CLASS HOLOTHOROIDEA

Subclass Apodacea

Diagnosis. Up to 25 digitate to pinnate tentacles, tube feet absent or highly reduced. (e.g., Caudina, Euapta, Leptosynapta, Molpadia, Synapta, Trochoderma.)

Order Molpadiida

Diagnosis. Body stout, tapering to a distinct tail, 15 tentacles present, red phosphatic ossicles often present, may incllude tables, anchors, fusiform rods, or perforated plates.

Family Caudinidae

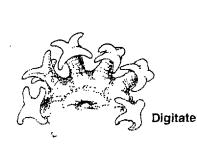
Diagnosis. Tentacles with 1-2 digits, no terminal digit. Does not have phosphatic bodies, ossicles tables, plates, small crossed cups or irregularly-shaped bodies.

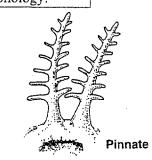
Caudina arenicola
Paracaudina chilensis

General Body Design:

General Tentacle Morphology:







Larvae Morphology:

General Ossicle Morphology:





General Ring Canal Morphology:

