

Nebalia pugettensis

Class Malacostraca, Order Leptostraca, Family Nebaliidae

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS:

Carapace is marked by a deep and narrow rounded notch, ciliated in several rows.

- ★ Epimeron of the fourth pleonite bears short, broad, and blunt teeth along its posterior border. The posterolateral corner tapers gradually toward a blunt tip.

The basal article of the corresponding fourth plepod does not bear sharp teeth along its posterior border.

- ★ The posterior borders of pleonites 5 and 6 bear short closely spaced teeth that are markedly truncated distally, appearing nearly rectangular.

The caudal furcae are relatively short, exceeding the length of the telson, but clearly less than twice its length.

Very small species, with a maximum known length of 7mm.

Eggs may be pink.

- ★ DARK EYES PRESENT

Illustration:

