

Astrionis WILCOXON, 1972

Description:

These forms are characterized by their stellate outline, which resembles the outline of some species of *Discoaster* and *Micrantholithus*. Unlike the genus *Discoaster*, however, each ray of *Astrionis* is a separate unit of calcite and not in optical continuity with the adjacent one. Unlike *Micrantholithus*, *Astrionis* has six rays instead of five pentaliths.

Type species:

Astrionis segmentis WILCOXON, 1972.

Author:

Wilcoxon J.A., 1972, p. 430.

Reference:

Upper Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous calcareous nannoplankton from the Western North Atlantic Basin. Init. Repts. DSDP, vol. 11, pp. 427-457, 12 pls., 1 text-fig.