

The pebble, an elusive cone  
from Franziskanergymnasium, Bolzano, Italy



the pebble

I received the image of this cone from Dr. Giovanna Lipparini that found it at Museum of Natural Sciences, Franciscan Gymnasium, in Bolzano (Italy). This specimen is a part of the Collection Gredler (Vinzenc Maria Gredler, 1823-1912) which includes shells collected between 1840 and 1865. It measures 45 mm in length and there is no information on its provenance. As its rounded shape it was nicknamed “pebble”. The spire and the shoulder have traces of reddish spots and the surface appears rather glossy so it shouldn't be a fossil.

The right identification of this cone is not easy indeed!

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Cone drawer

Note. In my opinion it is very close to *C. catus* (July 2009)