

Main arthropod clades (Regier et al 2010)

- Trilobita 
- Chelicerata 
- Mandibulata
 - Myriapoda (Chilopoda, Diplopoda) 
 - Pancrustacea
 - **Oligostraca** (Ostracoda, Branchiura) 
 - **Altocrustacea**
 - **Vericrustacea**
 - » (Branchiopoda, Decapoda) 
 - Miracrustacea
 - » Xenocarida (Remipedia, Cephalocarida) 
 - » Hexapoda 

<http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/loom/2010/02/10/blind-cousins-to-the-arthropod-superstars/>

Crustacean phylogeny...?

“It can be concluded that crustacean phylogeny remains essentially unresolved. Conflict is rife, irrespective of whether one compares different morphological studies, molecular studies, or both.”

Jenner, 2010: Arthropod Structure & Development 39:143–153

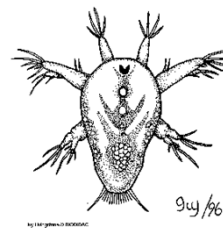
Phylum Arthropoda Subphylum (or Class) Crustacea

Mostly aquatic, with calcified exoskeleton.

Head derived from acron plus next five segments- so primitively has 5 pairs of appendages:

- 2 pair antennae
- 1 pair of jaws
- 2 pair of maxillae
- usually a median (cyclopean) eye and one pair of compound eyes

Tagmosis of trunk varies in different taxa



Nauplius

- first larva stage of most crustaceans.
- three pairs of appendages
- single median (naupliar) eye



- Appendages:
- 1st antennae
 - 2nd antennae
 - mandibles

Crustacean taxa you should know

Class Remipedia

Class Branchiopoda

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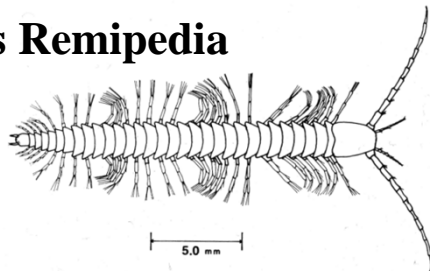
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“Stomatopoda” – mantis shrimps

Remipede habitat: a sea cave “blue hole” on Andros Island. Seven species are found in the Bahamas.



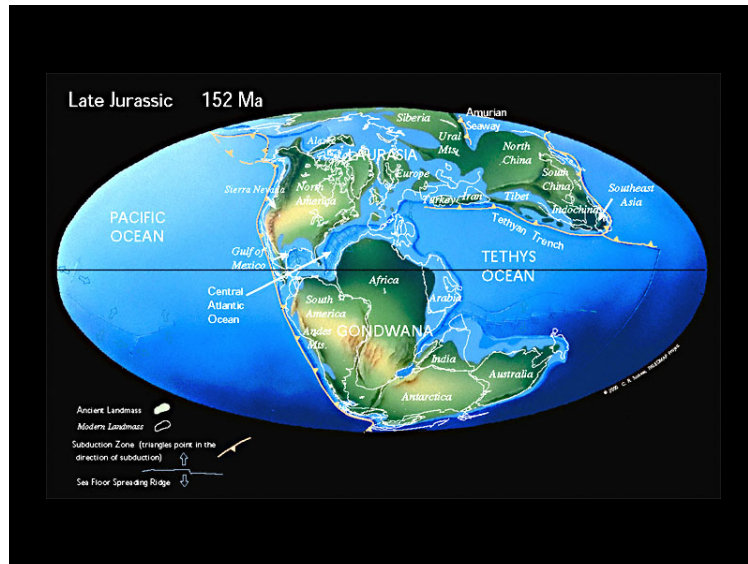
Class Remipedia



- Primitive class of crustacea? (11 species)
- Discovered in 1981 by Jill Yager, sport diver and high school teacher, now professor at Antioch College
- Long trunk of similar segments, each with a pair of biramous appendages

Remipides found only in sea caves in the Caribbean, the Canary Islands, and Western Australia (see pink below). These areas were last linked as coastline ~150 million years ago, around Tethys Sea, during breakup of Pangea





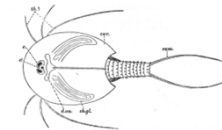
Class Branchiopoda

- About 900 species in 4 orders, mainly in ephemeral freshwater and brackish water
- Thoracic appendages flattened and similar, usually no abdominal appendages
- Telson usually has paired caudal cerci (forked “tail”)
- Carapace shield-like posterior and lateral extension of head exoskeleton, present in all but one order.
- Embryos of many branchiopods are capable of anhydrobiosis



Branchiopod orders

Notostraca
“tadpole shrimps”



Anostraca
“fairy shrimps, brine shrimp”



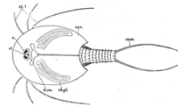
Cladocera
“water fleas”



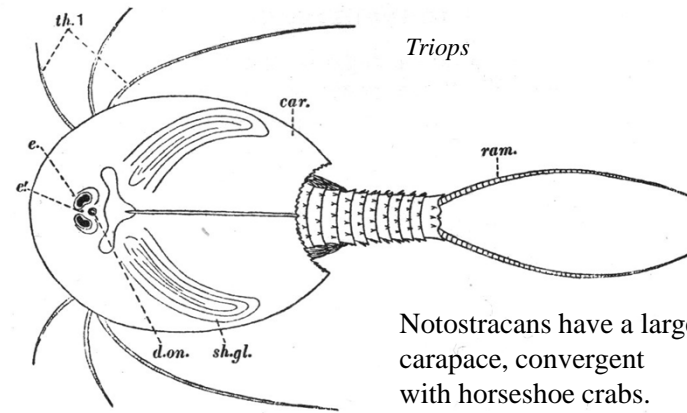
Conchostraca
“clam shrimps”



Order Notostraca (tadpole “shrimps”)



- Extensive carapace
- Two living genera- *Triops*, *Lepidurus*. Both are known as fossils from the Triassic period (245 to 208 million years ago). Notostracan carapaces date to Carboniferous (360 to 286 million years ago)
- Popular novelty item- the new and improved sea monkeys. Detritus from ephemeral lakes in California contains dormant eggs of these and other Branchiopods.
- California vernal pool species *Lepidurus packardii* (and a couple of anostracans) listed as endangered



Triops
Notostracans have a large carapace, convergent with horseshoe crabs.



Cosmopolitan- I once found *Triops* in a rain pool on top of a desert mountain range in California.

Morphological convergence in four benthic arthropods



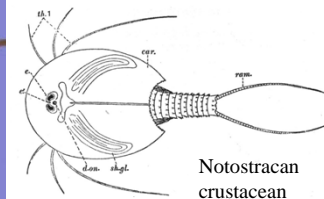
Trilobite



Modern isopod crustacean



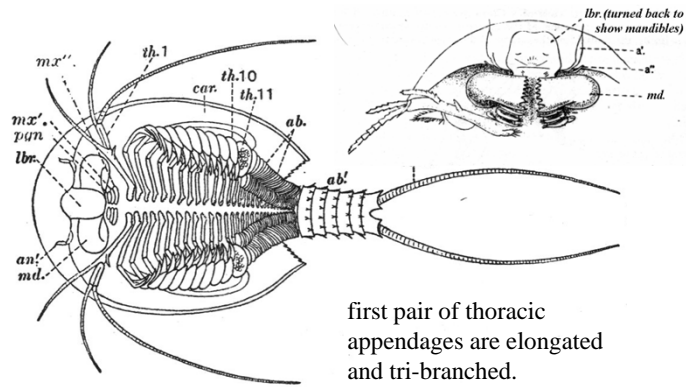
Chelicerate *Limulus*



Notostracan crustacean

Notostracan anatomy

The jaws (*md.*) are partly hidden behind a large labrum (*lbr.*)—analogous to the hypostome of trilobites.



Triops are highly active and contain hemoglobin.

I found that they are a good species to demonstrate dependence of metabolism on oxygen. Metabolic rate is nearly constant vs PO_2 down to about 15% of air saturation- then linearly dependent.

The zone of O_2 independence depends on hemoglobin- abolished by carbon monoxide poisoning.

They grow incredibly fast- doubling in size each day or two.



Some selected items from the lake detritus sold as part of a “Triassic Triops” kit.

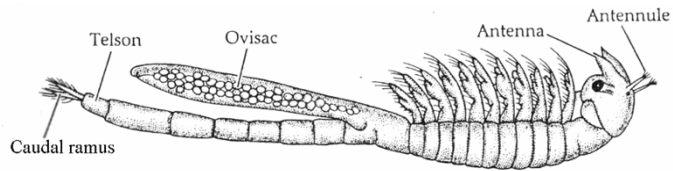
#1,2,5 are plant seeds. #6 are *Triops* eggs. #7 cladoceran ephippia. #3 oolite. #4??

Notostraca are omnivorous. They can be pests in rice fields by eating seedlings.

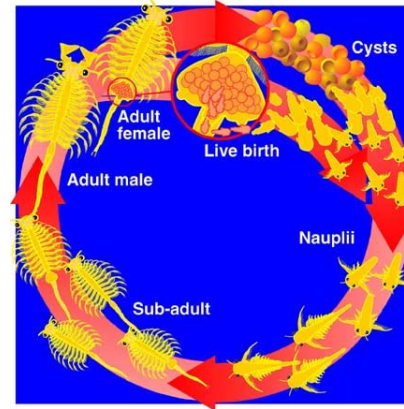


Order Anostraca (fairy shrimp, brine shrimp)

- Lack a carapace
- Most are mobile suspension feeders on phytoplankton
- Sexual and asexual populations



Artemia franciscana life cycle



During spring and summer the eggs hatch during release from the female (ovoviparity).

During the fall, cysts form- a dormant stage capable of anhydrobiosis



The Artemia Story

- Brine shrimp live in hypersaline lakes (up to 25% salt). Predators and competitors are few, and algal production is high.
- *Artemia franciscana* lives in Great Salt Lake (above) and San Francisco Bay.
- During summer, eggs hatch during release. In the fall, dormant eggs (cysts) are produced.



Brine shrimp are suspension-feeders on phytoplankton

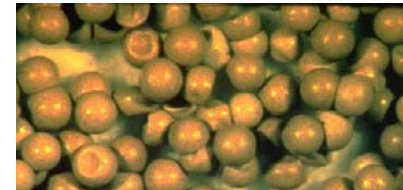


Artemia nauplii



1980's- *Artemia* becomes big business in Utah

- Cyst harvest at Great Salt Lake became a “gold rush” as shrimp aquaculture expanded worldwide. Mid-1990's Demand pushed cyst prices to \$30-40/pound and harvest to 15 million pounds in '95 and '96.
- Primary cyst harvest at Great Salt Lake worth about \$50 million annually (>90% of the supply). Small amounts from San Francisco Bay, China, Tibet,.



The *Artemia* Industry

1950-60's

adult *Artemia* were harvested and sold for aquarium fish food.

Cysts were sold as a novelty item.



1970's - present

the market shifted to cysts for aquaculture-

the larvae of penaeid shrimps and some fish are fed on brine shrimp



~35 companies in 1996-

Why Great Salt Lake?

- Big- 2,500 square miles in area. A remnant of Pleistocene Lake Bonneville.
- Salinity usually high ~10-25% (seawater is 3.3-3.5%)
- Ideal salinity for food organisms and *Artemia* is ~12%. If salinity drops below 6%, the cysts sink and cannot be harvested.



Lake Bonneville

Occupied the lowest, closed depression in the eastern Great Basin

At largest extent (1400-3200 years ago) it covered ~20,000 square miles of western Utah and smaller portions of eastern Nevada and southern Idaho.

