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Webster & Lane



Five radials, half again as wide as high, gently convex transversely and longitudinally. A radial bilaterally symmetrical; B and E radials extended slightly on posterior half; C and D radials obviously extended on posterior half. Interradial articulation faces have denticulate lateral ridge on distal, dorsal, and dorsal half of proximal edges, smooth otherwise. Facet wide, subhorizontal to slight inward slope. Narrow shelf on outer ligament area extending full width of radial; outer ligament ridge faint but present, coalesces with transverse ridge at extremities; ligament pit central, slightly less than one-third width of radial, extends proximally under transverse 1idge; ligament pit furrow shallow, terminated at outer extremities by coalescence of outer ligament ridge and transverse ridge; transverse ridge not as wide as radial, crest straight, inner edge convex, outer edge convex notched by ligament pit. Inner ligament area divided into mirror images by moderately deep central pit, short shallow intermuscular furrow, and arched intermuscular notch; oblique ridge continuous from convex inward, extends from lateral edge of facet to center of transverse ridge separating oblique furrow from central pit. Muscular area tear-drop crescentshaped, pointed on lateral extremities, rounded on inner, containing three obvious furrows on inner ends.

Anal plate pentagonal, erect, slightly convex longitudinally and transversely, little more than half below summit of dorsal cup, in clockwise direction adjoins the following plates: C-ray radial, CD-interray basal, D-ray radial, D-ray primibrach, left anal sac plate, right anal sac plate, and C-ray primibrach.

Ten arms, uniserial, branch isotomously on IBr_2 , no further branching observed. Brachials approximately twice as wide as high, nearly circular in cross section with deep V-shaped food groove.

Ornamentation covering all cup plates and primibrachs consists of fine papillae.

Measurements (mm)—Measurements taken on hypotype 34198. H 20.0; W 29.5 (maximum), 25.5 (minimum), 27.5 (average); H/W 0.73; WIB 15.1; HB 15.1; WB 15.5; HR 9.0; WR 13.5, HIBr₁ 4.4; WIBr₁ 14.0; HIAx 5.4; WIAx 11.3; HIIBr₁ 3.4; WIBr₁ 7.5.

Remarks.—Discovery of unsilicified crowns and disarticulated ossicles of *Paragassizocrinus* calyculoides prompted the emended description above. Lane's original description (1964, p. 682) was based on a silicified cup for *Polusocrinus* calyculoides. His material did not show ornamentation, articulation details, nor information about the arms, all of which are described here. Study of Lane's types of *P. calyculoides* and *P. pachyplax* and comparison with this new material leave no doubt that *P. pachyplax* is a junior subjective synonym of *P. calyculoides*.

Paragassizocrinus calyculoides is a new combination. Table 4 shows that P. calyculoides agrees quite well with Paragassizocrinus except for the shape of the dorsal cup. Strimple (1960, p. 7) showed that the shape of the infrabasal circlet of Paragassizocrinus is variable. Considering the other morphologic features of P. calyculoides it is assigned to the genus Paragassizocrinus, and the shape of the dorsal cup is considered to be only of specific significance. Paragassizocrinus calyculoides probably represents a transitional stage in the development of Polusocrinus from Paragassizocrinus.

One mature infrabasal circlet was split along the BC and DE sutures through the axial canal. This plate was 8.3 mm thick and showed the column was retained until the plate was 4.7 mm thick. Six proximal columnals were in place within the circlet which continued to grow after the loss of the column covering all external traces of the stem impression.

Because of the distinct appearance of the very

EXPLANATION OF PLATE 58

FIGS. 1,2—Kallimorphocrimus inaquosus Webster and Lane, n. sp. 1a-d, holotype 34194, A-ray, ventral, CD-interray, and basal views, ×37. 2a-c, paratype 34195, CD-interray, ventral, and basal views, ×50.

³⁻Kallimorphocrinus inhumectus Webster and Lane, n. sp. Holotype 34197, CD-interray, ventral, A-ray, and basal views, × 34.

Character	Polusocrinus	Paragassizocrinus	Paragassizocrinus calyculoides
Shape of dorsal cup	Truncated bowl	Truncated cone to bullet- shaped	Globose to truncated bowl
Number of arms	10-14	10	10
Infrabasal circlet	Non-fused	Fused with age	Fused with age
Column	Circular, not lost in mature specimens	Pentabolate, lost in mature specimens	Pentabolate, lost in mature specimens
Dorsal cup plates	Thick	Very thick	Very thick
Geologic range	Desmoines-Missouri	Morrow-Missouri, possibly lower Virgil	Upper Morrow

TABLE 4—COMPARISON OF MORPHOLOGIC FEATURES AND RANGES OF POLUSOCRINUS AND PARAGASSIZOCRINUS WITH INCLUSION OF PARAGASSIZOCRINUS CALYCULOIDES

thick dorsal cup plates, disarticulated ossicles and partial cups of P. calyculoides are easily identified in the field and have been found at several localities in southern Nevada. Lane (1964) reported silicified specimens from the lower part of the Callville Formation at Frenchman Mountain, east of Las Vegas, and the Flintkote Quarry at Sloan, Nevada. Silicified partial cups of P. calyculoides were collected later from the lower part of the Bird Spring Formation in the southern part of the Bird Spring Range. Unsilicified crowns were found at the Arrowlime Quarry and Las Vegas Range sections; disarticulated ossicles were observed at the Gunnery Range, Arrowlime, Dry Lake, Las Vegas Range, and Arrow Canyon sections. Loose ossicles collected from a thin shale 511 feet above the base of the Bird Spring Formation in Arrow Canyon provided most of the morphological details here described. At all localities the occurrence is a short distance. 5 to 200 feet, below the Profusulinella Zone and in the upper extent of the range of Steptognathodus noduliferus and Polygnathodella sp., thus indicating that the species is restricted to the upper part of the Morrow Series. Washburn (1968) described Globocrinus bulbus from the Morrowan part of the Oquirrh Formation. The genus Globocrinus is preoccupied (Weller, et al., 1920). Globocrinus bulbus is considered by us to be a junior synonym of P. calyculoides. From the numerous occurrences it appears that P. calyculoides is a good late Morrow index fossil in southern Nevada.

Material.—Two crowns from UCLA locality 5247-37 and numerous disarticulated ossicles from UCLA locality 5245-60.

Types.—Hypotypes, 34198–34199, 39492–39499.

Family POTERIORCRINITIDAE Bassler, 1938.

Genus Poteriocrinites Miller, 1821

Type species.—*Poteriocrinites crassus* Miller, 1821 POTERIOCRINITES CAVUS Webster & Lane, n. sp.

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Description.-Dorsal cup large, low coneshaped, base wide; infrabasals five, wide, visible in side view, making up about one-fourth of cup height, tips strongly depressed; basals large, convex, with large, deep, circular depressions between adjacent basals, extending from top of infrabasals to proximal tips of radials, and smaller depressions at distal angles of basals; radials large, convex, strongly depressed at angles with basals; facets one-half to two-thirds width of radials, horseshoe-shaped, directed obliquely upward, with wide, prominent ambulacral notch: anal-X directly above CD basal, quadrangular, distal surface with a conspicuous internal notch that presumably extended distally to anal sac plates; other anal plates missing, but depressions on edges of CD and BC basals, anal-X and C radial indicate radianal and right tube plate were in the cup; C radial has two depressions along its adposterior edge.

Tegmen not preserved; arms broad, strongly rounded, uniserial; brachials low, broad, preserved to height of primibrach δ in most complete(E) ray, without an axillary.

Stem large, wide, lumen large circular, making up over one-half columnal width; columnals thin, with fine crenellae on articular surface.

Measurements.—Dimensions (in mm) of the holotype are: height, cup, 22; width, cup, 34; width, stem, 12.5; width, lumen, 7; height and width, IB circlet, 4.5, 19; height and width, DE basal, 13, 14; height, width, E radial, 9, 14; width, B, radial facet, 8; width, brachials, 8.

