

City of San Diego -- Family Maldanidae

Subfamily naming convention: Abundances for specimens that cannot be identified to genus should be recorded in the appropriate subfamily record when possible. Use the following table to help with the identifications to subfamily.

Subfamily	Cephalic Plaque	Anal Plaque *	Anus Position *	Some Uncini in Double Rows	Post. Setigers with Encircling Collars *	Ventral Glandular Shield on Setiger 8
Rhodininae	absent	absent	--	yes	yes	--
Lumbriclymeninae	absent	absent	--	no	no	--
Nichomachinae	absent	present	--	no	--	--
Clymenurinae	vary	vary	--	--	--	yes
Maldaninae	present	present	dorsal	--	--	--
Euclymeninae	present	present	terminal	--	--	--

Because only anterior ends are often encountered, and because the posterior end is needed to verify characters denoted with an * in the table above, many fragmented specimens will be recorded as Maldanidae. Most commonly very small entire specimens and specimens without an identifiable staining pattern will be recorded to subfamily.