Diversity and life-cycle analysis of Pacific Ocean zooplankton by videomicroscopy and DNA barcoding: Crustacea

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Abstract: Crustacea larvae and adults make up a large fraction of the biomass and number of organisms in both holoplankton (organisms that spend their entire lives in the plankton) and meroplankton (organisms that spend their larval stages in the plankton). The life cycles of these animals can be studied by raising individuals and studying them longitudinally in the laboratory, but this method can be very laborious. Here we show that DNA sequencing of a small element in the mitochondrial DNA (DNA barcoding) makes it possible to easily link life-cycle phases without the need for laboratory rearing. It can also be used to construct taxonomic trees, although it is not yet clear to what extent this barcode-based taxonomy reflects more traditional morphological or molecular taxonomy. Collections of zooplankton were made using conventional plankton nets in Newport Bay and the Pacific Ocean near Newport Beach, California, and individual crustacean specimens were documented by videomicroscopy. Adult crustaceans were collected from solid substrates in the same areas. Specimens were preserved in ethanol and sent to the Canadian Centre for DNA Barcoding at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada for sequencing of the COI DNA barcode. From 1042 specimens, 609 COI sequences were obtained falling into 169 Barcode Identification Numbers (BINs), of which 85 correspond to recognized species. The results show the utility of DNA barcoding for matching life-cycle stages as well as for documenting the diversity of this group of organisms.

Keywords: Crustacea; Zooplankton; Plankton; Pacific Ocean; Larvae; DNA barcoding

1. Introduction

Crustacea is an Arthropod taxon that includes crabs, lobsters, crayfish, shrimps, prawns, krill, woodlice, and barnacles. Its members do not form a clade (a group defined by a single common ancestor), but rather form a paraphyletic group, meaning a group that is assumed to contain a common ancestor but contains only some of its descendants. In this case, crustacea includes animals in the clade Pancrustacea other than hexapods (insects and their relatives). As with other phyla in the zooplankton, crustacea include both holoplankton (animals that remain planktonic for their entire life cycle) and meroplankton (larval stages of benthic adults).   Both types are included in the present study.

Like other arthropods, crustaceans have an exoskeleton, which is molted multiple times to allow growth and development. Most of them are free-living and aquatic, although a few (e.g. woodlice) are terrestrial, some are parasitic, and some (e.g. barnacles) are sessile.   They are distinguished from other arthropods including insects, myriapods and spiders, by the possession of biramous (apparently branched) limbs, and by their aquatic larval forms.

The body of a crustacean is composed of segments, which are grouped into three regions: head, thorax and abdomen.   The head and thorax are often fused into a cephalothorax.   Each body segment can bear a pair of appendages: on the head, these include two pairs of antennae, the mandibles and maxillae. The thoracic segments bear legs, which may be specialized as walking legs or feeding appendages.

There are at least 67,000 described species of crustacea, and two of the subgroups, krill and copepods, although small in size, are thought to be the animals with the greatest total biomass on earth. They are divided into six classes [1] of which four (*) are included in the present study:

* Branchiopoda – consisting of four living groups, of which only one, the * Cladocera ("water fleas"), will be considered here

Remipedia – blind crustaceans living in coastal aquifers which contain saline groundwater

Cephalocarida – horseshoe shrimp comprising only twelve benthic species.

* Maxillopoda – containing six subclasses, of which two, the *Copepoda and *Thecostraca (including barnacles), are considered here.

* Ostracoda – (seed shrimp) separated from other Crustacea by their laterally compressed body, undifferentiated head, seven or less pairs of thoracic limbs, and the bivalved carapace. The Ostracoda are divided into five Orders, of which two, the Podocopida and Myodocopida, are extant.   Some members of the Podocopida are included in the present collection.

* Malacostraca – the largest of the six classes, containing about 40,000 living species divided among 16 orders including crabs, lobsters, crayfish, shrimp, krill, woodlice, amphipods, mantis shrimp and many other less familiar animals.

We have collected specimens from our local waters, and used DNA barcoding [2]–[4] to match life-cycle stages and to document the level of biodiversity within this group. In a previous study [5], we have used similar methods to investigate the life-cycles and diversity within the hydrozoans of the same region.

2. Materials and Methods

Zooplankton was collected under Scientific Collecting Permit SC-12162 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.   Collections were made from 23 sites in and near Newport Beach, Orange County California, as well as one site at Avalon, Catalina Island, Los Angeles County, one at Salton Sea Harbor, and some from Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California (Table 1). In the following account, only the localities outside of Orange County are identified specifically.

Shore-based collections were made with a 150 μm mesh net (aperture 30 cm) attached to a rope, with a 50 mL collection tube at the base. They were made from a public dock using repeated horizontal sweeps near the surface and diagonal sweeps down to about 5 m depth. About 5–10 sweeps of a total of about 30 m usually yielded sufficient specimens, but no attempt was made to monitor collections quantitatively.

Ocean collections were made with a 250 μm mesh net attached to a 30 m rope. The net (aperture 30 cm) was towed behind the vessel, just below the surface, for a period of 7 minutes at the slowest possible speed. Deployment and retrieval extended the total tow period to 10 minutes.

Plankton collections were brought to the laboratory at the University of California, Irvine and examined under a dissecting microscope with lateral light and a dark background. Each specimen

of interest was removed using a Pasteur Pipette, transferred to a depression slide, and recorded by video microscopy using a Zeiss microscope with a dark-field condenser, fitted with a phototube attached to a Nikon D5100 single-lens reflex camera. The most informative frames were taken from the videos and used in the figures for this paper.

Table 1. Collection locations

Locality	Latitude	Longitude
Balboa Island, Collins Street	33° 36'N	117° 53'W
Balboa Island, Coral Street	33° 36'N	117° 53'W
Balboa Island, Crystal Street	33° 36'N	117° 53'W
Balboa Pavilion Dock	33° 36'N	117° 54'W
Balboa Pier	33° 36'N	117° 54'W
Back Bay Science Center Dock	33° 37'N	117° 53'W
Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California	28° 58'N	113° 33'W
Bayview Way/Jamboree Upper Newport Bay	33° 39'N	117° 52'W
Crew dock, BBSC	33° 37'N	117° 53'W
Delhi Channel	33° 38'N	117° 53'W
Divers Cove, Laguna Beach	33° 36'N	117° 52'W
Harbor Patrol dock	33° 33'N	117° 47'W
Lido Island (Via Lido and Genoa)	33° 36'N	117° 55'W
Little Treasure Cove, Crystal Cove State Park	33° 39'N	117° 50'W
Main Beach, Laguna Beach	33° 33'N	117° 47'W
Newport Harbor Entrance	33° 35'N	117° 53'W
Newport Pier	33° 36'N	117° 55'W
Off Avalon, Catalina Island	33° 21'N	118° 19'W

Ocean off Crystal Cove State Park	33° 33'N	117° 51'W
Ocean off Dana Point	33° 27'N	117° 42'W
Ocean off Newport Beach	33° 34'N	117° 53'W
Off Newport Aquatic Center	33° 37'N	117° 53'W
Salton Sea harbor	33° 25'N	117° 37'W
San Diego Creek	33° 32'N	117° 14'W
Shaw's Cove, Laguna Beach	33° 33'N	117° 48'W
Shellmaker Island	33° 37'N	117° 53'W

Each plankton specimen was preserved in 90% ethanol in a well of a 96-well microplate.

Most adults were photographed at the collection site, identified, and then released. Smaller specimens were removed and brought to the laboratory to be examined and photographed under a dissecting microscope. Tissue samples were removed using dissecting tools, then transferred to the microplates for DNA sequencing.

Filled plates were sent to the Canadian Centre for DNA Barcoding at the University of Guelph for sequencing of the standard 648-bp "DNA barcode" [6] in the COI mitochondrial gene, using the following primers:

Table 2: Primers (Degenerate bases: S = G or C; W = A or T; R = A or G)	
Forward	Reverse
Plates BIOUG01212, CCDB-24622, CCDB-24625:	
ZplankF1_t1: TGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTTCTASWAATCATAARGATATTGG	ZplankR1_t1: CAGGAAACAGCTATGACTTCAGGRTGRCCRAARAATCA
Other plates. Primers from [7]:	
LCO1490: GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG	HCO2198: TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA

This usually produced a DNA barcode of 658 nucleotides, and only those containing >300 nucleotides were included in the sequence analysis. Groups of specimens with identical or almost identical DNA barcodes were assigned BIN numbers. "n=" indicates the number of DNA barcode sequences obtained from that group. The DNA sequences are in the public domain at the Canadian Centre for DNA Barcoding.

3. Results

From 1042 specimens, 609 COI sequences were obtained falling into 169 Barcode Identification Numbers (BINs), of which 85 correspond to recognized species.   The remaining specimens, in apparently random taxonomic groups, failed to amplify for unknown reasons.

Class Branchiopoda [8]

Our samples (Figure 1) are all members of the order Cladocera (water fleas). Most cladoceran species live in fresh water, with only eight species being marine. The marine species are all in the family Podonidae, except for the genus *Penilia*.   Our samples contained many specimens of *Penilia avirostris* (Family Sididae) as well as specimens of *Pleopis polyphemoides*, *Pseudevadne tergestina*, *Pleopis polyphemoides*, and *Evadne nordmanni* from the Family Podonidae [9]
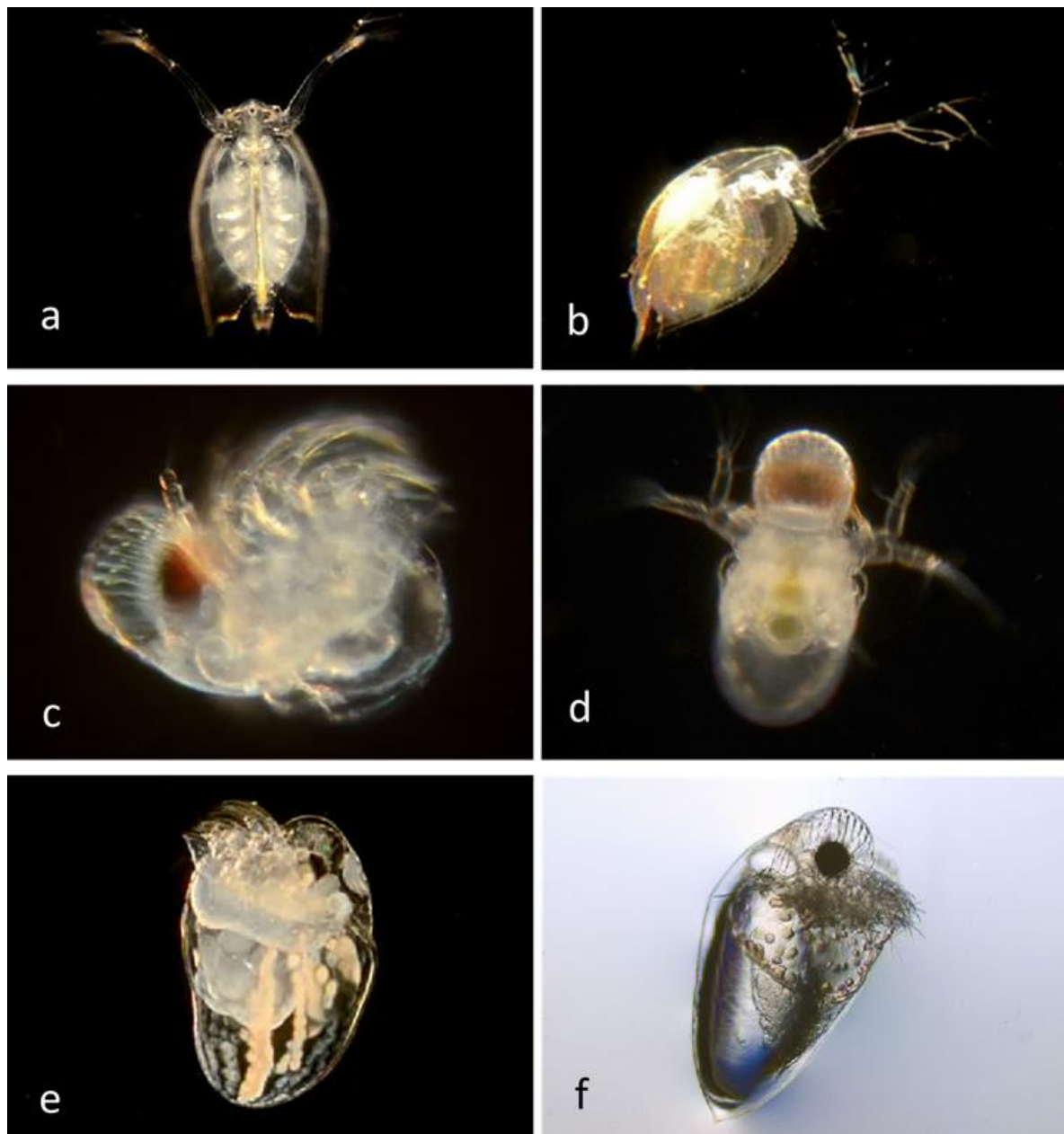
Figure 1. Class Branchiopoda; Order Cladocera. Family Sididae: a, *Penilia avirostris* (BIN AAC6757; n=8) CCDB 24622 B03 off Newport Pier. b, *Penilia avirostris* (BIN AAC6757; n=8) BIOUG19282-C12 off Crew Dock, Upper Newport Bay. **Family Podonidae:** c, *Pleopis polyphemoides*

(BIN AAD0974; n=7) BIOUG19282-H03 off Newport Aquatic Center; d, *Pleopis polyphemoides* (BIN AAD0974; n=7) BIOUG01212-F07 off Newport Pier; e, *Pseudevadne tergestina* (BIN AAE0337; n=2) CCDB 24622 C10 Newport Harbor entrance; f, *Evadne nordmanni* (BIN AAB7367; n=1) BIOUG01212-A03 off Crystal Cove State Park.

Class Copepoda [10]

Copepods are a group of small crustaceans found in nearly every freshwater and saltwater habitat on earth. Most species are holoplanktonic and they are usually the dominant members of the zooplankton, but some are benthic and some are parasitic [11].   We have found members of all three types.

The copepod egg hatches into a nauplius form, with a head and a tail but no true thorax or abdomen (Figures 2d, 5d). It then goes through several larval forms (Figure 4b,c) separated by molts, until at the final molt it becomes adult.   Development from hatching to adulthood can take from a week to a year, depending on the species and environmental conditions.   Mapping out this developmental process can be considerably simplified by using DNA barcoding to match specimens, rather than laboriously raising individual specimens in the laboratory.

Adult females often carry sacs of eggs or embryos (Figs. 5a, 5e, 6a, 6b, 6d 7b, 7f, 8a, 8b, 9e).   In what follows, specimens are labeled as adults if they have the adult-like form, but some of those illustrated could be sub-adult stages.

Order Calanoida: Calanoid copepods are dominant in zooplankton samples from many parts of the world's oceans, making up 55%–95% of the total individuals. We identified the following:

Family **Acartiidae:** four adults of Acartia tonsa (Figure 2a) and six adults of Acartia californiensis (Figure 2b).