Remarks.—This species is unlike any previously described Pennsylvanian crinoid and bears closest resemblance to several species of *Poteriocrinites* from the Lower Carboniferous of Great Britain, especially in having deep depressions between cup plates and at least six primibrachs to a ray. British Lower Carboniferous *Poteriocrinites* may have as many as 13 primibrachs to a ray, typically have facets one-half to two-thirds as wide as the radials, and several species have prominent depressions at the angles of cup plates. American Mississippian Poteriocrinites, and the closely related Springericrinus, may have similar sculpture on the cup, but the arms typically branch on or below the third primibrach, rather than higher. The few Pennsylvanian species still retained in this genus either have radial facets that almost fill the upper surface of the radial (P. macoupensis Worthen; P. lasallensis Worthen), or arms that branch on the first primibrach (P. ramonaensis Strimple).

Material.—The holotype and only known specimen is no. 47206, from the Bird Spring Formation, at Indian Springs, Nevada, UCLA Loc. 4426 (see Lane, 1964).

FAMILY, GENUS, AND SPECIES UNKNOWN

SPECIES C

Pl. 57, fig. 27

Description.—Crown large, expanded upward with maximum width near lower third of arms. Dorsal cup incomplete, probably low bowlshaped. Infrabasals and anals not preserved. Distal tips of two basals flaring strongly outward and upward. Radials wider than high, strongly convex longitudinally, facets occupy full width of plates, distal parts subvertical. First primibrachs axillary in all rays, moderately protruded at distal tip. Ten arms, broad, strongly rounded externally in proximal half, flat gently tapering distally; interlocking laterally in proximal third. Brachials short, biserial in proximal half of arm, becoming uniserial distally.

Measurements (mm).—HC 87 (incomplete); H arms 72.5; WB 13.4; HR 11.4; WR 19.7; HIBrr₁ 8.2; WIBrr₁ 18.1; HIIBrr₁ 4.1; WIIBrr₁ 10.6; HIIBrr₂ 1.5; WIIBrr₂ 10.6; HIIBrr₃ 1.4; WIIBrr₃ 9.7.

Remarks.—The shape of the crown and presence of 10 strongly rounded arms which interlock laterally in the proximal part suggests a relationship to the Cromyocrinidae.

Material.—One partial crown, NAM G2.8693 from the Carrizo Creek locality.

SPECIES D

Pl. 57, fig. 18

Description.—Five upflaring infrabasals?, seven degrees from vertical; slightly wider than high, axial canal pentalobate, proximal part horizontal crenellate. Column round, composed of alternating thick and thin columnals, crenellate; lumen pentalobate.

Measurements (mm).—HIB? 5.5; WIB? 6.1; WS 8.4.

Remarks.—The specimen described above is so fragmentary it is not known if it is an infrabasal or basal circlet. No other loose ossicles were found that could be referred to this form. The round column and steeply inclined infrabasals? are features of some genera of the families Blothrocrinidae and Cercidocrinidae; however, no attempt is made to assign this specimen to either family.

Material.—One partial cup, hypotype 43135, is from the Middle Morrow part of the Bird Spring Formation, Arrow Canyon, Nevada.

LOCALITY REGISTER

Detailed locality information including some stratigraphic sections has been published for numerous species described above. (Webster, 1969). Only data for new localities will be given herein to avoid duplication. Interested readers are referred to the original reference. All locality numbers are from the Paleontology Locality Register, Department of Geology, University of California at Los Angeles.

4426—Middle Pennsylvanian, Bird Spring Formation, Clark County, Nevada, sec. 16, T 16 N, R 56 E; 1.4 miles southwest of Indian Springs, Nevada. Along pole line road 0.2 mile west of Indian Springs Ranch, then 0.5 mile southwest along dirt track to limestone spur. Fossil bed just behind spur about 150 feet above valley floor.

4857-1—Middle Pennsylvanian, Honaker Trail Formation, San Juan County, Utah, sec. 34, T 41 S, R 19 E; along north bank of San Juan River immediately north of the old wellsite road; uppermost shale of Desmoines part of formation as illustrated by Wengerd (1963, fig. 5).

5154—Middle Pennsylvanian, Naco Group, Gila County, Arizona. C S $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 7, T 6 N, R 20 E; north bank of Carrizo Creek where creek is flowing west. Greenish shale at base of bioclastic cliff-forming limestone.

5243-22 to 5248-16c-See Webster, 1969.

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