

Ampelisca brevisimulata

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Keys Used: Barnard. 1954. A. Hancock Pac. Exp. 18(1)

Other Literature: Barnard. 1960. Pacific Naturalist 1(16).

Important Characters: Spines on inner ramus of uropod 3 that resemble spines on a cactus plant; lower front edge of head subparallel to upper margin, bisinuous third pleon epimeron.

Related Species and Character Differences: A. cristata has similar shape to head but is more elongated and has a carina on pleon segment 4.

Variability: Juveniles will have fewer spines on Uropod 3 than adults. Males will vary slightly in the shape third pleon epimeron, fourth pleon segment, and uropod 3. Barnard (1954) illustrates the differences well.