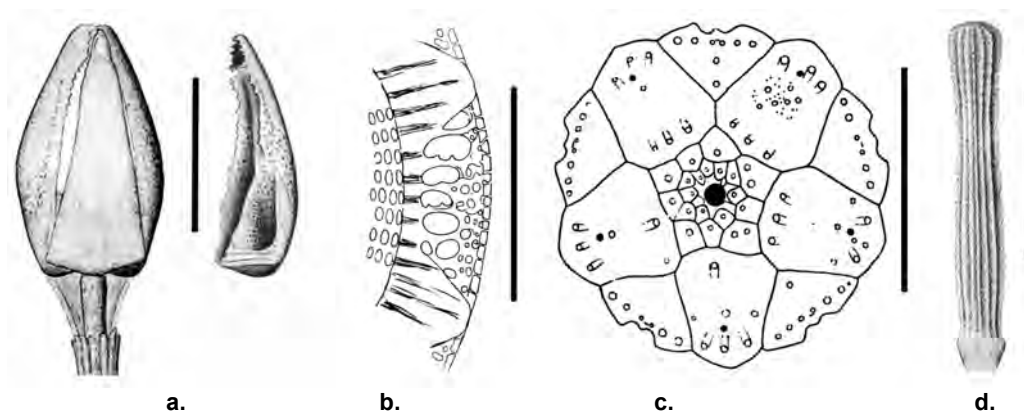


Fig. 1482. *Centrocidaris doederleini*.

a. Head of a globiferous pedicellaria with a single valve. The stem is provided with a limb. Scale 250 μ .

b. Part of transverse section of aboral primary spine: The furrows between the ridges are filled with cortical meshwork (anastomosing hair) covered by a glabrous crust, which is perforated by minute pores. This crust gives the spine a smooth appearance. The ridges are perceptible only by the colour, because they are rather translucent. The aboral primary spines become gradually more thorny. Scale 250 μ . Modified.

c. Apical system. Scale 4 mm. **d. Secondary spine.** Scale 3 mm. All Mortensen 1927