

Phylum Arthropoda  
Class Malacostraca  
Superorder Eucarida  
**Order Decapoda**  
**Suborder Reptantia**  
**Infraorder Brachyura**  
Family Xanthidae

***Lophopanopeus bellus***

**Coloration:** The carapace is usually crimson or beet red, however, is highly variable from yellowish to red.

**Defining Characteristics:**

- Carapace roughened anterolaterally but not conspicuously so
- Anterolateral margin of carapace with just a few flat, broadly triangular, not strongly produced subequal teeth.
- Almost straight margin between eyes
- No tooth on upper margin of cheliped carpus
- Dark color on fingers only.

**Illustration**