Family **Calanidae:** four adults (Figure 2c) and one nauplius (Figure 2d) of Calanus pacificus.
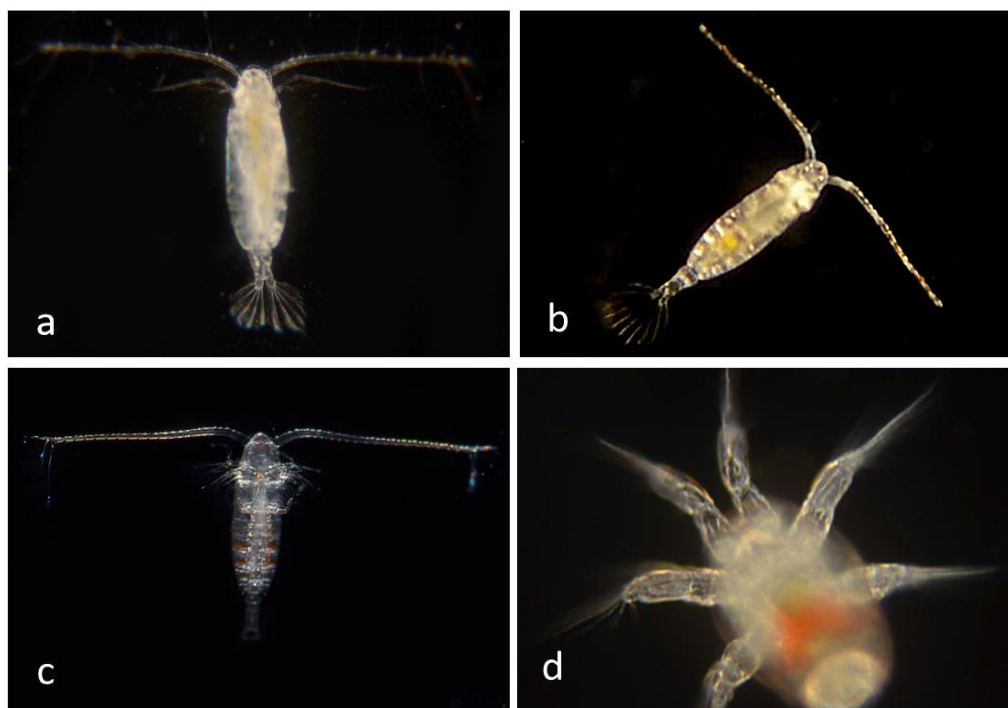
Figure 2: Class Copepoda; Order Calanoida; Family Acartiidae: a, *Acartia tonsa* (BIN ACG7661, n=4). Adult BIOUG01212-F11 from Newport Pier. b, *Acartia californiensis* (BIN ACH6087, n=6).

Adult BIOUG01218 B02 from Back Bay Science Center dock. **Family Calanidae:** c, *Calanus pacificus* (BIN AAE8453; n=4 adults and one nauplius). Adult BIOUG01212-B10 Off Avalon, Catalina Island. d, *Calanus pacificus* (BIN AAE8453) Nauplius BIOUG19282-D12 Ocean from Crystal Cove Alliance.

Family **Paracalanidae:** two adults of *Mecynocera clausi* with spectacularly long antennae (Figure 3a); six adults of *Paracalanus parvus* (Figure 3b); three adults of *Paracalanus indicus* (Figure 3c, 3d) all from Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California; one adult of *Parvocalanus crassirostris* (Figure 3e) and one unidentified family member adult (Figure 3f).
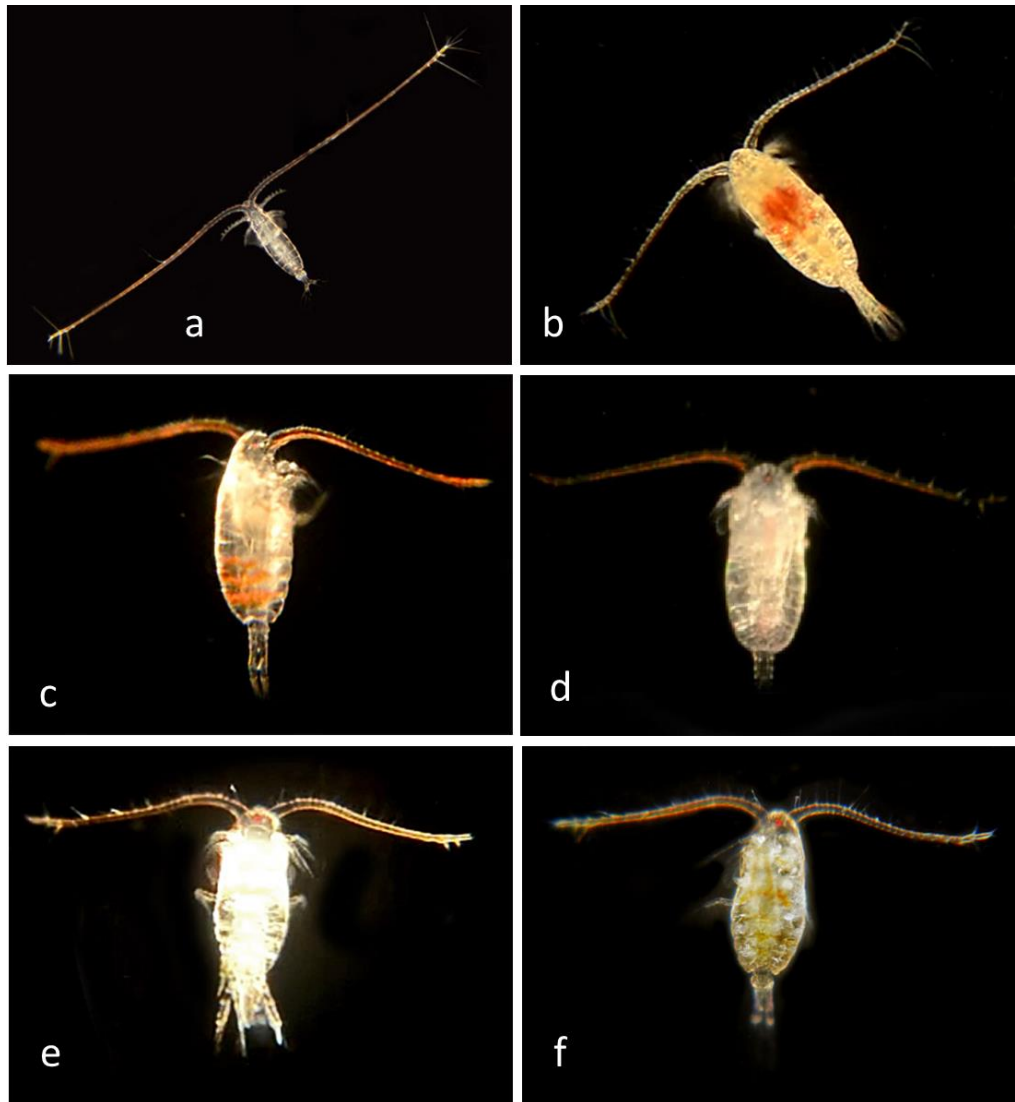
Figure 3. Family Paracalanidae: a, *Mecynocera clausi* (BIN AAK7057; n=2). Adult BIOUG19282-A08 off Newport Pier. b, *Paracalanus parvus* (BIN ACK9448; n=5). Adult BIOUG01212-B11 Off Avalon, Catalina Island. c, *Paracalanus indicus* (BIN ADM8069; n=1). Adult CCDB 24625 E07. Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California. d, *Paracalanus indicus* (BIN AEB8869; n=2). Adult CCDB 24625 E08. Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California. e, *Parvocalanus crassirostris* (BIN ACI0538; n=1).   Adult BIOUG19282-C11. Crew Dock, Upper Newport Bay. f, Paracalanidae (BIN ACY8206; n=1). Adult BIOUG19282-B08. Crew Dock, Upper Newport Bay

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Family **Pontellidae:** three adults (Figure 4a) and two larvae (Figure 4b) of *Labidocera johnsoni* as well as a larva and two adults of an unidentified family member (Figure 4c; larva; Figure 4d and 4e, adults); and one male adult of another unidentified family member; the latter showing very clearly how males of this species have one antenna significantly swollen (Figure 4f).
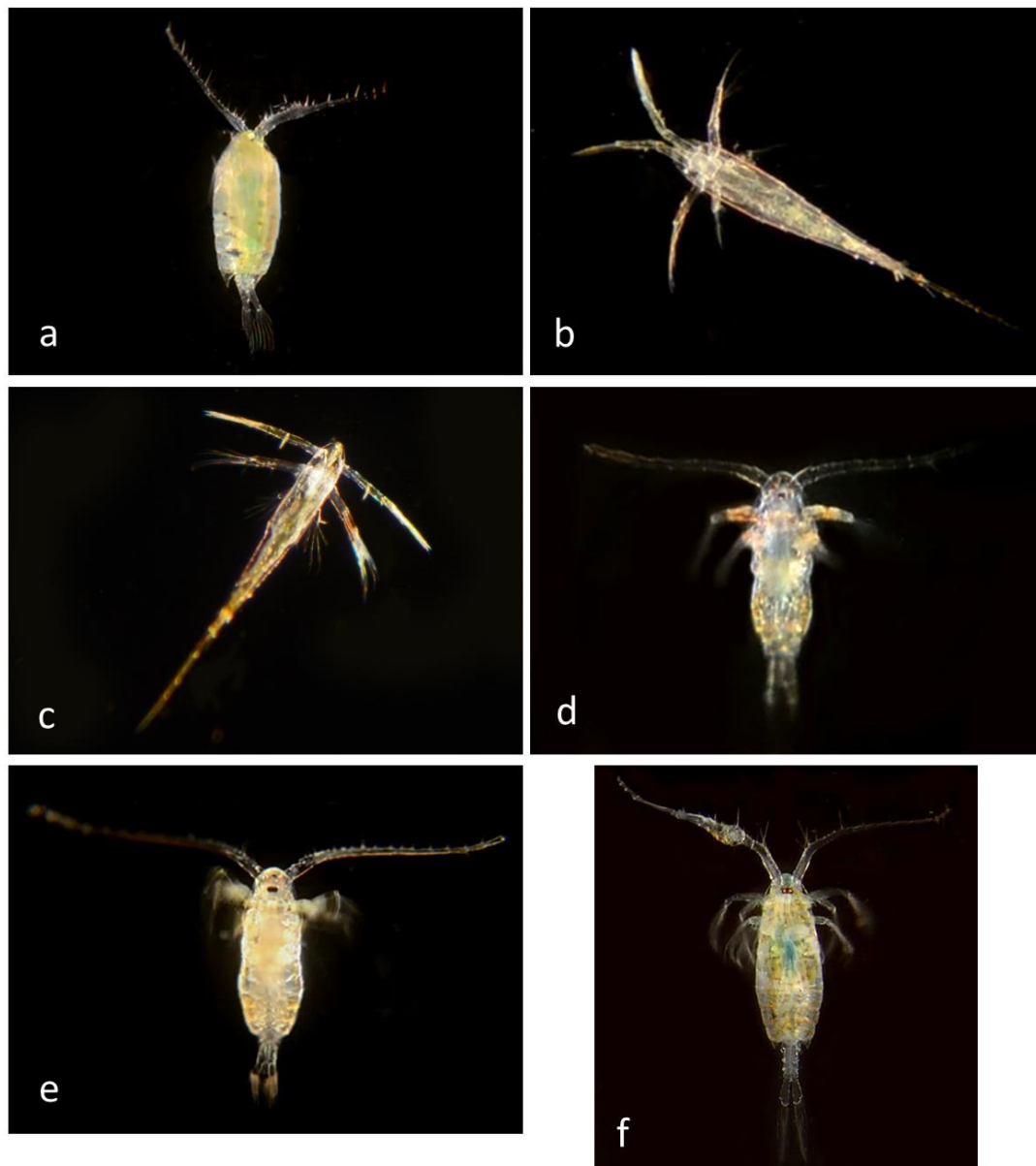
Figure 4: Family Pontellidae, a, *Labidocera johnsoni* (BIN AAN5718; n=3 adults and 2 larvae). Adult BIOUG19282-G08. Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. b, *Labidocera johnsoni* (BIN AAN5718; n=3 adults and 2 larvae). Late nauplius larva BIOUG19282-G06 Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. c, Pontellidae (BIN ACM3770; n=1 nauplius and 2 adults). Late nauplius larva BIOUG01212-H05. Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. d, Pontellidae (BIN ACM3770 ; n=1 nauplius and 2 adults). Adult CCDB 24622 B01, from Balboa at Coral. e, Pontellidae (BIN ACM3770 ; n=1 nauplius and 2 adults). Adult. BIOUG19282-A11, from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. f, Pontellidae (BIN ACU1959; n=2). Adult male BIOUG01226-A10, from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point.

Family **Pseudodiaptomidae:** one adult female with eggs of *Pseudodiaptomus marinus* (Figure 5a).

Family **Temoridae:** one adult (Figure 5b) of *Temora discaudata*.

Family **Tortanidae:** one adult (Figure 5c) and one nauplius larva (Figure 5d) of *Tortanus discaudatus*.

Unidentified Calanoids: five specimens of one putative species including a female with two egg cases (Figure 5e) and a mating pair (Figure 5f) showing the enlarged antenna of the male (the smaller of the two individuals).
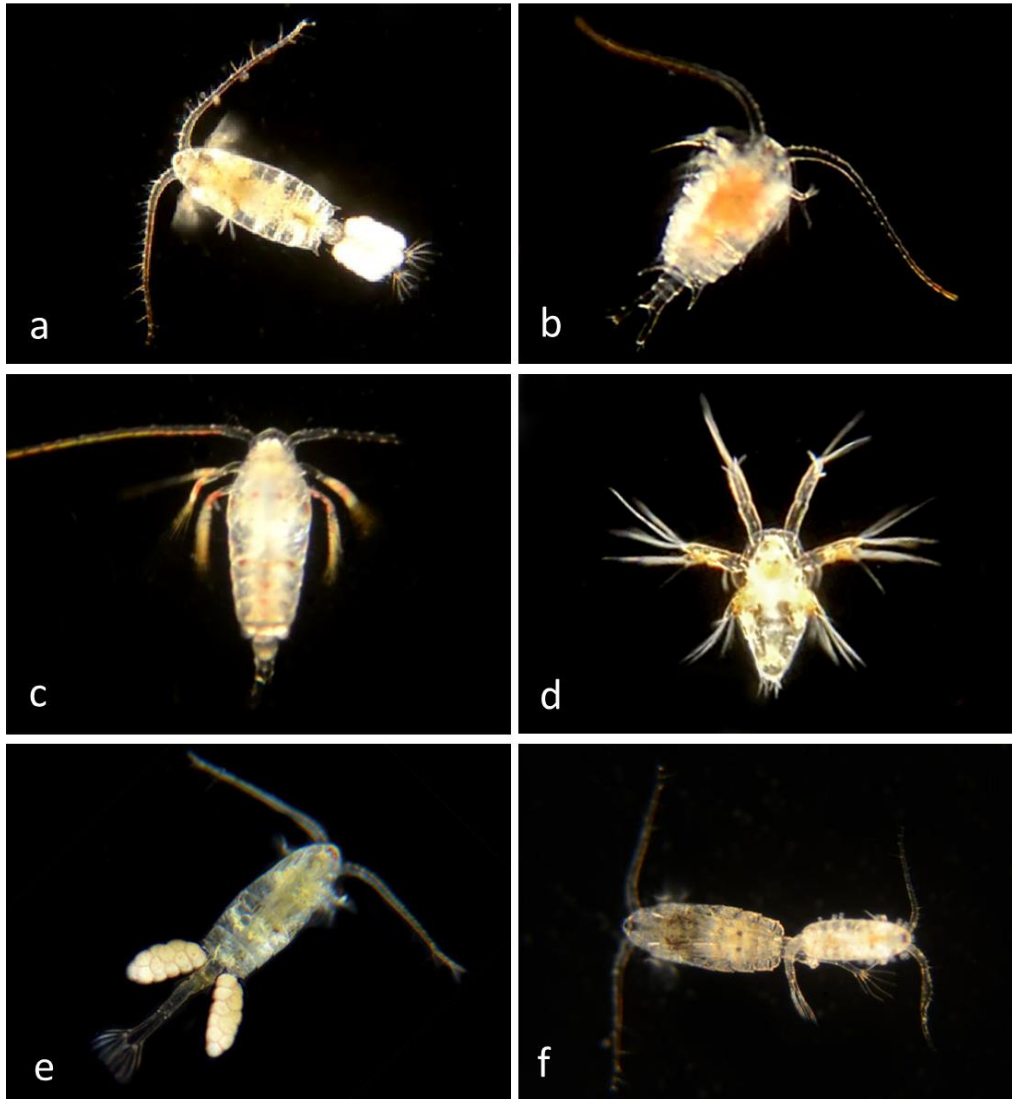
Figure 5. a, Family Pseudodiaptomidae: *Pseudodiaptomus marinus* (BIN AAX6988; n=1). Adult female with eggs BIOUG01226-D10 Off Newport Pier. **b, Family Temoridae:** *Temora discaudata* (BIN AAE9776; n=1).   Adult BIOUG01226-D09 From Avalon harbor, Catalina Island. **c,d: Family Tortanidae:** c, *Tortanus discaudatus* (BIN ACL8332; n=1 adult and 1 nauplius) adult CCDB 24622 D12 From Newport Harbor entrance. **d**, *Tortanus discaudatus* (BIN ACL8332; n=1 adult and 1 nauplius) Nauplius BIOUG01218 B03 from Back Bay Science Center Dock.   **e,f: Other Calanoida (unidentified):** e, Calanoida   (BIN ACM 3768; n=4). Adult female with eggs BIOUG01226-F01 from Delhi Channel, Upper Newport Bay. f, Calanoida   (BIN ACM 3768; n=4) Mating pair BIOUG01212-A08 from Delhi Channel, Upper Newport Bay.

Order Cyclopoida:

Family **Corycaeidae:** three adults of *Ditrichocorycaeus anglicus* which, like other members of the family, have two large anterior eyes.   Figure 6a, female carrying eggs.

Family **Oithonidae:** two female adults, both carrying eggs, of *Oithona davisae*.   In the individual shown here (Figure 6b), developing embryos with red eye spots can be seen inside the egg shells.

Unidentified cyclopoids: Figure 6c: Unidentified cyclopoid adult. Figure 6d: Unidentified cyclopoid, adult female with eggs. Figure 6e: Tiny copepod on seaweed.

Family **Clausidiidae**: Figure 6f: *Clausidium californiense* adult.
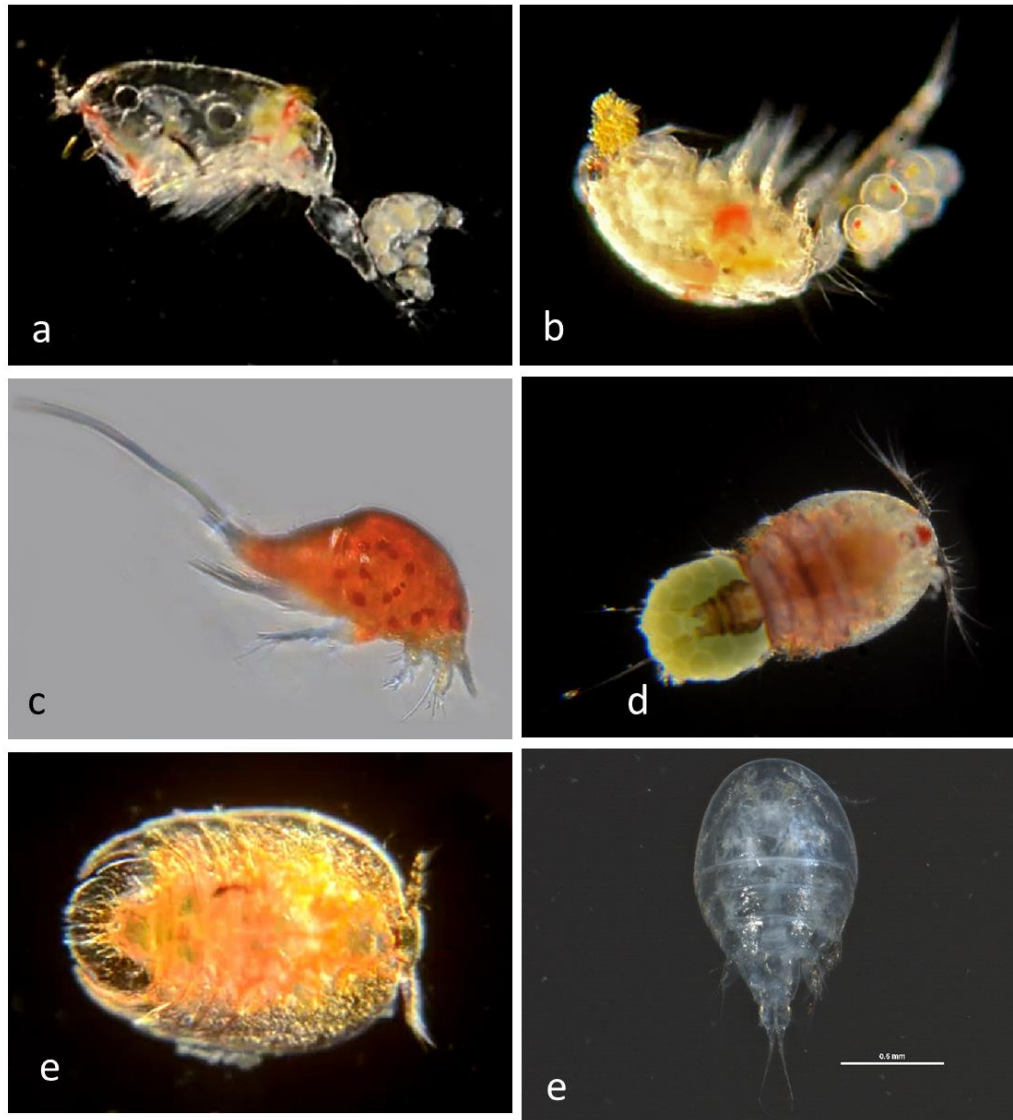
Figure 6: Order Cyclopoida; a, Family Corycaeidae. *Ditrichocorycaeus anglicus* (BIN ACM3619; n=2). Adult female with eggs CCDB 24622 D07 from Newport Harbor entrance. b, Family Oithonidae: *Oithona davisae* (BIN ACK8948; n=2) Adult with eggs BIOUG01218 B04 off Back Bay Science Center dock. c,d,e: Unidentified cyclopoids. c, Unidentified Cyclopoid (No BIN) Adult BIOUG01212-D10 off Newport Aquatic Center. d, Unidentified Cyclopoid (BIN ACK9144; n=4). Adult female with eggs BIOUG19282-E06 off Lido at Genoa. e, Tiny copepod on seaweed   (BIN ADM 7440; n=2) CCDB 24625 H11 from Balboa at Coral.   f, Family Clausidiidae, *Clausidium californiense* (BIN ACM3285; n=2). Adult BIOUG01212-B02 Balboa Pavilion

Family **Cyclopidae** provided many examples of unidentified species, as follows: Figure 7a, Adult. Figure 7b, unidentified female carrying embryos. Figure 7c, Adult. Figure 7d, Adult. Figure 7e, Adult. Figure 7f, Adult female with eggs.
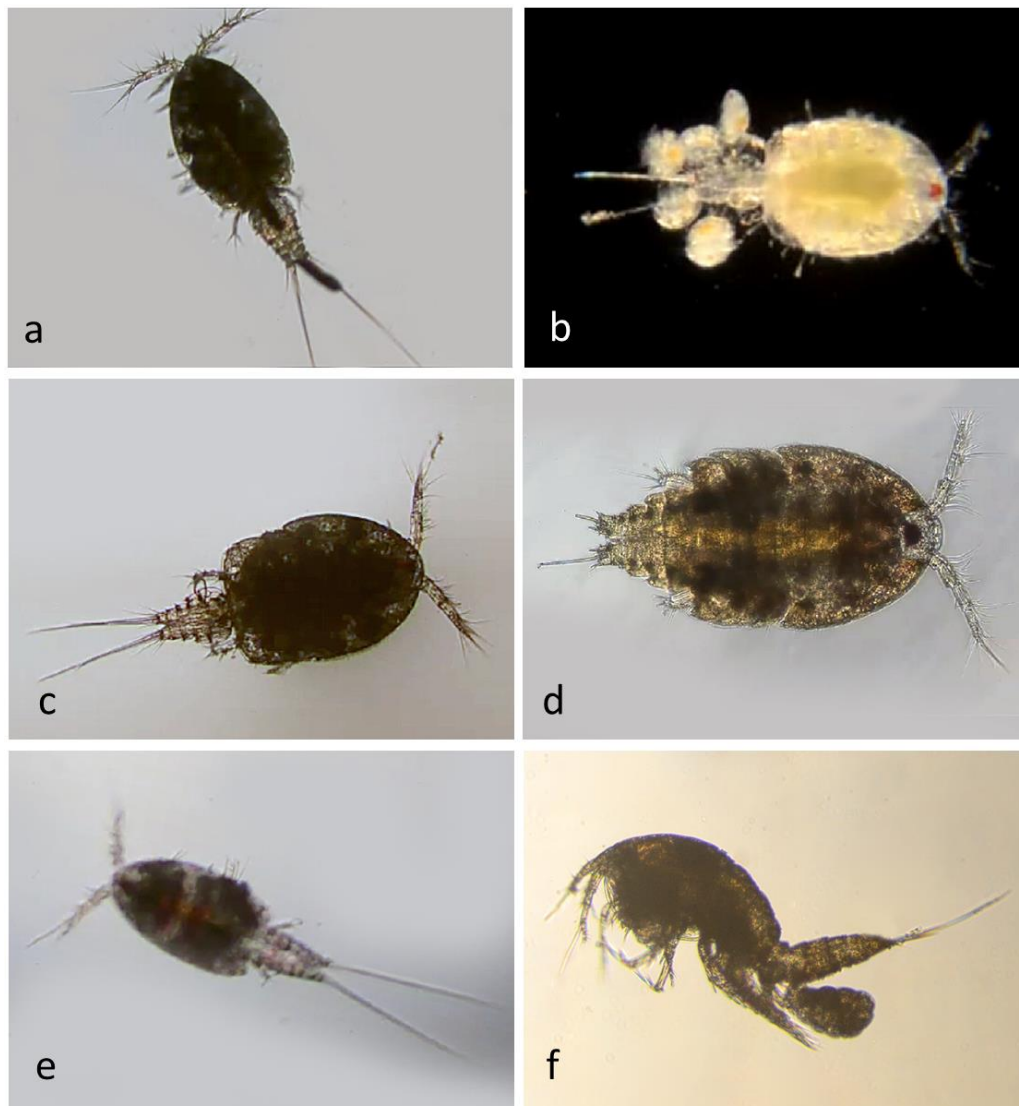
Figure 7: Family Cyclopidae. a, Unidentified Cyclopoid (no BIN) Adult BIOUG01212-C09.   Off Newport Aquatic Center, Upper Newport Bay. b, Unidentified Cyclopoid (BIN ADV1497; n=1). Female carrying embryos CCDB 24622 E09. From Shaw's Cove, Laguna Beach. c, Unidentified Cyclopoid (BIN ACM3629; n=1). Adult BIOUG01212-C02. From Divers Cove, Laguna Beach. d, Unidentified Cyclopoid (BIN ACM 3224; n=1). Adult BIOUG01212-C03. From Divers Cove, Laguna Beach. e, Unidentified cyclopoid (BIN ACK9554; n=1) Adult BIOUG01207-C11. From Balboa at Coral. f, Unidentified cyclopoid (BIN ACN1320; n=1). Female with eggs BIOUG01218 C05. From Balboa at Coral.

Order Harpacticoida.   Most of these copepods are benthic, but some are planktonic so show up in our net samples.

Family **Ectinosomatidae**. *Microsetella rosea*, female with eggs (Figure 8a).

Family **Thalestridae**. *Eudactylopus spectabilis*, female with eggs (Figure 8b). *Eudactylopus spectabilis*, adult (Figure 8c). There are two other BINs identified as *Eudactylopus spectabilis* (Figure 8d) ACN1431 (n=2) and ACY 7593, (n=1).

Family **Cletodidae**. *Cletocamptus deitersi*, adult from Salton Sea harbor (Figure 8e).

Family **unknown**. Unidentified adult (Figure 8f).
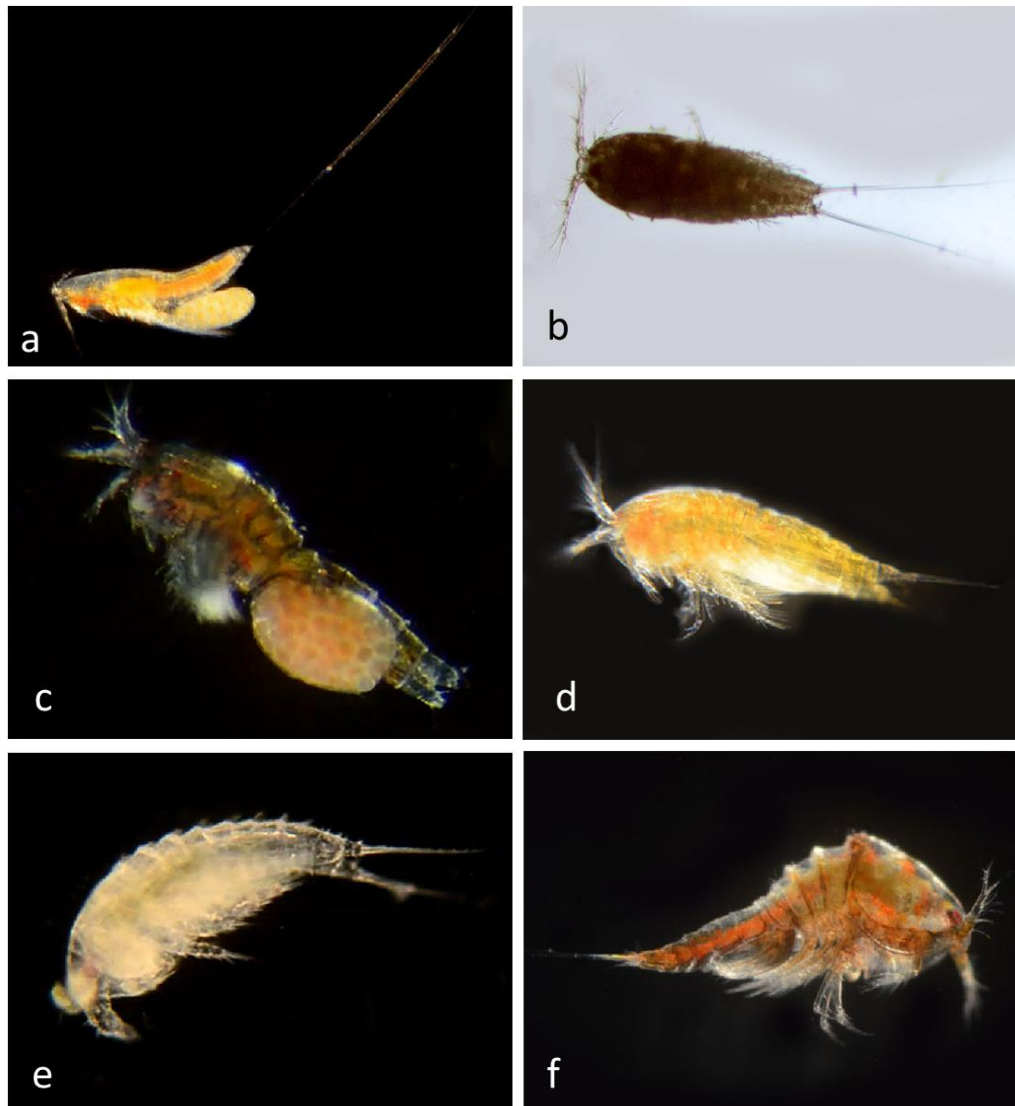
Figure 8: Order Harpacticoida.   a, Family Ectinosomatidae. *Microsetella rosea* female with eggs. CCDB-32335 C12 from Newport Harbor entrance. **b. Family Harpacticidae.** *Harpacticella sp.* (97% match to *Harpacticella jejuensis*). **c, Family Thalestridae.** *Eudactylopus spectabilis* (BIN ACY8408; n=2). Female with eggs BIOUG01218 B11 from Lido at Genoa. **d,** *Eudactylopus spectabilis* (BIN ACY8408; n=2). Adult BIOUG19282-F07 from Crew Dock, Upper Newport Bay. **e, Family Cletodidae.** *Cletocamptus deitersi* (BIN AAE2495; n=1). Adult BIOUG19282-C02 from Salton Sea harbor. **f, Family unknown.** Unidentified (BIN ADV3892; n=1). Adult CCDB 24622 G04 from Newport Harbor entrance.

Family **unknown**. Unidentified adult (Figure 9a). Unidentified adult (Figure 9b). Unidentified adult (Figure 9c) appears to have two large anterior lenses, like *Ditrichocorycaeus anglicus* and other

members of the Family Corycaeidae (see Figure 6a). Unidentified adult (Figure 9d). Unidentified female with eggs (Figure 9e). Unidentified adult (Figure 9f).
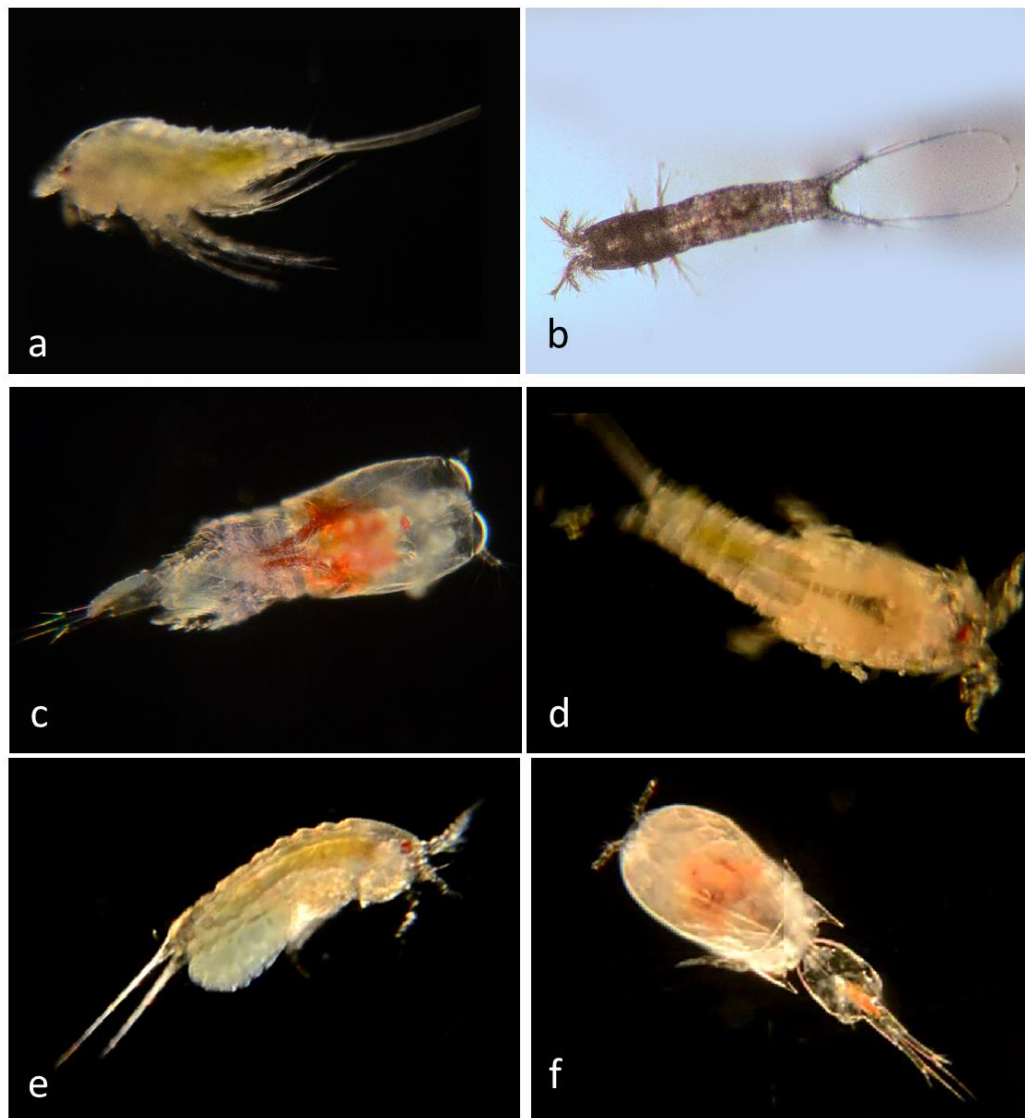
Figure 9: Order Harpacticoida, Family unknown. a, Unidentified (BIN ACM3540; n=1). Adult BIOUG01212-H04 from Delhi channel, Upper Newport Bay. b, Unidentified (BIN ACM3541; n=1). Adult BIOUG01212-H01 off Newport Aquatic Center. c, Unidentified (BIN ACM3838; n=1) from Lido at Genoa.   Appears to have two large anterior lenses, like *Ditrichocorycaeus anglicus* and other members of the Family Corycaeidae (see Figure 6a). Adult BIOUG01212-E02 from Lido at Genoa. d, Unidentified (BIN ACN1432; n=2). Adult BIOUG01218 A11 from Lido at Genoa. e, Unidentified (BIN ACN1432; n=2). Female with eggs BIOUG01218 G01 from Lido at Genoa. f, Unidentified (BIN ADM7045; n=1). Adult CCDB 24625 E11 at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California.

Order Siphonostomatoida.   This order contains about 75% of the copepods that parasitize fishes. They possess siphon-like mandibles and a frontal filament that allows attachment to their hosts.

Family **Caligidae**. *Caligus olsoni*, parasitic on fish (Figure 10a).

Family unknown. Unknown species, parasitic on fish (Figure 10b).
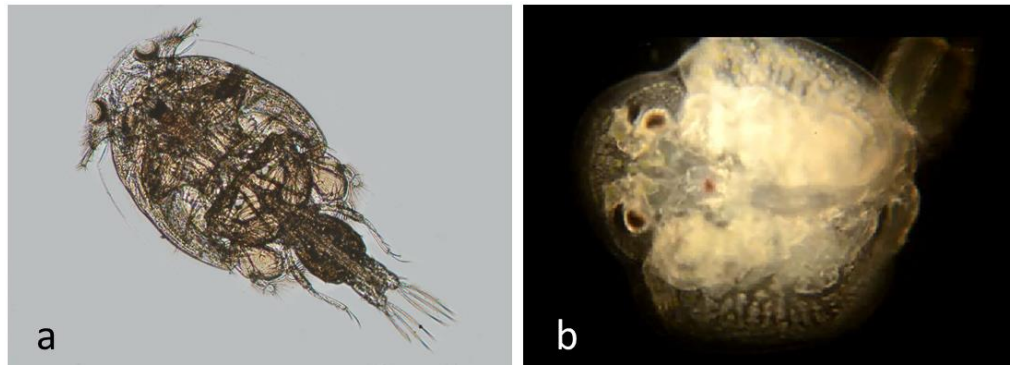
Figure 10: Order Siphonostomatoida. a, Family Caligidae. *Caligus olsoni* (BIN ACN1884; n=2). BIOUG01218 E05. Off Newport Aquatic Center, Upper Newport Bay. Parasitic on fish. b, Family unknown. Siphonostomatoida (BIN ACY8682; n=1) BIOUG19282-D03 (Dorsal). From Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach. Parasitic on fish.

Class Thecostraca

Order Sessilia [12] Acorn barnacles.

Family **Balanidae**. Ivory barnacle, *Amphibalanus eburneus*, nauplius larva (Figure 11a). Native to the Western Atlantic, invasive to many other places. First population discovered in the US in 2000 [13], [14], in the Colorado Lagoon, Long Beach, California. *Amphibalanus amphitrite* nauplius larva (Figure 11b); *Megabalanus rosa*, cypris larva (Figure 11c); *Megabalanus rosa*, adult from Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History (Figure 11d); *Paraconcavus pacificus*, adults found on the back of a crab brought in by fishermen (Figures 11e,f)
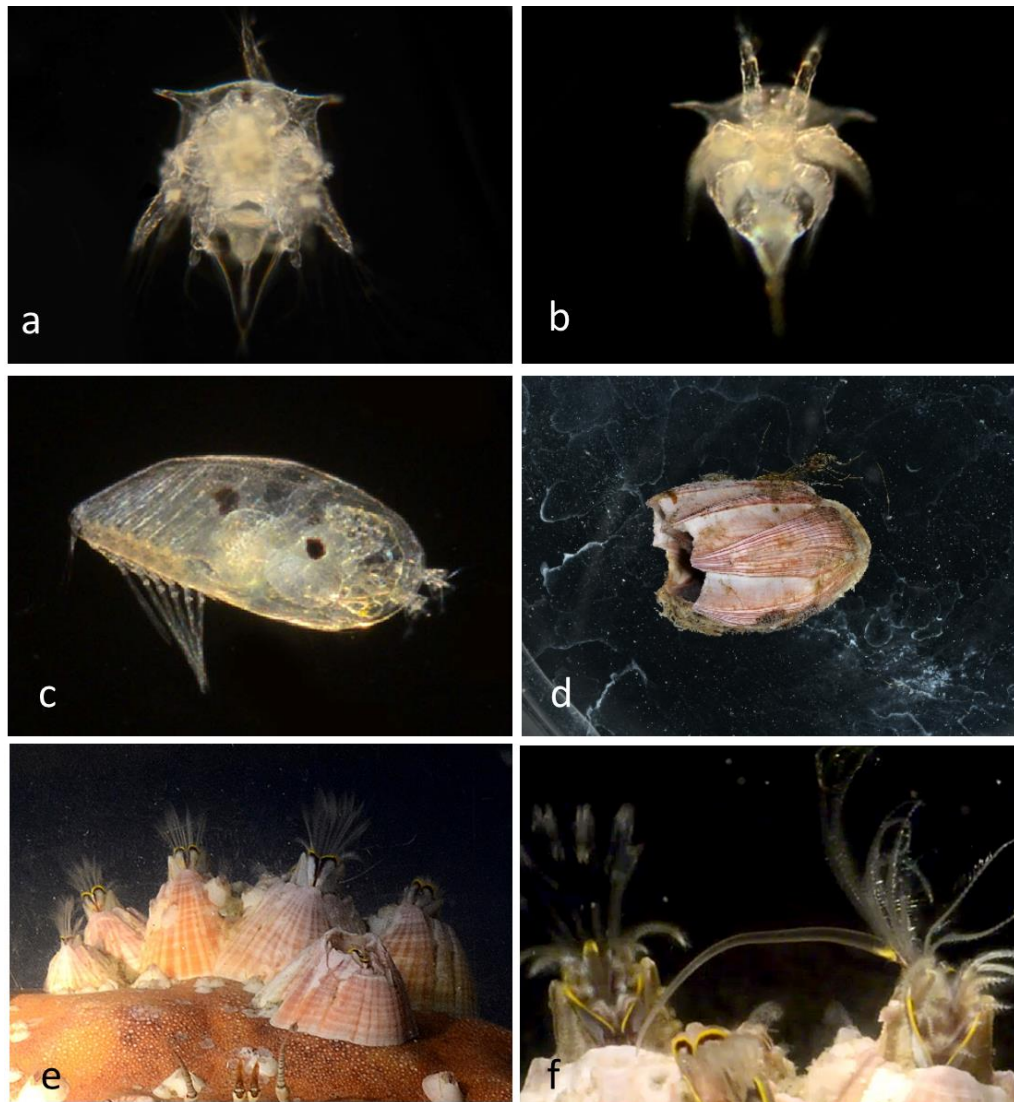
Figure 11. Class Maxillopoda; Subclass Thecostraca; Infraclass Cirripedia; Order Sessilia; Family Balanidae: a, *Amphibalanus eburneus* (BIN ACD3190; n=4) BIOUG01212-A07 nauplius larva from Delhi Channel, Upper Newport Bay; b, *Amphibalanus amphitrite* (BIN AAO4493; n=1 nauplius larva from Lido Island at Genoa, 2 adults from the Salton Sea) BIOUG01226-C07 nauplius. c, *Megabalanus rosa*, cypris larva CCDB-31777 G12 at Newport Harbor entrance. d, *Megabalanus rosa*, adult (BIN ADK0326 from Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History). e,f, *Paraconcavus pacificus*, (No DNA sequence) living on a red crab brought in by fishermen at Newport Pier, Newport Beach, Orange County, CA. 10-26-2013. e, Adults feeding; f, Adults mating.

Class Ostracoda [15]

All but two of our samples for which we obtained DNA sequence are members of the order Podocopida (Figure 12).
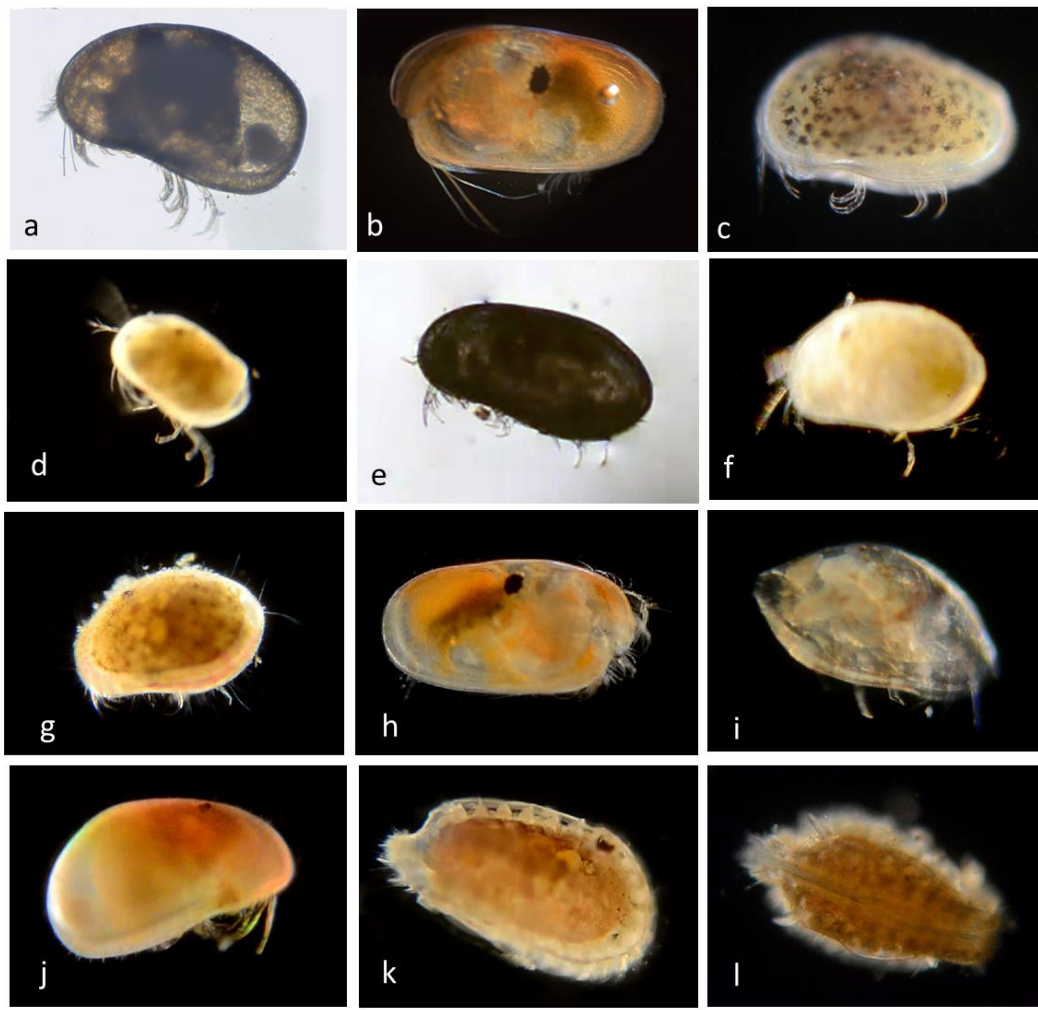
Figure 12. Class Ostracoda. a, Podocopida (BIN ACV5505; n=1) BIOUG01212-E01 from Upper Newport Bay. b, BIN (BIN ACY8039; n=1) BIOUG19282-F05 from Crew Dock, Upper Newport Bay. c, Podocopida (BIN ACV4889; n=1) BIOUG01212-A06 from Delhi Channel, Upper Newport Bay. d, Podocopida (BIN ACU2544; n=1) BIOUG01226-H04 from Catalina Island harbor. e, Podocopida (BIN ACK9323; n=2) BIOUG01207-D03 from Balboa Island at Coral Street. f, (n=2) CCDB-32335 A08 from Balboa Island at Coral Street. g, (n=1) CCDB-25430 B07 from Crew Dock, Back Bay Science Center. h, (n=1) CCDB-24003 C07 from Balboa Island at Coral Street. i, (n=1) CCDB-32335 H02 from Balboa Island at Coral Street. j, (n=1) CCDB-31779 C11 from Shaw's Cove, Laguna Beach. k, Podocopida (BIN ACN1418; n=3) BIOUG19282-A05 from Balboa Island at Crystal Street. l, Podocopida (BIN ACN1418; n=3) BIOUG01218 D09 from Balboa Island at Coral Street.

