**Ericsonia**

**Ericsonia Black, 1964**

**Description:**
Circular or elliptical coccoliths with a well-defined central opening surrounded by three or more apparently concentric rings of granules which are differently orientated in adjacent rings.

**Remarks:**
The interior structure of these coccoliths is at present imperfectly known. They give the impression of having a wide, perforated disc made of rays extending from the central opening to the periphery. The other rings are narrower; they surround the central opening and appear to overlie the principal disc. They consist of vertical or inclined granules which in some species give a herring-bone pattern due to the opposite inclination of the granules in two adjacent rings. Three species are known in sediments of Lower Tertiary age from seamounts in the Atlantic Ocean. The genus also appears to be represented in the Danian by one or two undescribed species.

**Type species:**
*Ericsonia occidentalis* Black, 1964.

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**Reference:**