

SCAMIT CODE: None

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SYNONYMY:

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LITERATURE:

- Hyman, L.H. 1953. The polyclad flatworms of the Pacific Coast of North America. Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist. Vol. 100. Art. 2. 392 pp.  
Prudhoe, S.. 1982. British Polyclad Turbellarians: Keys and notes for the identification of the species. Cambridge University Press. 77 pp.  
Kozloff, E.N. 1996. Marine Invertebrates of the Pacific Northwest. Univ. Wash. Press. 539 pp.

DIAGNOTIC CHARACTERS:

Long, relatively narrow species (up to 15 mm in total length). Body fairly thin, opaque.

Coloration: cream - beige body with faint orange-brown mottling on dorsum and ventrum.

Four small black eyes - anteriormost pair visible without clearing. The posteriormost pair are usually smaller and difficult to see without clearing; marginal and cerebral eyes absent.

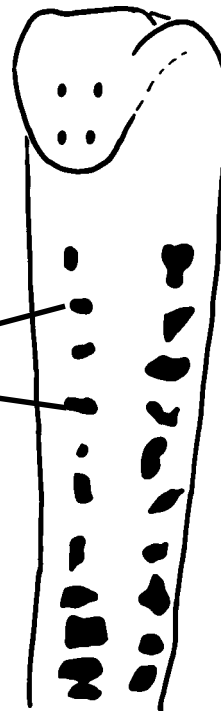
Tentacles and tentacular ocelli absent.

Sucker absent.

Mouth not observed.

Intestinal diverticula (lateral branches) alternating with laterally positioned ovaries (see image, page 2).

ovaries  
(see image, page 2)



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**RELATED SPECIES AND CHARACTER DIFFERENCES:**

This species is easily identified by the elongate form and limited number of discrete eyes, absence of marginal eyes, tentacular and cerebral eyes, and the absence of other notable structures (e.g., prostatic vesicle, penis, sucker, etc.).

**DEPTH RANGE:** 30 m

**DISTRIBUTION:** Imperial Beach, San Diego, CA.

**NOTES:** Lack of experience with this group of flatworms precludes further identification at this time.

