

Foxiphalus obtusidens (Alderman, 1936)

Phoxocephalidae

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Keys Used: Barnard. 1960. A. Hancock Pacific Exp. 18(3)

Other Literature: Barnard. 1979. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. 92(2):368-379.

Important Characters: The epistome always looks 1/2 way produced and 1/2 way not. Third pleon epimeron slightly concave with setae present and rounded on the lower hind corner.

Variability: Epistome is rounded to slightly produced - see the illustrations on pg. 256, plate 35 A-D. Barnard. 1960. Third pleon epimeron - amount of setation varies.

Common Synonyms: Paraphoxus obtusidens (Alderman, 1960)

Aids to identification: This is a common species that is variable but Barnard documented variability quite well. B. Benedict said not to be concerned about the subspecies.

Comments: Add to couplet 11(a) in Barnard 1960 "obtusidens may be slightly produced" to aid in working through the key to obtusidens.