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**Description:**

Elliptical coccoliths consisting of one or more calcite plates surrounded by a thin partial or complete composite calcite rim. A round pore or small elongate slit may be present along a suture between major plates at the center of the coccolith. Boundaries between adjacent component plates are marked by dark sinuous sutures.

**Remarks:**

Generic name is from the Latin *ora* (rim) and *astrum* (star). Basic geometry of this genus is similar to that of *Ottavianus* **RISATTI**, *Phanulithus obscurus* (**DEFLANDRE**), and *P. ovalis* (**STRADNER**). Thin partial or complete rims have also been noted on some specimens of *Phanulithus obscurus*, *Lucianorhabdus quadratus* **FORCHHEIMER** (1972), and specimens of *Acuturris scotus* (**RISATTI**) **WIND & WISE**, n. comb.

**Type species:**

*Orastrum asarotum* **WIND & WISE, 1976**.

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**Reference:**