Class Malacostraca [16]

The largest of the six classes of crustacea, containing about 40,000 living species divided among 16 orders including crabs, lobsters, crayfish, shrimp, krill, woodlice, amphipods, mantis shrimp and many other less familiar animals.

Order Amphipoda. Only two of the amphipods described here can be identified to species, but we have identified a total of 23 forms that are distinguishable by DNA barcode (Figure 13).

Figure 13. Class Amphipoda. a-e, Family Ampeliscidae. a, *Ampelisca agassizi* (BIN ACH03884; n=1) BIOUG01218 F08 from off Dana Point. **b, Family Ampeliscidae** (BIN ADP8184; n=3) CCDB-31777 E04 from Laguna Beach. **c, Family Ampeliscidae** (BIN ACN1096; n=3) BIOUG19282-H09 from Balboa Island at Coral. **d, Family Ampeliscidae** (no BIN) CCDB-32335 E07 from Back Bay Science Center dock. **e, Family Ampeliscidae** (BIN ACM3513; n=1) BIOUG01212 D04 from off Dana Point. **f, Family Corophiidae.** *Laticorophium baconi* (BIN AAH4089, n=4) BIOUG19287 G05 from Balboa at Coral. **g, Family Ischyroceridae** (BIN ACK9657; n=4) CCDB-31777 G08 from Balboa at Coral. **h,** (BIN ACN0148; n=1)   BIOUG01218 D02 from Lido at Genoa, Newport Harbor. **i,** (BIN ACU0862; n=2)   BIOUG01226 H10 from Newport Pier. **j,** (BIN ACK9023; n=2) BIOUG01207-F08 from Harbor Patrol Dock, Newport Harbor. **k,** (BIN ACM3353; n=2) BIOUG01212-D06 from Back Bay Science Center Dock. **l,** (BIN ACM3732; n=1) BIOUG01212-D09 from Back Bay Science Center Dock.
Figure 13. Class Amphipoda, cont). m, (BIN ACN0148; n=1) BIOUG01218 D02 from Lido at Genoa. **n,** (BIN ADM8060; n=1) CCDB 24625 F07 from Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California. **o,** (no BIN) CCDB-25430 A12 from Balboa at Coral. **p,** (no BIN) CCDB-24003 F12 from Crew Dock, Upper Newport Bay. **q,** (no BIN) CCDB-24003 F09 from Balboa at Coral. **r,** (no BIN) CCDB-24003 D09 from Balboa at Coral. **s,** (no BIN) CCDB-24003 C06 from Balboa at Coral. **t,** (no BIN) CCDB-24003 C04 from Balboa at Coral. **u,** (no BIN) CCDB-24003 A04 from Balboa at Coral. **v,** (no BIN) BIOUG19287 G07 from Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California. **w,** Family Hyalidae (no BIN) CCDB-31779 H06 from Shaw`s Cove, Laguna Beach.

Family **Caprellidae** (**skeleton shrimps)**. Although these animals are typically found attached to a substrate (usually floating algae) they often detach during capture and so appear in our plankton samples. Our collection (Figure 14) includes representatives of five different unidentified species, according to DNA barcodes.
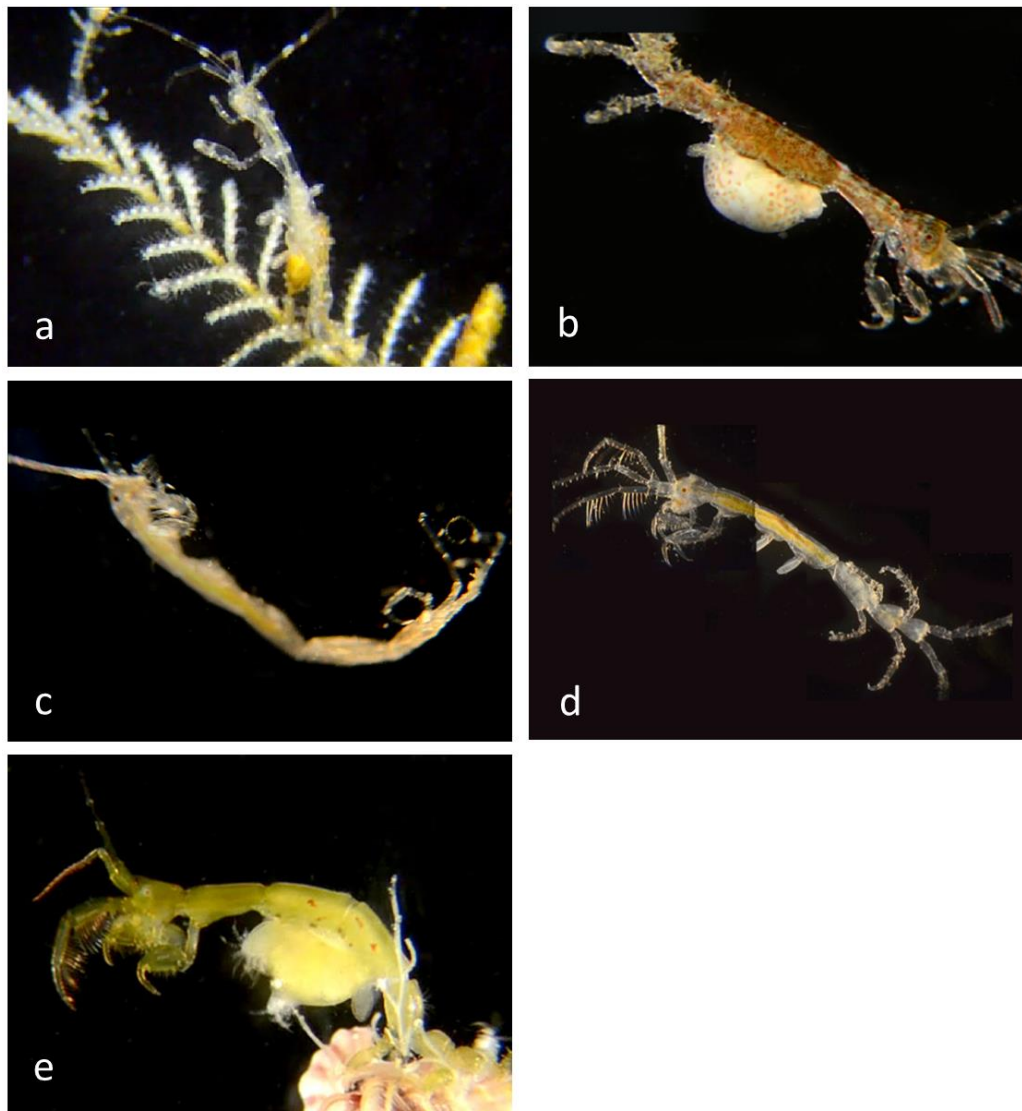
Figure 14. Class Amphipoda; Family Caprellidae. a, Caprellidae (BIN ADM 9209; n=1) CCDB 24625 H07 from Bahia de Los Angeles. b, *Caprella sp.* (BIN ACN0028; n=1) BIOUG01218 G12 from Balboa at Coral. c, *Caprella sp.* (BIN ACK9550; n=6) BIOUG01218 D01 from Lido at Genoa. d, *Caprella sp.* (BIN ACN0029; n=2) BIOUG19282-H08 from Balboa at Coral. e, *Caprella sp.* (BIN ACU1090; n=5) BIOUG01226-H02 from Catalina Island (but another from Long Beach)

Order Cumacea.[17] Our collection includes four different unidentified species, according to DNA barcodes (Figure 15).
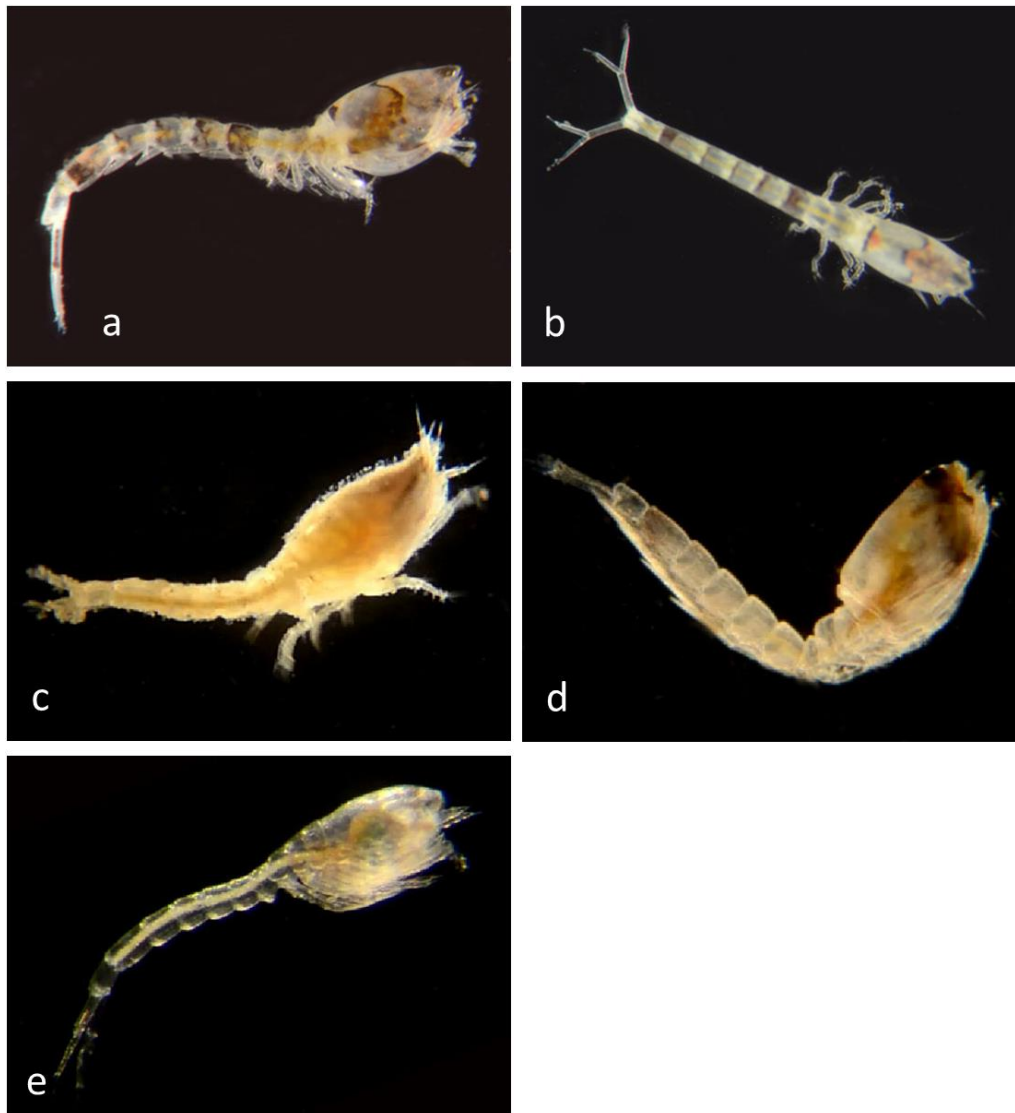
Figure 15. Class Malacostraca; Order Cumacea. a, (BIN ADM7441; n=4) CCDB 24625 G08 from Bahia de Los Angeles. b, (BIN ADM7441; n=4) CCDB 24625 G07 from Bahia de Los Angeles. c, (BIN ACY8449; n=1) BIOUG19282-A06 from Balboa at Crystal. d, (BIN ACU1366; n=1) BIOUG01226-F08 off Newport Pier. e, (BIN ACU1019; n=1) BIOUG01226-A06 off Newport Pier.

Order Decapoda [18]**.**

Many decapods go through early planktonic stages called zoea and megalops. The following families are represented in the collection:

Family Alpheidae: Individuals of two unidentified species were collected in Bahia de Los Angeles (Figure 16a,b).

Family Blepharopodidae: One zoea larva was collected and identified by DNA barcode, and an adult, recognized morphologically, was also collected (Figure 16c,d).

Family Callianassidae: One adult of *Neotrypaea californiensis* that was purchased from a dealer, and a juvenile of a different species, were identified by DNA barcode (Figure 16e,f).

Figure 16: Order Decapoda. a,b, Family Alpheidae. a, (BIN ADM7299; n=1 adult) CCDB 24625 G02 from Bahia de los Angeles. b, (No DNA sequence) BIOUG19287 D07 from Bahia de los Angeles. **c,d, Family Blepharipodidae.** c, *Blepharipoda occidentalis* (BIN AAW7488; n= 3 zoeae) Zoea larva CCDB 24622 C12 from Newport Harbor entrance. d, *Blepharipoda occidentalis* (No DNA sequence) from Crystal Cove State Park, Orange County, CA. **e,f, Family Callianassidae**. e, *Neotrypaea californiensis* (BIN ACA5392; n=1) BIOUG01212-C10 Purchased from Big Fish, Seal Beach, who purchased it from Washington State. f, Callianassidae (BIN ADT1830; n=1) CCDB 24622 F12 from Balboa at Coral.

