

Table 1. Comparison of characters of *Aoroides* spp from southern California.

	columbica	exilis	inermis	intermedia	spinosa	Sp A
Mandibular palp, article 2						
(1) setose	X		X	X		
(2) bare		X			X	X
Male gnathopod 1, article 2						
(1a) posterior margin setose		X			X	
(1b) posterior margin bare	X		X	X		X
(2a) anterior margin densely setose (long setae)	X	X	X	X		long & widely spaced
(2b) anterior margin weakly setose (short setae)					X	
Male gnathopod 1, article 5						
(1a) broader than article 2	X	X			X	X
(1b) not broader than article 2			X	X		
(2a) dorsal margin setose, with 8-15 setal bundles			X			
(2b) dorsal margin setose, with 5-7 setal bundles				X		
(2c) dorsal margin not setose, (except for 1 distal group)	X	X			X	X
Peraeopod 7, article 2						
(1) broad (W/L \geq 50%; ~60%)	~53%		~50%	~60%	~56%	*
(2) slender (W/L \ll 50%; ~40%)		~39%				
Uropod 2, peduncle antero-distal process						
(1) long (\geq 1/2 length of rami)	X	X				
(2) short (\ll 1/2 length of rami)			X	X	X	minute
Uropod 3, outer ramus						
(1) 1-3 "strong" spines		X			X	
(2) usually bare, or with 1-2 "small" spines	X		X	X		X
Body pigmentation						
(1) bands	X	X				
(2) speckled			X	X	X	
(3) no pigment (white)						X

* The size and shape of peraeopod 7, article 2 (basis) is unknown because no specimens have been collected with P7 attached.