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On a new species of Gyliotrachela from Celebes (Gyliotrachela concreta nov. spec.)

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The Zoological Museum of Amsterdam recently received some interesting samples of minute landshells collected by Mrs. G. A. T a m m e s-B o l t in limestone hills in the southern peninsula of Celebes. Among a lot of shells from a hill along the main road from Makalé to Kalossi, at 700-800 m altitude, collected in September 1948, there were about a dozen specimens of a new species of Gyliotrachela (Gastropoda Pulmonata, Vertiginidae), a genus hitherto unknown in Celebes.

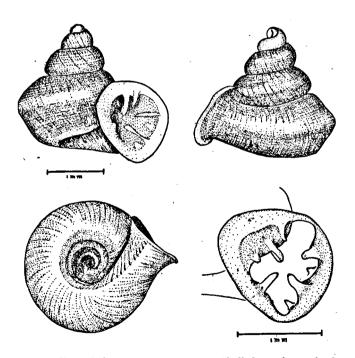


Fig. 1. Gyliotrachela concreta nov. spec. Shell from front, back and base; aperture with teeth (somewhat diagrammatic). Along main road from Makalé to Kalossi, South Celebes, 700-800 m alt., Sept. 1948, leg. Mrs. G. A. Tammes-Bolt.

Gyliotrachela concreta nov. spec. (Fig. 1)

Shell consisting of a conical spire and a broad last whorl with a trumpet-shaped aperture which — an unusual feature for a Gyliotrachela is not free, but adnate. Dark reddish-brown, not transparent. First 1½ whorls smooth, polished. The subsequent ones irregularly striated with oblique growth-lines and with fine, regular, spiral lines. Whorls 4½, well rounded, the last one vaguely angular at the periphery. Suture deep. Umbilicus rather wide, surrounded by a moderately developed angle or keel. Aperture almost vertical. Peristome continuous, thickened and expanded. In the aperture the angular and parietal lamellae are separate. Columellar, upper and lower palatal teeth large. Infraparietal, interpalatal and infrapalatal teeth small.

Dimensions:	type		para	types		
height (with peristome)	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.3	mm
breadth (with peristome)	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	mm
height of aperture (with peristome)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	mm
Habitat: Main road from Makalé to	o Kalo	ossi, S	South	Celebes	, 700	008—0

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In some specimens the upper palatal fold is two-topped, as if composed of two teeth. In some shells there is a very narrow, hair-like opening between the body whorl and the peristome, but on the whole it makes the impression that the peristome is affixed to the spire. Yet I classify the Celebes form in the genus Gyliotrachela on account of the general form and the mouth armature.

The species is closely related to Gyliotrachela fruhstorferi (Moellendorff) from Java, but the last whorl is somewhat plumper and broader in the Celebes species. Besides the spire is less high and the peripheral angle weaker. The most conspicuous feature, however, is the adnate, in stead of free, peristome.