Family Epialtidae: Two zoea larvae and one adult of the Sheep Crab *Loxorhynchus grandis* were matched by DNA barcoding (Figure 17). Surprisingly, some Mysid shrimp (Figure 17e,f) also gave a DNA barcode corresponding to *Loxorhynchus grandis*.   We have to assume that this reflects gut contents, rather than body tissue of these specimens.
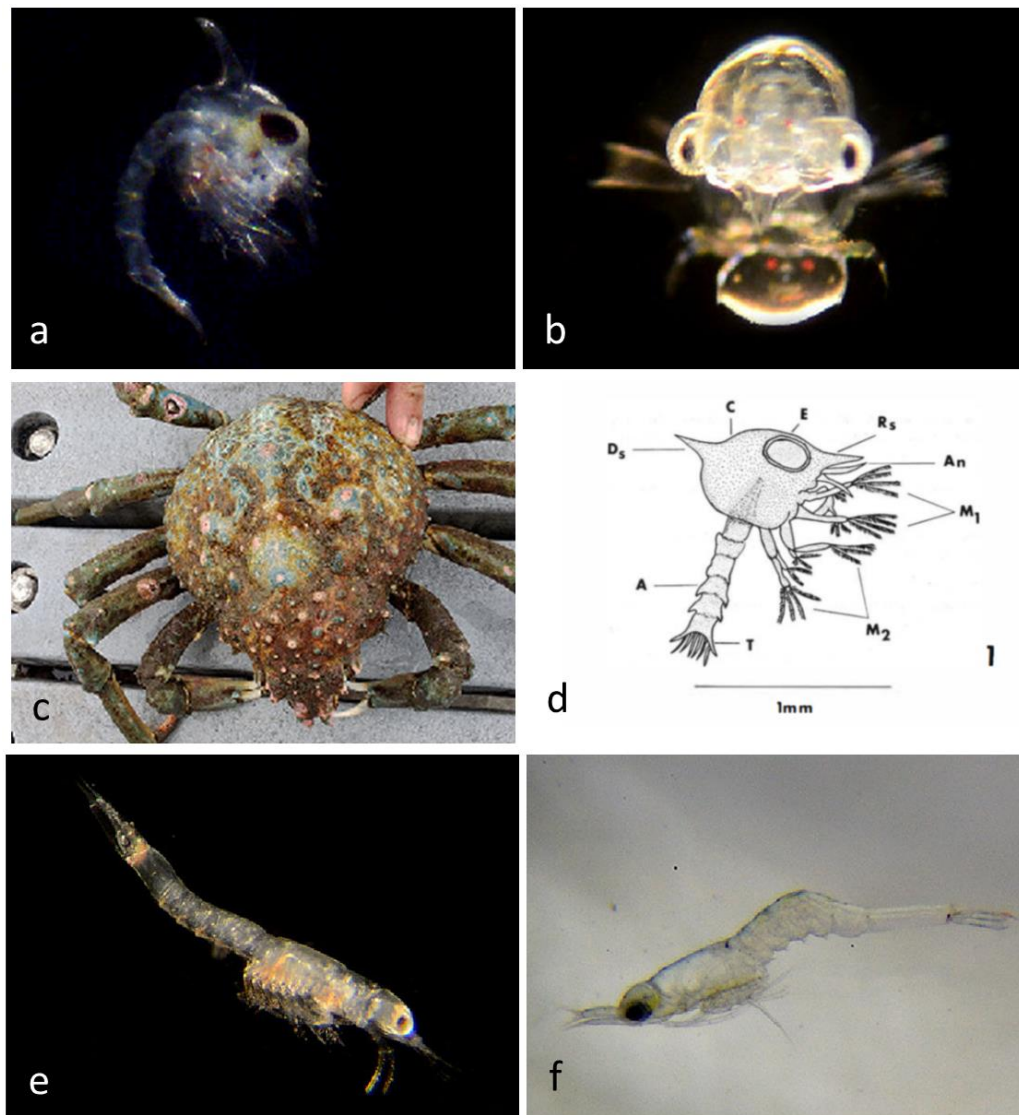
Figure 17. Order Decapoda; Family Epialtidae. *Loxorhynchus grandis* (Sheep Crab) BIN AAX6597 (n= 2 zoeae, 1 adult). a, Zoea BIOUG19287 G04 from Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California. b, Zoea BIOUG19287 G12 from Ocean off Newport Beach. c, Adult BIOUG19287 D02 off Balboa Pier, Newport Beach. d, Nomenclature of zoea appendages. e, Mysid shrimp BIOUG19287 A02 from Newport Harbor entrance giving DNA barcode in BIN AAX6597. f, Mysid shrimp BIOUG19287 H07 from offshore Orange County, CA. giving DNA barcode in BIN AAX6597.

Also in this family, one zoea larva of *Pelia tumida* (Dwarf Teardrop Crab) was matched by DNA barcoding to an adult with a published DNA barcode from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (Figure 18 a,b). One zoea larva and one adult of *Pugettia dalli* (Spined Kelp Crab) were matched by DNA barcode (Figure 18c,d), and one adult of *Eriphia granulosa* from Bahia de Los Angeles (Figure 18e) was barcoded.
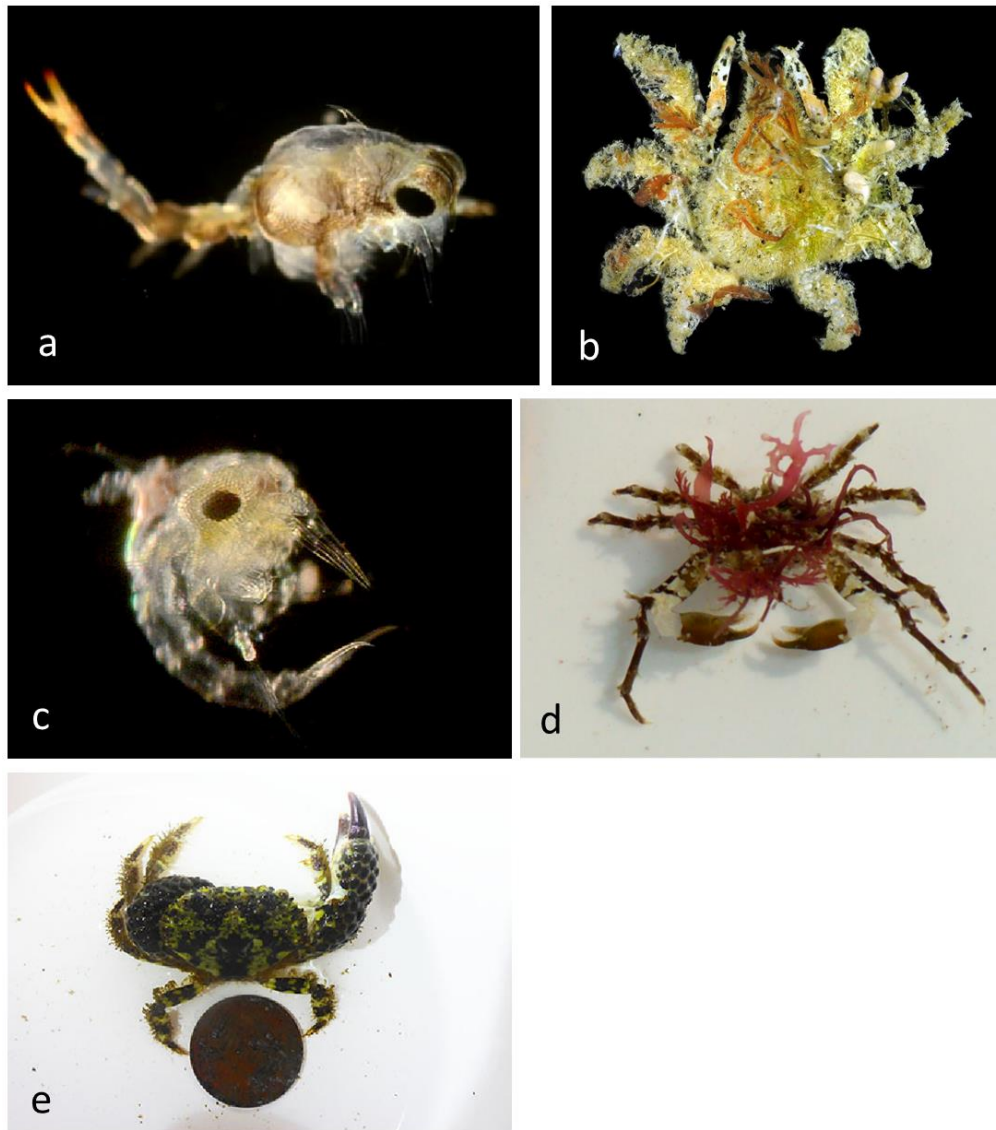
Figure 18. Order Decapoda: a-d Family Epialtidae. a,b,   *Pelia tumida* (BIN ADP0347; n=1 zoea) (Dwarf Teardrop Crab). a, Zoea larva CCDB 24622 D08. Newport Beach Harbor Entrance. b, Adult. Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. c,d, *Pugettia dalli* (BIN AAX7214; n=1) (Spined Kelp Crab). c, Zoea CCDB-32335 C05. Newport Beach, Balboa at Coral. d, Adult. Little Treasure Cove, Crystal Cove State Park. e, **Family Eriphiidae.** *Eriphia granulosa* (BIN ACH8870; n=1) Adult BIOUG19287 D10 at Bahia de Los Angeles.

Family Cancridae: Zoea and megalops larvae of the Yellow Rock Crab *Metacarcinus anthonyi* were matched by DNA barcode and an adult image from Wikipedia is included in Figure 19.
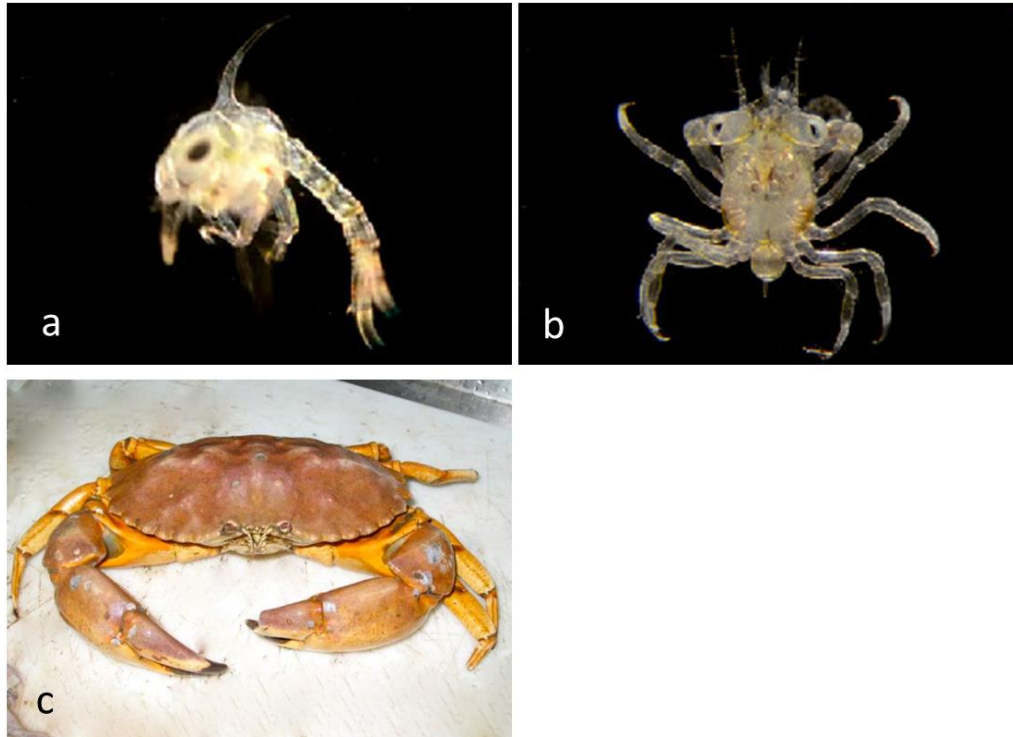
Figure 19. Order Decapoda: Family Cancridae: *Metacarcinus anthonyi* (BIN AAX3827; n=1 zoea, 2 megalops) (Yellow Rock Crab). a, Zoea CCDB 24622 D11 from Newport Harbor entrance. b, Megalops CCDB-19281 F11 from Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach. c, Adult (Wikipedia).

Also in this family, a megalops larva of the Graceful Rock Crab *Metacarcinus gracilis* was identified by DNA barcode and is shown with an image of the adult in Figure 20.
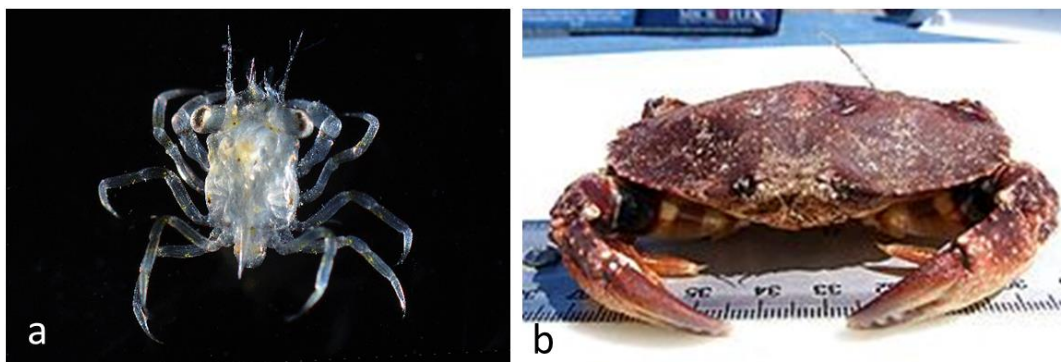
Figure 20. Order Decapoda: Family Cancridae: *Metacarcinus gracilis* (BIN AAX3830; n=1 megalops) Graceful Rock Crab. a, BIOUG01218 D05 Megalops from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. b, adult.

Family Grapsidae: The Lined Shore Crab *Pachygrapsus crassipes* is one of the commonest intertidal decapods in our area. Zoea, megalops, and adult stages matched by DNA barcoding (Figure 21)
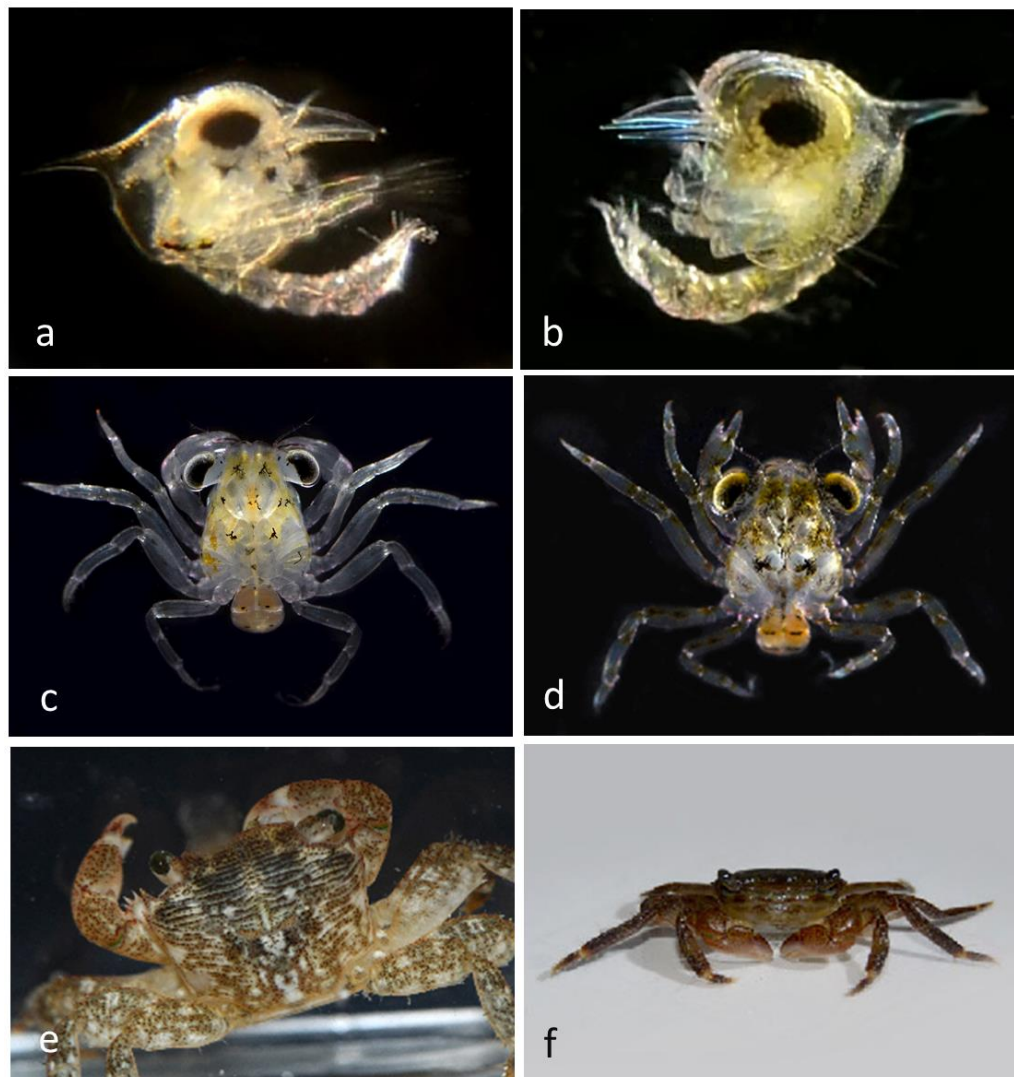
Figure 21. Order Decapoda: Family Grapsidae: *Pachygrapsus crassipes* (BIN ACI1743; n= 6 adults; 12 megalops, 12 zoeae) Lined Shore Crab. a, Zoea BIOUG19282-G04 off Newport Aquatic Center. b, Zoea CCDB 24625 A01 from Newport Beach harbor. c, Megalops BIOUG01207-E08 off Newport Aquatic Center. d, Megalops BIOUG01207-E10 off Newport Aquatic Center. E, Adult. f,   Adult BIOUG01218 C11 off Back Bay Science Center dock.

