

Maera nelsonae

Diagnostic Characters:

Peraeon generally smooth

Abdomen often mid-dorsally toothed or mucronate, rarely spinose or setose or laterally toothed

Head, anterior lobe rounded, inferior antennal sinus reduced, often notch-like

Eye generally small, rounded, pigmented

Antenna 2 shorter than antenna 1

G1 and G2 in males, markedly unequal, G2 propod and dactyl large, carpus short

E3 produced

G2 propodus palmar corner with prominent strong spine

P 5-7, basis, posteroventrally with sharp angle

E3 posteroventrally also with 90 degree corner

Spine in telsonic notch small

Illustration:

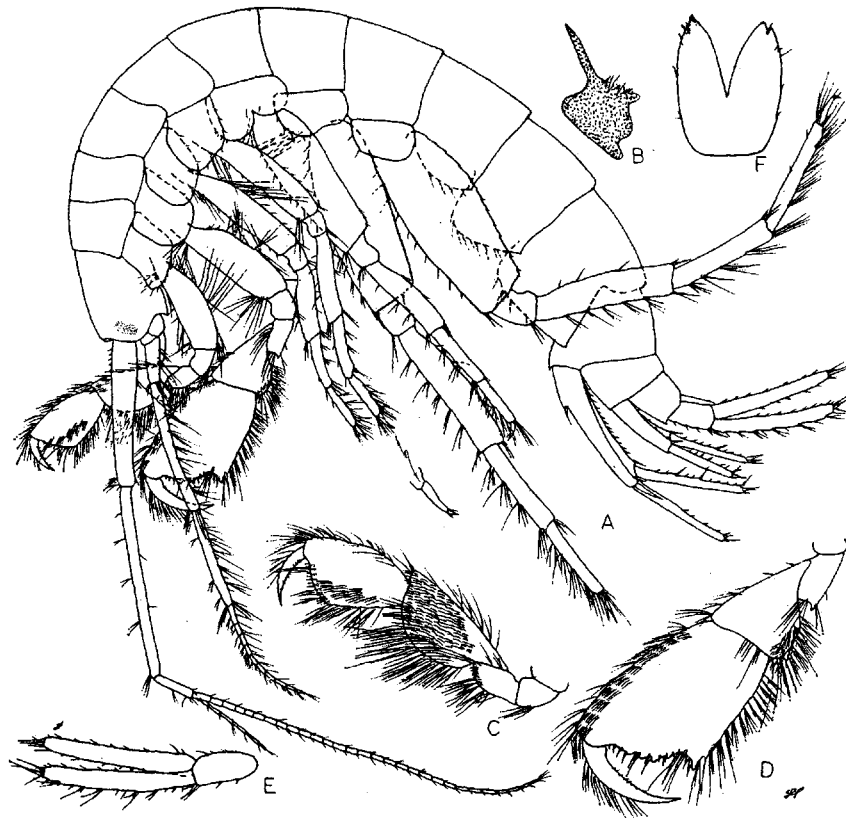


Fig. 19. *Maera nelsonae* (Bruzelius). Male, 15 mm, sta. 4851: A, lateral view; B, epistome and upper lip, lateral; C,D, gnathopods 1, 2; E, uropod 3; F, telson.