

A Key to Common Malmgreniella from Southern California

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1. Reticulation on some elytra.....2  
No reticulation on elytra.....3
  
2. Secondary tooth short, dark pigmentation, parapodial lobe tip rounded.....M. nigralba  
Secondary tooth narrow and long; reduced or lacking body pigmentation; parapodial lobe tip triangular.....M. sp. A
  
3. Lacks neurosetal tooth.....M. baschi  
With secondary neurosetal tooth.....4
  
4. Neurosetal teeth evenly split appearing as “wrench” shape .....M. liei  
Teeth uneven with secondary tooth shorter, curved or thinner.....5
  
5. Low # microtubercles in patch on elytra(none, ~25, < 50).....6  
High # microtubercles in patch on elytra(> 50, ~100+).....7
  
6. Without body banding on posterior third, prostomial lobes truncate.....M. scriptoria  
With body banding on posterior third, lobes distinct peaks.....M. macginitiei
  
7. Charcoal colored cirriphore pigment patch.....M. bansei  
Rusty pigment speckles on cirri/parapodia.....M. sanpedroensis  
No cirriphore pigment.....M. sp. SD 2