Family Hippidae: Although we have not found larval stages, we have obtained the DNA barcode of the common intertidal sand crab *Emerita analoga* and include an image of it in Figure 22.

Figure 22. Order Decapoda: Family Hippidae. *Emerita analoga* (BIN ACB4151; n=1) BIOUG01207-F04 Adult at Laguna Main Beach (No larvae found)

Family Hippolytidae: Two individuals of *Hippolyte clarki* (Figure 23 a,b) and one of *Lysmata californica* (Figure 23c) identified by DNA barcoding.

Figure 23. Order Decapoda: Family Hippolytidae. a, *Hippolyte clarki* (BIN ACK9507; n=5) BIOUG19282-H05 Ocean off Crystal Cove. b, *Hippolyte clarki*   (ACK9507) BIOUG01207-A08 Ocean off Crystal Cove. c, *Lysmata californica* (BIN ACN0141; n=1) BIOUG01218 D04 Ocean off Dana Point.

Family Muninidae: A larva of *Pleuroncodes planipes* from Newport Harbor entrance matched with an adult from Balboa at Crystal (Figure 24).
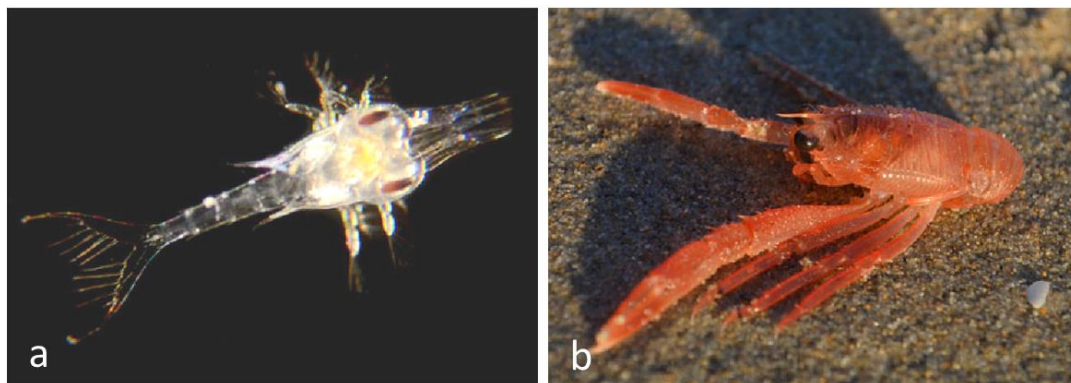
Figure 24. Order Decapoda: Family Muninidae.   *Pleuroncodes planipes* (BIN ACY 8753; n=1). a, Larva CCDB-31779 G07 from Newport Harbor Entrance. b, Adult BIOUG19282-A01 from Balboa at Crystal.

Family Ocypodidae: A juvenile of *Leptuca crenulata* (Crenulated Fiddler Crab) at Shellmaker Island matched with an adult from Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California (Figure 25).
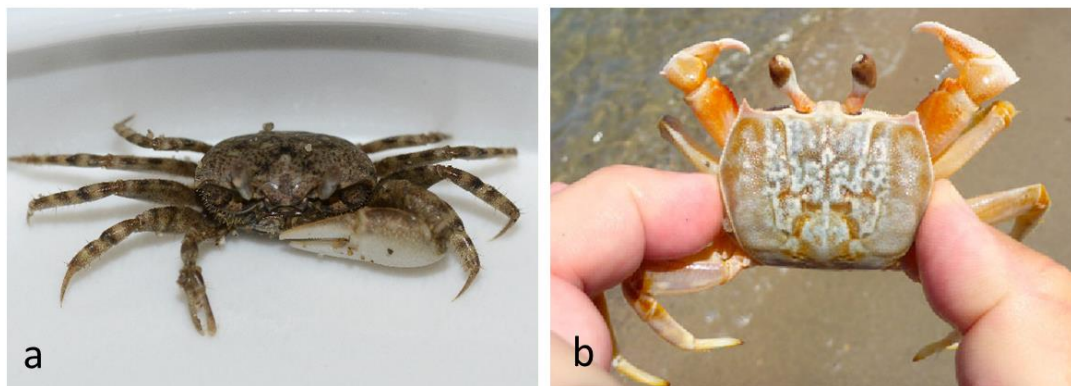
Figure 25. Order Decapoda: Family Ocypodidae.   *Leptuca crenulata* (BIN ACK 9146; n=3) Crenulated Fiddler Crab. a, Juvenile BIOUG01207-H07 at Shellmaker Island. b, Adult CCDB 24625 E05 at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California.

Ocypode occidentalis (Gulf Ghost Crab) at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California was identified by DNA barcode and morphology (Figure 26).
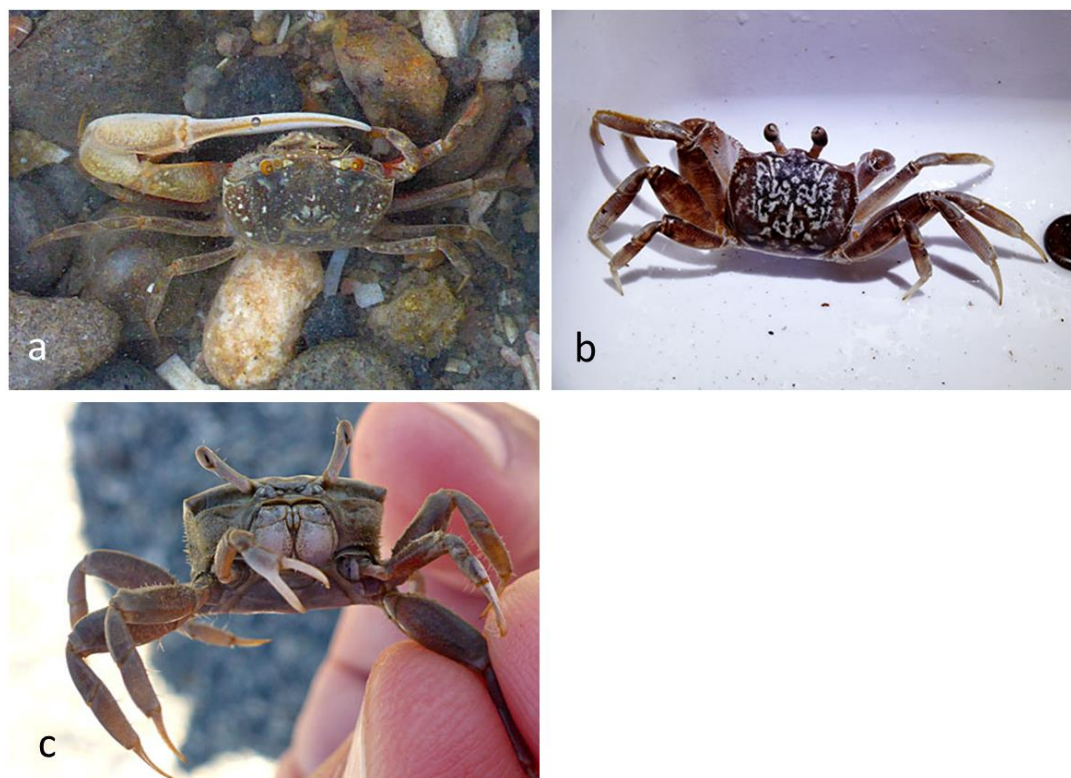
Figure 26. Order Decapoda: Family Ocypodidae. *Ocypode occidentalis* (BIN ADK6959; n=2) Gulf Ghost Crab at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California. a, CCDB 24625 E03. b, BIOUG19287 D12 (not barcoded). c, CCDB 24625 E04.

Family Paguridae: *Pagurus samuelis* adult from Crystal Cove State Park and *Pagurus longicarpus* larva from Balboa at Coral identified by DNA barcoding (Figure 27). *Pagurus longicarpus* (BIN

ADQ3898) is reported from "along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States and the Atlantic coast of Canada." but specimens of the adults with this barcode have already been collected locally and deposited at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.
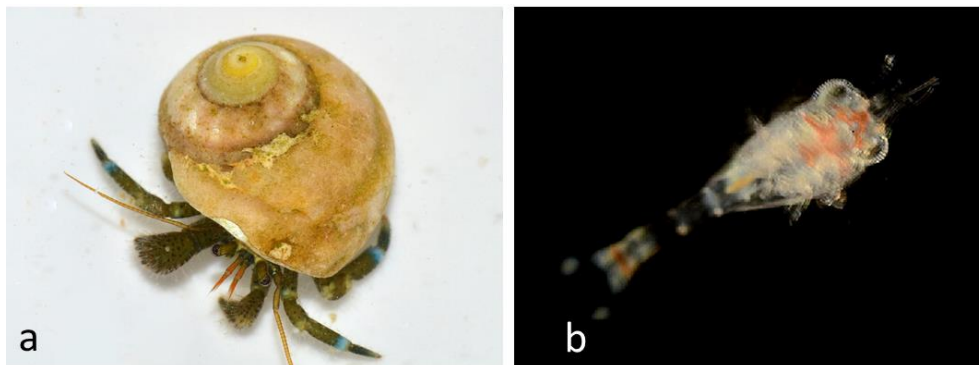
Figure 27. Order Decapoda: Family Paguridae. a, *Pagurus samuelis* (BIN ABA9710; n=4) BIOUG01212-E11 from Crystal Cove State Park. b, *Pagurus longicarpus* (no BIN; n=1) larva CCDB-32335 B10 from Balboa at Coral.

Family Palaemonidae: Five unidentified species identified by DNA barcodes (Figure 28).
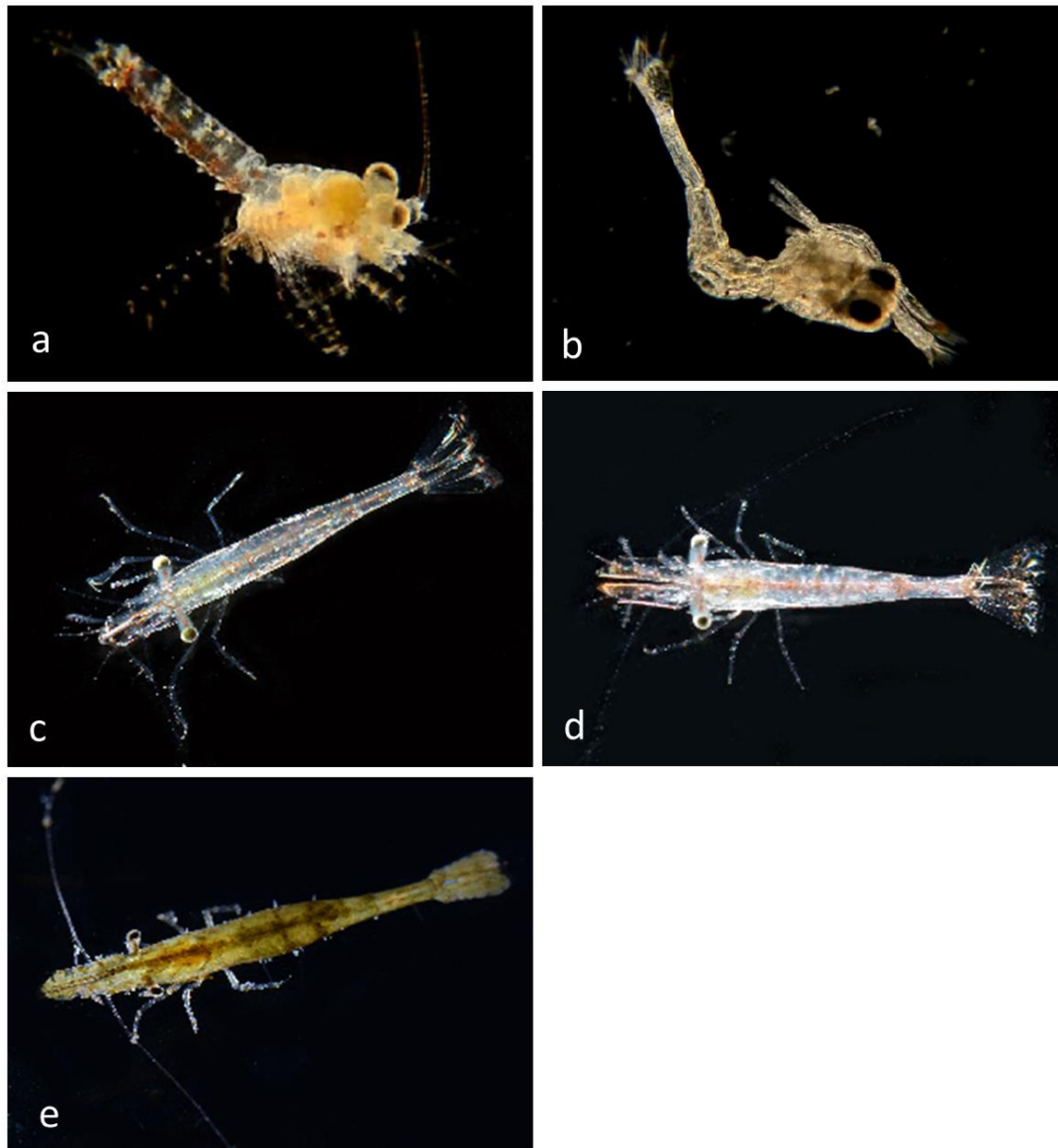
Figure 28. Order Decapoda: Family Palaemonidae. a, (BIN ACN0140; n=6) BIOUG01226-G07 from Balboa at Coral. b, (BIN ACK9157; n=1) BIOUG01207-G05 off Newport Aquatic Center. c, (BIN ACK9412; n=15) BIOUG01218 H04 from Balboa at Coral. d, (BIN ACK9412; n=15) BIOUG01218 H05 from Balboa at Coral. e, (BIN ACK9412; n=15) BIOUG01218 A06 from Lido at Genoa.

