## A New Foraminiferal Genus and Species from The Midway Formation of Southwest Arkansas

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Darbyellina nov. gen. Harris and Sutherland

Test free, slightly to pronouncedly elongate; initial stage planispiral as in *Lenticulina* Lamarck, later becoming lowly trochoid, and adult becoming uniserial; wall calcareous, smooth, or variously sculptured, with or without peripheral keel; aperture terminal and radiate.

Range: Mesozoic-Cenozoic.

Genoholotype: Darbyellina hempsteadensis n. sp. Harris and Sutherland, from basal Midway outcrop 6.4 miles north of Hope, Arkansas (Hempstead County).

Remarks: This genus is a direct descendent from the trochoid lagenid gonus, Darbyella Howe and Wallace, ranging from Comanche to Recent.

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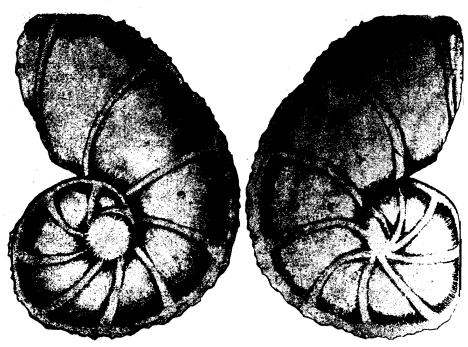


FIGURE 1. Darbyellina hempsteadensis n. sp. Harris and Sutherland Dorsal view, magnified x 90.

FIGURE 2. Darbyellina hempsteaded n. sp. Harris and Sutherla Ventral view, x 90.

Test free, slightly compressed and elongate, with width approximately two-thirds the length; nepionic stage planispiral (lenticulinid), basal coil becoming lowly trochoid (darbyellid), adult becoming uniserial; trochoid stage displays dorsally nine or ten low chambers, and two or three subelliptical chambers in uniserial stage; recurved sutures distinct and strongly limbate; umbilical boss pronounced dorsally, less distinct ventrally; a thickened peripheral keel in early stage develops into a thin carina about adult periphery; wall calcareous and smooth; aperture terminal and radiate.

Length 0.96 mm, Width 0.64 mm, Thick 0.26 mm

Remarks: This lagenid species is rather rare in basal Midway outcrops of southwestern Arkansas (type from roadside cut 6.4 miles north of Hope, Arkansas).

The form superficially resembles Marginulina earlandi (Plummer), but differs in its trochold coil, shorter length, and subelliptical cross-section of chambers.

Type specimen is deposited in University of Oklahoma Paleontological Collections.