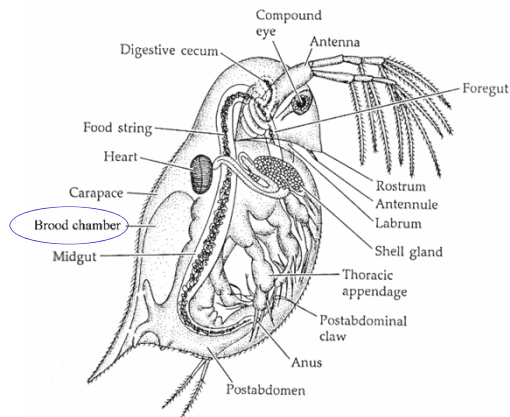


Harvest is regulated by Utah DWR. Season is October-January



Order Cladocera

- water “fleas” 80 genera, 400 species.
- Freshwater zooplankton- important food for larval fish. (Unlike most branchiopods, which can't coexist with fish!)
- Extensive carapace forms a bivalve shell
- Single compound eye
- The antennae provide propulsion.
- Feed mainly on phytoplankton- therefore an important trophic link in freshwater

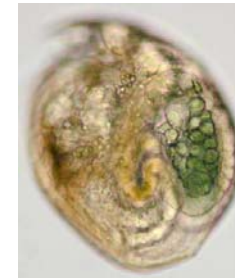
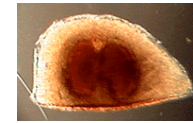


Cladoceran eggs are laid in a brood chamber between carapace and trunk.

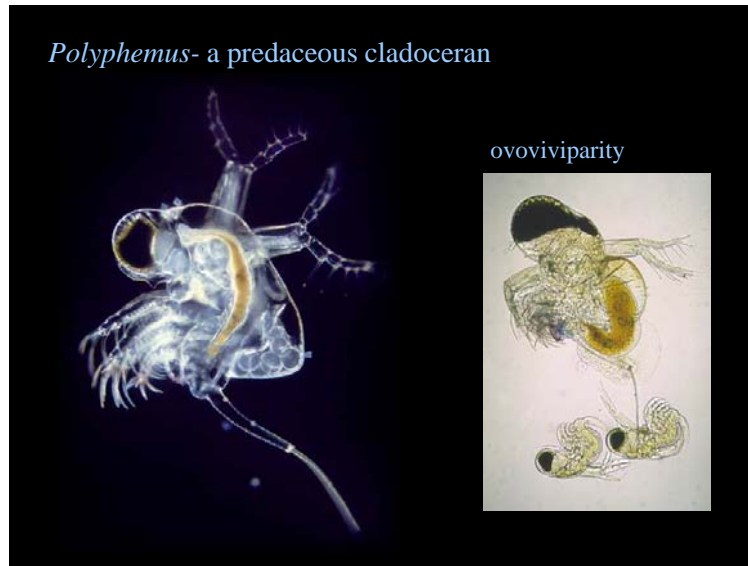
Favorable conditions- amictic diploid eggs (parthenogenesis)

Limiting conditions- mictic haploid eggs. If unfertilized, become males. If fertilized, become resting eggs.

Resting eggs are within a case called an ephippium



A cladoceran (*Bosmina*) from the Chesapeake Fish Hatchery solar pond.



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Order Conchostraca (=Laevicaudata)

Clam “shrimps”

Not to be confused with Class Ostracoda

Bivalve carapace with growth lines

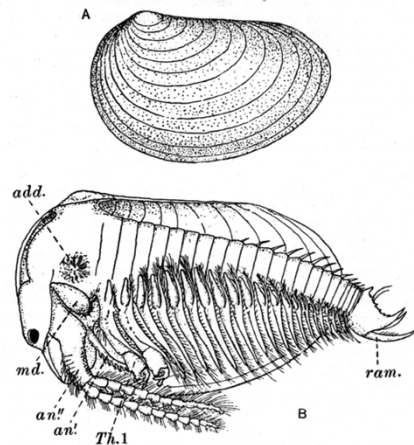


Fig. 243. *Estheria obliqua*. From Calman, after Sars. A, Shell of female, from the left side. B, Male seen from the side after removal of left valve of shell. *add.* adductor muscle; *an.* antennule; *an.* antenna; *md.* mandible; *ram.* caudal ramus; *Th. 1*, first thoracic limb.

Class Maxillopoda

- “Short crustaceans” 5-6-4 plus telson
- Abdominal appendages mainly absent
- Unique compound naupliar eye- 3 cups
- Subclasses....copepods, barnacles, ostracods

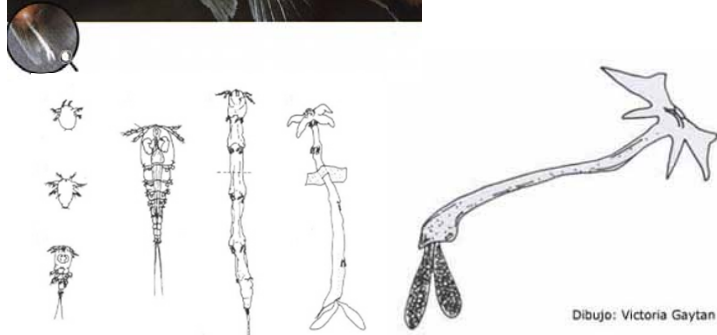
Subclass Copepoda - copepods

- Diverse ~12,000 species in 10 orders.
- Widespread- marine, freshwater, groundwater
- Mostly free-living, but numerous ectoparasitic species
- Highly abundant and significant zooplankton, trophic link from phytoplankton



Lernaea ("anchorworms")

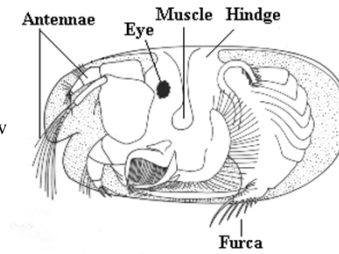
Copepod parasites of freshwater fish- female is highly modified for attachment



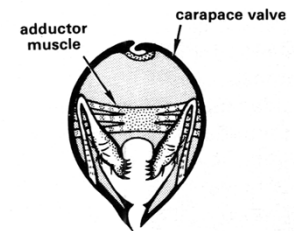
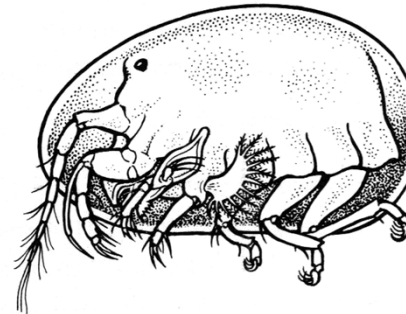
Class Ostracoda

Diverse- 8,000 living species, marine, freshwater, terrestrial

Most ostracods are very small, few are more than 4 mm long.

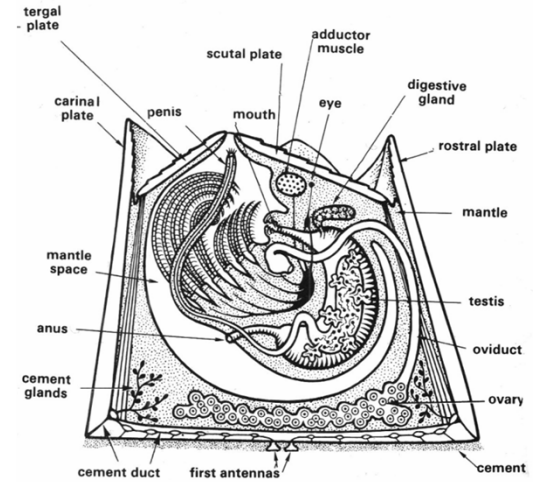
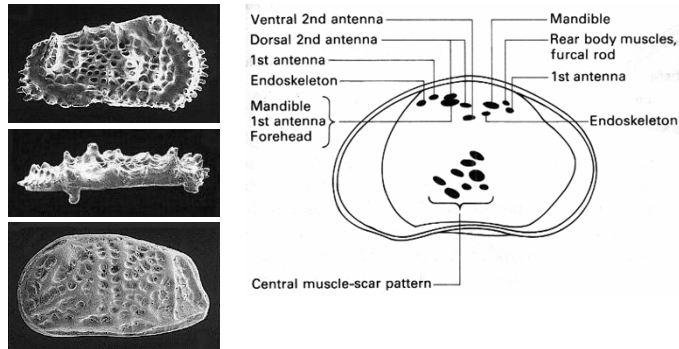


- Bivalve carapace hinges dorsally. No growth rings.
- Segmentation is reduced- They have the usual five pairs of head appendages
- The trunk is short, has only 1-3 pairs of limbs, ends in a multi-pronged tail (furca).



Fossil Ostracods are abundant and diverse- important stratigraphic indicators

Ornamentation and internal muscle scars are used for identification.



Cirrepedia – barnacles

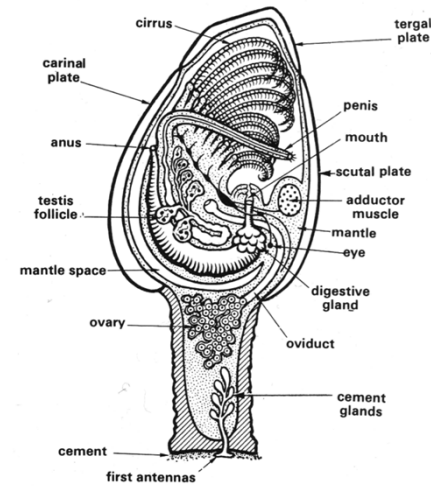
Adult body modified for life as an attached suspension-feeder (or in some, parasitism)

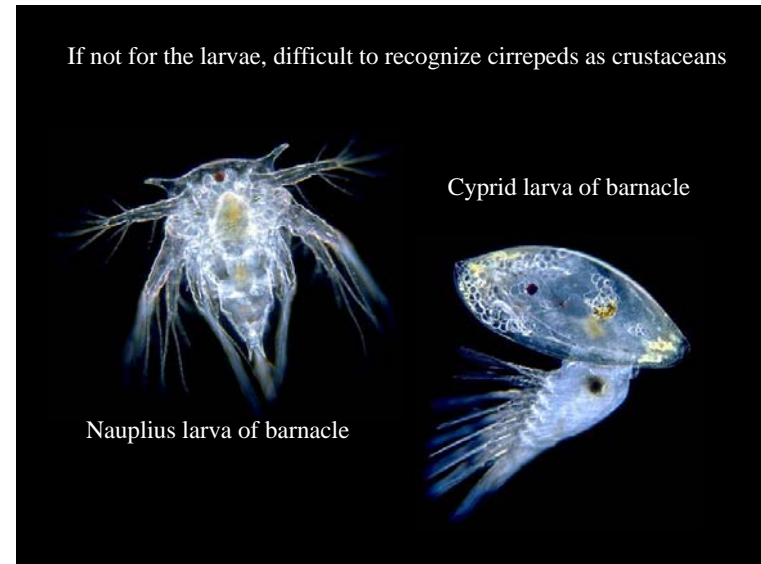
Barnacles (Order Thoracica) use feathery thoracic legs to suspension-feed.

Carapace is modified into a soft mantle that secretes hard, external, calcareous plates (analogous to mollusc mantle/shell)

“stalked” vs “stalkless” barnacles

Rhizocephalans (Order Rhizocephala) are highly modified internal parasites of decapods



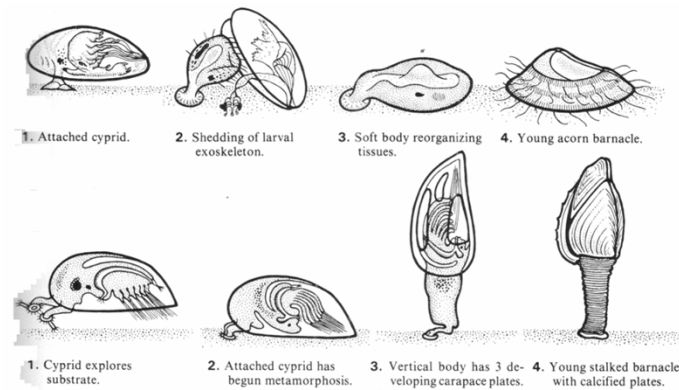


Barnacle feeding appendages

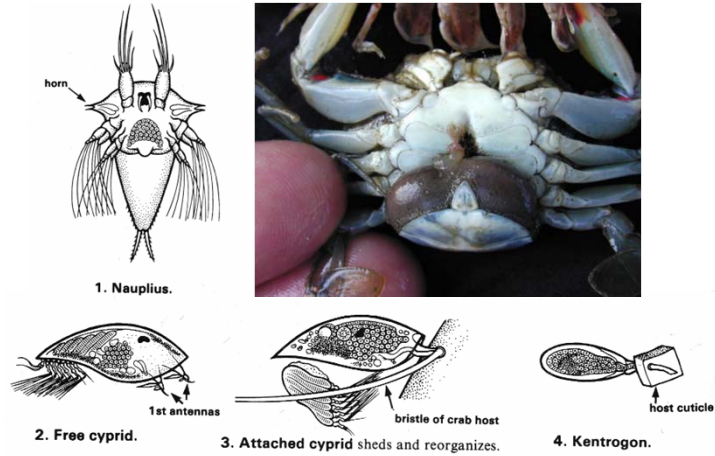
Remember- arthropods have no cilia for moving water during filter feeding.

Barnacles sweep their limbs through the water.

Metamorphosis of cyprid larva in acorn and gooseneck barnacles



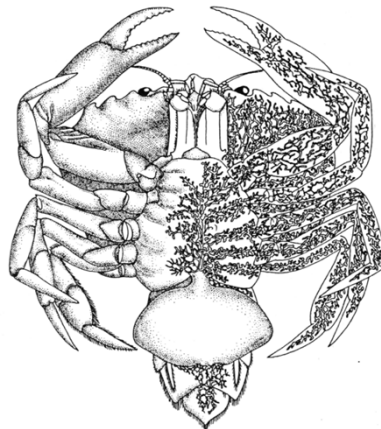
The rhizocephalans- life stages of *Sacculina carcina*



Sacculina carcina is a serious pest of blue crabs (a commercially important species)- it causes host sterility.

The picture shows the internal part of the parasite (the “interna”) ramifying throughout the host body.

The “externa”, under the crab’s tail, is the parasite’s gonad



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The largest class of crustacea- 20,000+ species

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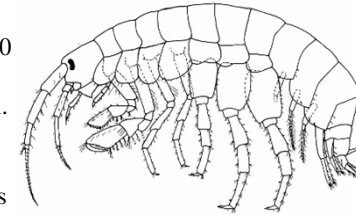
- 5 segment cephalon (plus the acron)
- 8-segment perion (thorax)
- 6-segment pleon (abdomen) (plus telson)

Includes peracarids (amphipods, isopods, mysids), hoplocarids (mantis shrimps), euphasiids (krill) and decapods (crabs, shrimps, lobsters, crayfish,

Peracarida
Order Amphipoda

Very diverse group~ 6,000 species- marine, freshwater, few terrestrial.

Laterally flattened.
Can crawl with pereopods or swim with pleopods



The name “amphipod” refers to the fact that the first 2 pairs of pereopods are subchelate gnathopods.

Thoracic gills- unique ventral projections of the body wall, ventilated by movements of the pleopods.

Class Malacostraca

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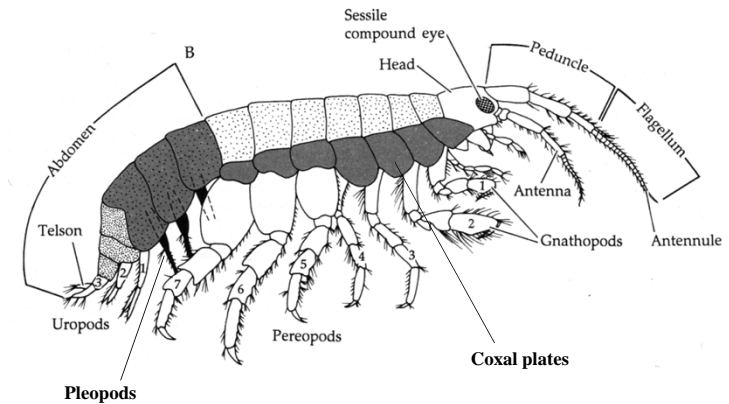
Includes amphipods, isopods, mysids and others

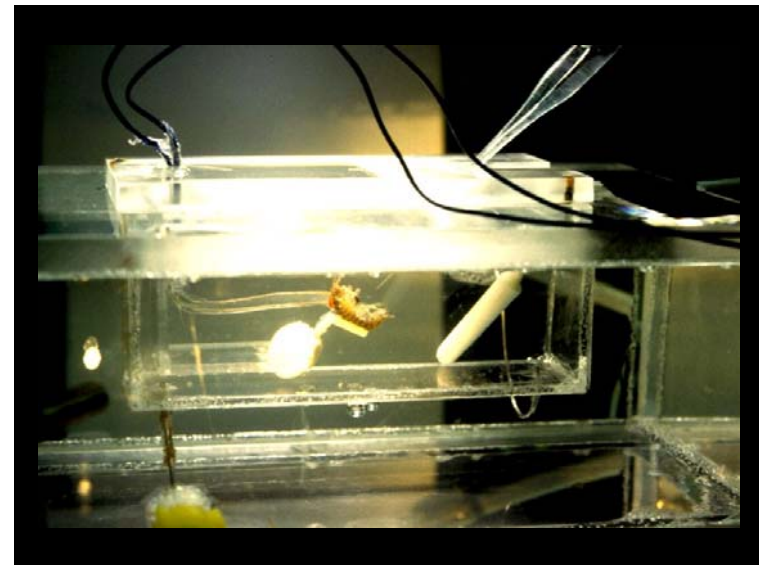
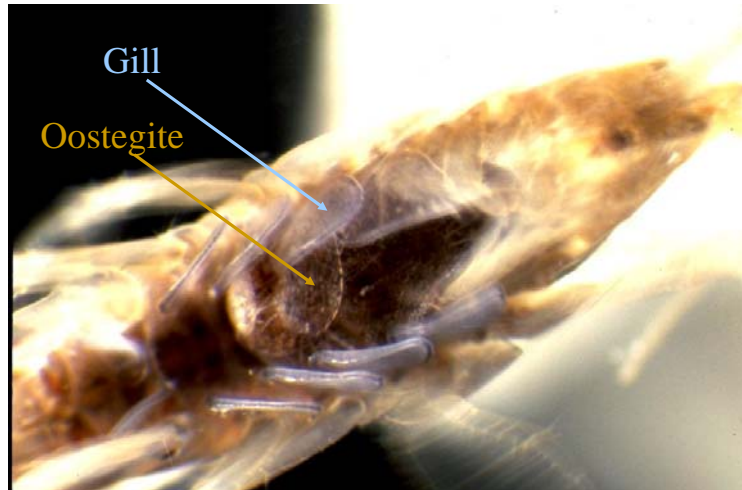
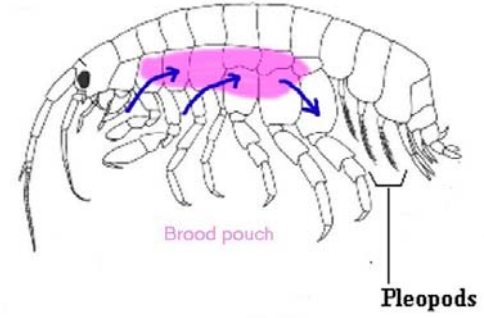
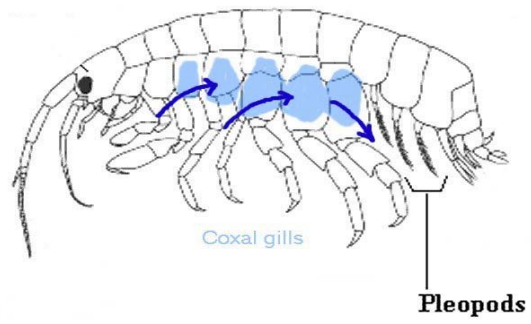
“the marsupial crustaceans”- females have oostegites - medial appendages on the pereopods that form a brood pouch for the eggs and young.

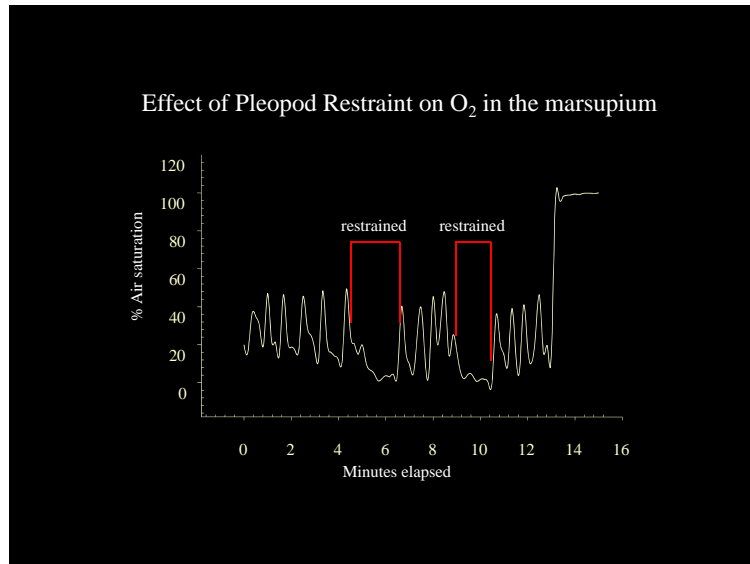
Direct development (no larval stages)

Carapace reduced or absent, most with sessile compound eyes (stalked in mysids).

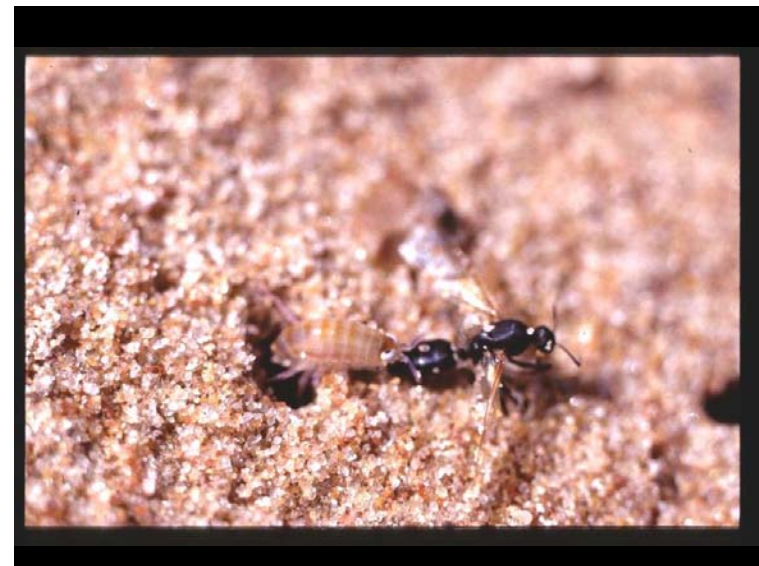
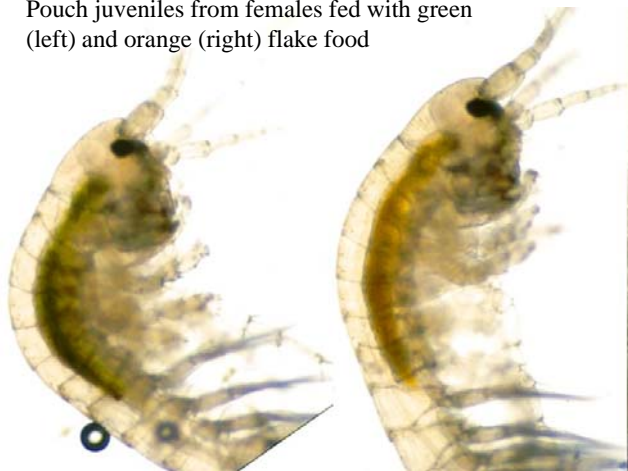
Usually 1 pair of pereopods is modified as maxillipeds- so 7 pairs of thoracic appendages

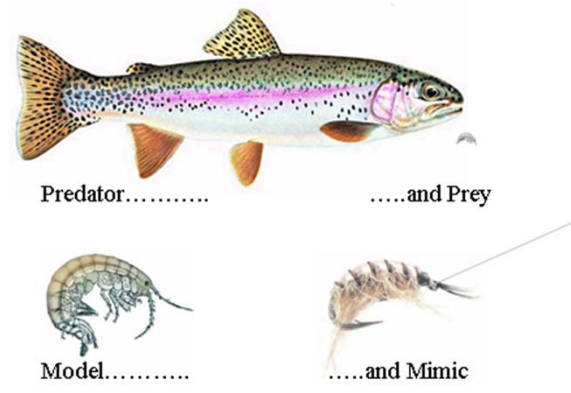






Pouch juveniles from females fed with green (left) and orange (right) flake food

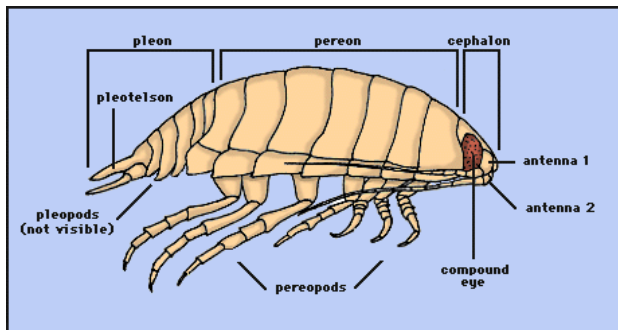


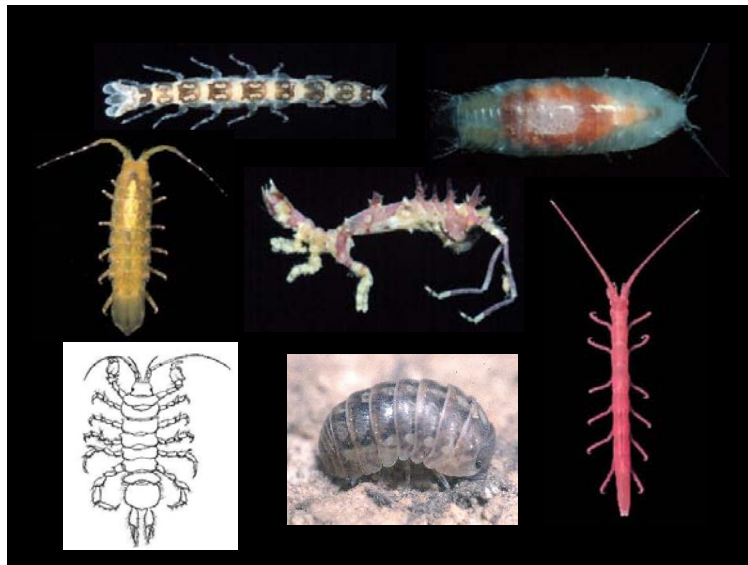


Peracarida

Order Isopoda

- Even more diverse than amphipods-10,000 species: 5000 land, 4500 marine, 500 FW,
- Dorsoventrally flattened – freshwater and land forms can only walk, but some marine forms can swim with pleopods
- The pleopods are gills (no thoracic gills). In land forms there are branched invaginations in the pleopods for gas exchange

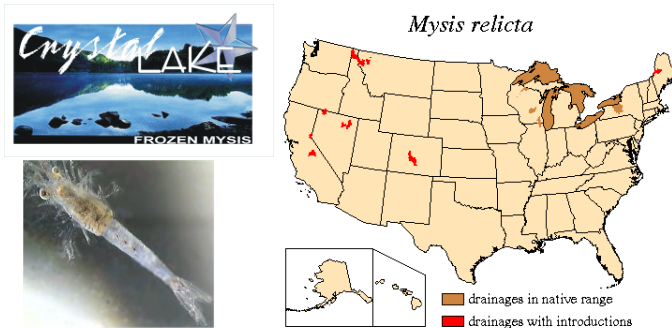




Peracarida

Order Mysidacea- opossum “shrimps”

Mysis relicta from Great Lakes was introduced into western lakes in as forage for trout



Yet another introduced species problem...

- *Mysis* is good food for lake trout and lake whitefish in the Great Lakes
- It was introduced into several big lakes in Montana as food for kokanee salmon
- But it feeds on large zooplankton during the night and then goes deep during the day- kokanee do not go deep during the day.
- *Mysis* has caused collapse of kokanee in Flathead Lake and elsewhere. Also the native bull trout, *Salvelinus confluentus*, which is now endangered.

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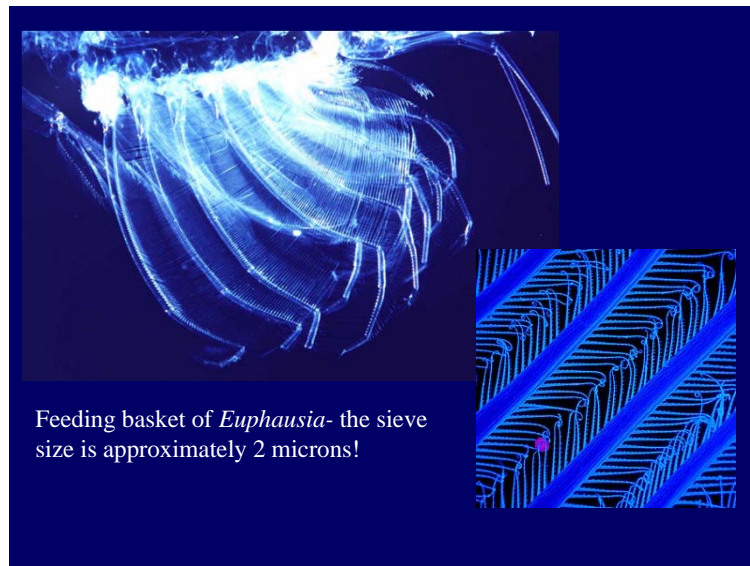
Eucarida

- 0, 1, or 3 pairs of maxillipeds
- Carapace present covering and fused dorsally with head and entire thorax to form cephalothorax.
- Includes most of the larger and commercially important crustaceans



Antarctic krill- *Euphausia superba*

- Largest biomass of any macroscopic organism on earth
- Key predator/prey organism in the Antarctic ecosystem. Form dense schools in summer (up to 20,000 individuals per m³).
- Filter-feed on plankton (≥ 2 micron) with setal basket. Also harvest algae from under ice
- Primary food for many Antarctic birds & mammals, including whales and penguins.
- Increasing commercial harvest- for human consumption, salmon aquaculture, pet food
- Population crash due to global warming/overharvest?



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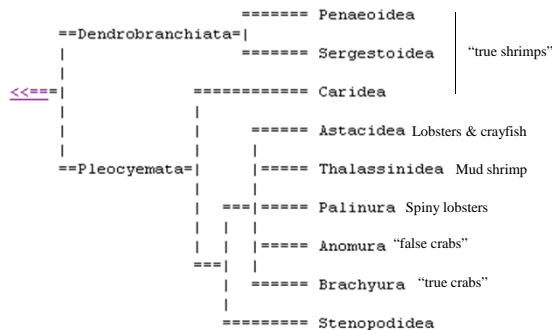
- Penaeoidea**- penaeid shrimp
- Caridea**- carid shrimp
- Astacidea**- crayfish & lobsters
- Brachyura**- true crabs
- Anomura**- false crabs

“Stomatopoda”- mantis shrimps

Superorder Eucarida
Order Decapoda

- The most conspicuous crustaceans- often large body size, good to eat. Includes crabs, crayfish, true shrimp
- 3 pairs of maxillipeds (i.e. 3 segments fused to primitive head) leaving just 5 “thorax” segments- therefore, 10 legs (decapod)
- Extensive carapace covering pereon, forming lateral branchial chambers.
- Water is circulated (back to front) through the branchial chambers by scaphognathites (gill-bailers)
- The gills are outgrowths of the pereopods (thoracic legs)

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Just what is a “shrimp”?



The word has little taxonomic significance (rather like “fish”). Any elongate, laterally compressed crustacean is likely to be called a shrimp.

The shrimps that we eat are from a couple of different decapod groups:

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Penaeid shrimps including *Penaeus* and *Litopenaeus* are farmed or harvested commercially for human consumption. Do not brood eggs.

Caridean shrimps including *Pandalus*, *Macrobrachium*, *Palaemonetes*. Brood eggs on pleopods. Enlarged 2nd pleural lobe.

Penaeus monodon, the giant tiger prawn, accounts for more than 60% of all farmed shrimp worldwide, especially in Asia



Black Tiger Shrimp

Penaeus monodon

(Black tiger, giant tiger, jumbo tiger shrimp, tiger prawn)



Gulf Shrimp

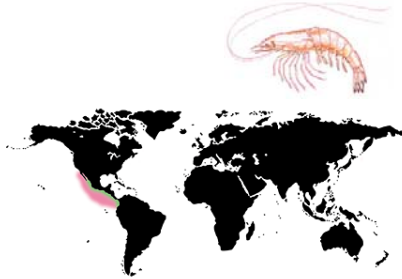
pink (*Penaeus duorarum*), brown (*P. aztecus*), white (*P. setiferus*),



Pacific Shrimp

white: *Penaeus vannamei*; blue: *P. stylirostris*

Pond aquaculture of these two species in the Americas



Pink Shrimp: *Pandalus borealis*
(a caridean shrimp)

Common names: *Northern shrimp, pink shrimp, coldwater shrimp, salad shrimp*

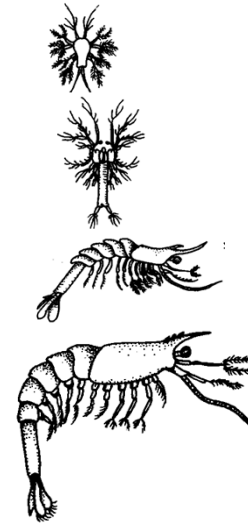


Table 1. Types of feed required for shrimp larvae at various developmental stages.

Stages	Time & substages	Food types
Nauplius	6 substages 36-51 h	Body yolk
Zoea	3 substages 120 h (28°C)	Phytoplankton Artificial feeds Artemia nauplii (Zoea III)
Mysis	3 substages 72 h (28°C)	Artemia nauplii Phytoplankton Artificial feeds
Postlarvae (PL)	PL 1-10	Artemia Artificial feeds

Caridean freshwater shrimps in Missouri

Glass shrimp- *Palaemonetes kadiakensis*
In Missouri, found in the SE lowlands- possibly also in oxbow lakes and wetland areas of the Osage drainage.



Ohio shrimp, *Macrobrachium ohione*
Up to 4 in long- formerly common in Mississippi & Ohio Rivers- declined in the 1930s and 1940s- none collected in Missouri or Illinois from 1962-1997. Rediscovered in 1997 by MDC. (Conaway, L. K., and R.A. Hrabik. 1997)

Order Astacidea- crayfishes and lobsters



Cambarus maculatus – found only in the Meramec River system



Astacideans in Missouri- crayfish

- There 32 crayfish species found in Missouri
- Most of these are in three genera:
Orconectes (19), *Cambarus* (5), and *Procambarus* (4)
- Most species found in the Ozarks are endemic (i.e native only in the Ozarks).
- [MDC crayfish information](#)

Bristly cave crayfish- *Cambarus setosus*
caves of the Springfield Plateau



Brood of a prairie crayfish from western Missouri



Prairie crayfish (*Procambarus gracilis*) with brood ...from western Missouri



Order Anomura

- “false crabs” including hermit crabs, box crabs, porcelain crabs, king crab, snow crab, and others
- Mainly marine- some hermit crabs are terrestrial (all decapods have marine larvae)
- The fifth pair of legs (these are decapods) are reduced and hidden under the carapace- used for grooming the gills and branchial chambers



The giant anomuran
Birgus latro

also called coconut or
robber "crab"

Up to 4 kg, 30 years of
age

Distribution on South
Pacific islands coincides
with coconut palms-
larvae possibly
dispersed by rafting on
floating coconuts



More anomuran diversity.....

Lopholithodes foraminatus

Box "crab" – west coast of North America



Class Malacostraca

Superorder Peracarida

Isopods, amphipods, mysids

Superorder Eucarida

Ephausiids, Decapods

Superorder Hoplocarida

Order Stomatopoda: Mantis “shrimp”

