
Distinguishing Features of Penaeoidea and Caridea

First three pairs of pereopods

3rd always chelate
1st and 2nd usually chelate
All three pairs are similar in size

3rd never chelate
1st and 2nd usually chelate
One larger and thicker than the others

Pleuron of 2nd abdominal somite

Not overlapping that of the 1st somite

Overlapping that of the 1st somite

Fertilized eggs

Shed free into the water

Carried on the abdominal pleopods until hatched