Family Panopeidae: *Lophopanopeus sp.* zoea larvae (Figure 29 a,b) matched with the adult (Figure 29c,d).   *Eurytium affine* adults at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California and unidentified zoea from offshore at Newport Beach, CA. barcoded (Figure 29 e-f).
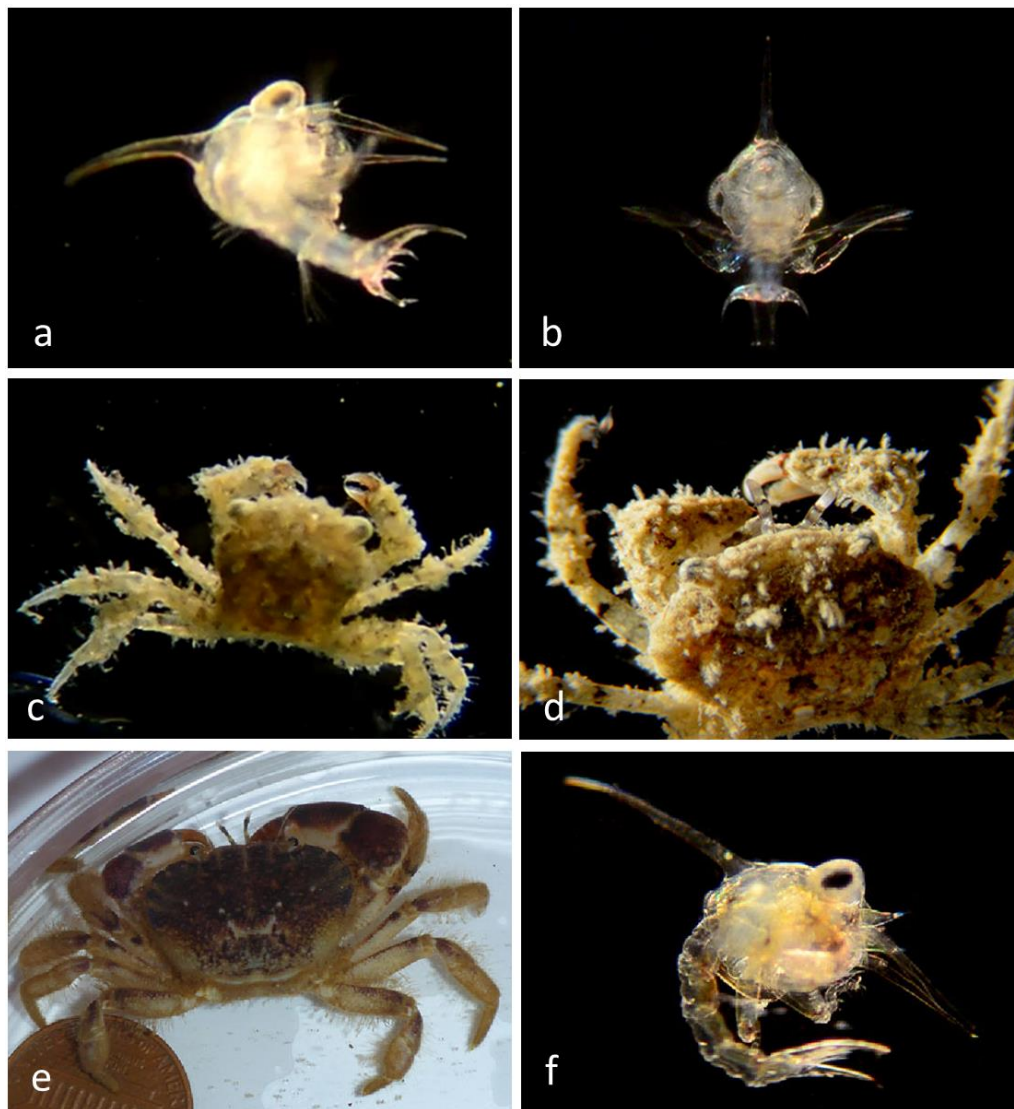
Figure 29. Order Decapoda: Family Panopeidae: a-d. *Lophopanopeus sp.* (BIN ACK9404; n=2 zoeae plus 3 adults) a, Zoea BIOUG01226-H09 off Newport Aquatic Center. b, Zoea CCDB-32335 G06 from Balboa at Coral. c, Adult BIOUG19282-D07 from Balboa at Coral. d, Adult CCDB-25430 B08 from Balboa at Coral. **e,** *Eurytium affine* (BIN ADM8008; n=2 adults) Adult CCDB 24625 G10 at Estacion del mar, Baja California. **f,** (BIN ACK9405; n=2 zoeae) Zoea BIOUG19287 H02 Offshore from Newport Beach, CA.

Family Penaidae: *Farfantepenaeus californiensis* from Ocean off Crystal Cove (Figure 30).
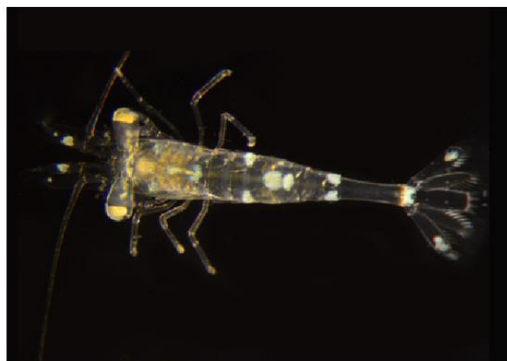
Figure 30. Order Decapoda: Family Penaidae. *Farfantepenaeus californiensis*   (BIN AAF7078; n=1) BIOUG19282-H04 from Ocean off Crystal Cove.

Family Pinnotheridae: Pea crabs *Pinnixa franciscana* and *Pinnixa tubicola* zoea larva (Figure 31).
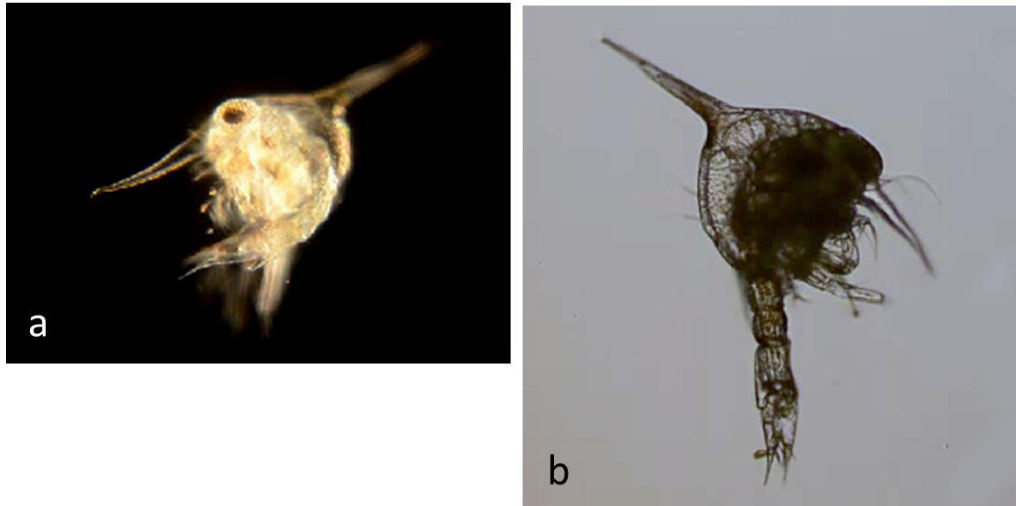
Figure 31. Order Decapoda: Family Pinnotheridae. a, *Pinnixa franciscana* (BIN AAO4832; n=19 zoeae) Zoea larva CCDB-32335 C02 from Balboa at Coral. b, *Pinnixa tubicola* (BIN ACK9533; n=1) Zoea larva BIOUG01207-B11 off Newport Aquatic Center.

Family Porcellanidae: *Petrolisthes cabrilloi* (Cabrillo's Porcelain Crab) zoea and adult, as well as zoea larvae from other members of this family (Figure 32).
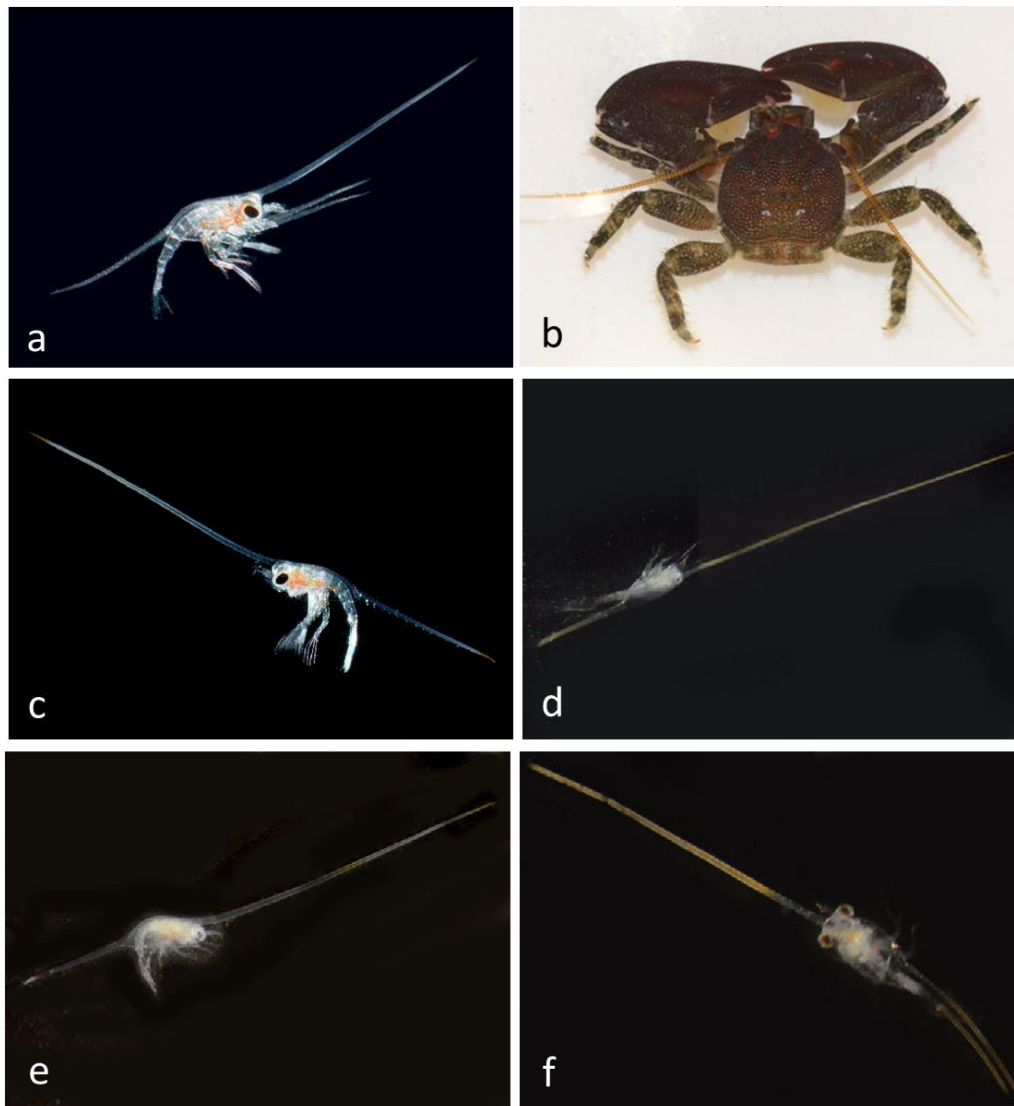
Figure 32. Order Decapoda: Family Porcellanidae: a,b. *Petrolisthes cabrilloi* (BIN ACM3389; n=5 zoeae) (Cabrillo's Porcelain Crab). a, Zoea BIOUG01212-A01 from Ocean off Newport Beach. b, Adult (No BIN) BIOUG19282-B07 from Newport Pier.   **c-f,** Family Porcellanidae, zoea larvae. c, BIOUG01207-A06 (BIN ACK8976; n=1) off Newport Beach, CA. d, CCDB 24625 F03 (BIN ADM9208; n=1) from Baja California. e, CCDB 24625 F02 (BIN ADM9207; n=1) from Baja California. f, CCDB 24625 F04 (BIN ADM9098; n=1) from Baja California

Family Portunidae: *Callinectes arcuatus* (Swimming Crab) adult at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California and *Portunus xantusii* megalops from off Newport Aquatic Center matched with an adult (not sequenced) from Newport Bay (Figure 33).
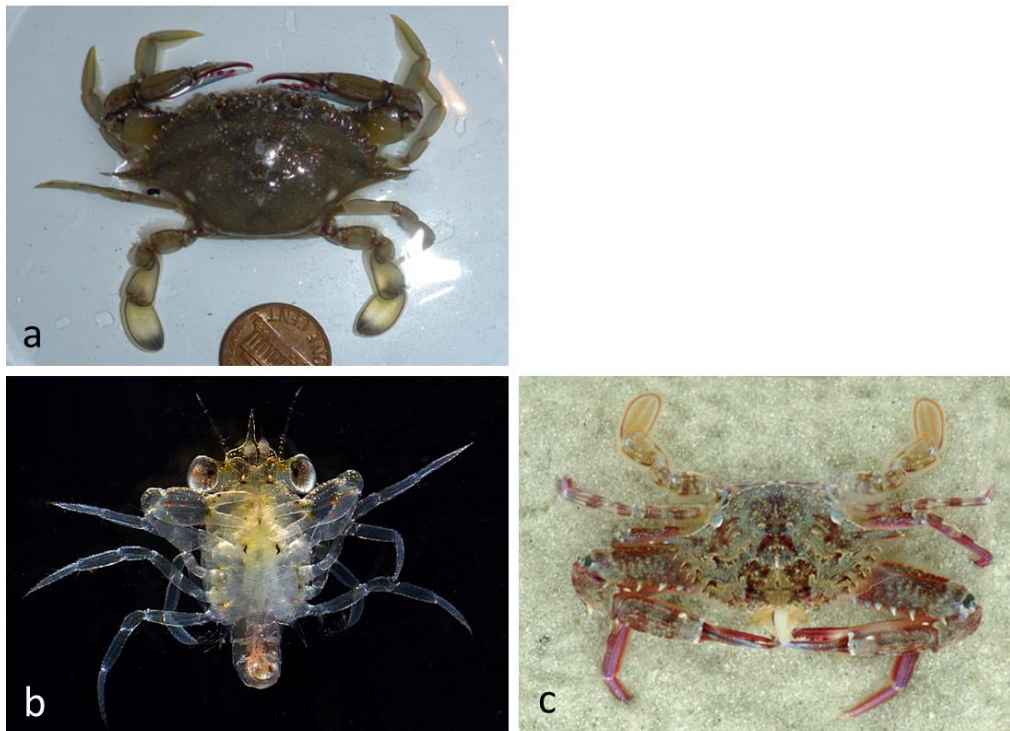
Figure 33. Order Decapoda: Family Portunidae. a, *Callinectes arcuatus* (Swimming Crab) (BIN ACD2590; n=3) at Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California Adult CCDB 24625 H06. b, *Portunus xantusii* (BIN AAY3148; n=1) Megalops BIOUG01207-D08 from off Newport Aquatic Center. c, *Portunus xantusii* (No DNA sequence) adult from Upper Newport Bay, Newport Beach, Orange County, CA. 8/16/08.

Family Thoridae: *Heptacarpus brevirostris* (Broken-back shrimp), one larva and one adult from Balboa at Coral (Figure 34).
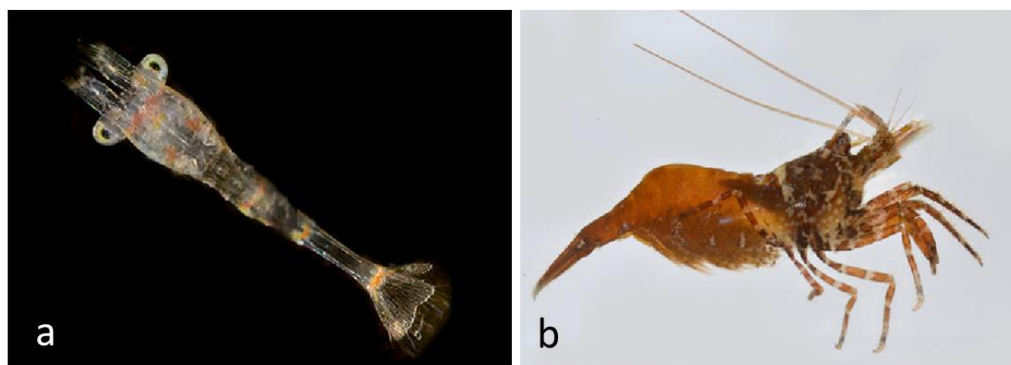
Figure 34. Order Decapoda: Family Thoridae. *Heptacarpus brevirostris* (BIN ACU2262; n=1 larva + I adult). a, CCDB-31777 H01 larva from Balboa at Coral. b, BIOUG01226-D12 adult from Balboa at Coral

Family Varunidae: *Hemigrapsus oregonensis* (Yellow Shore Crab). Zoea and megalops identified by DNA barcode, and adult recognized by morphology (Figure 35).
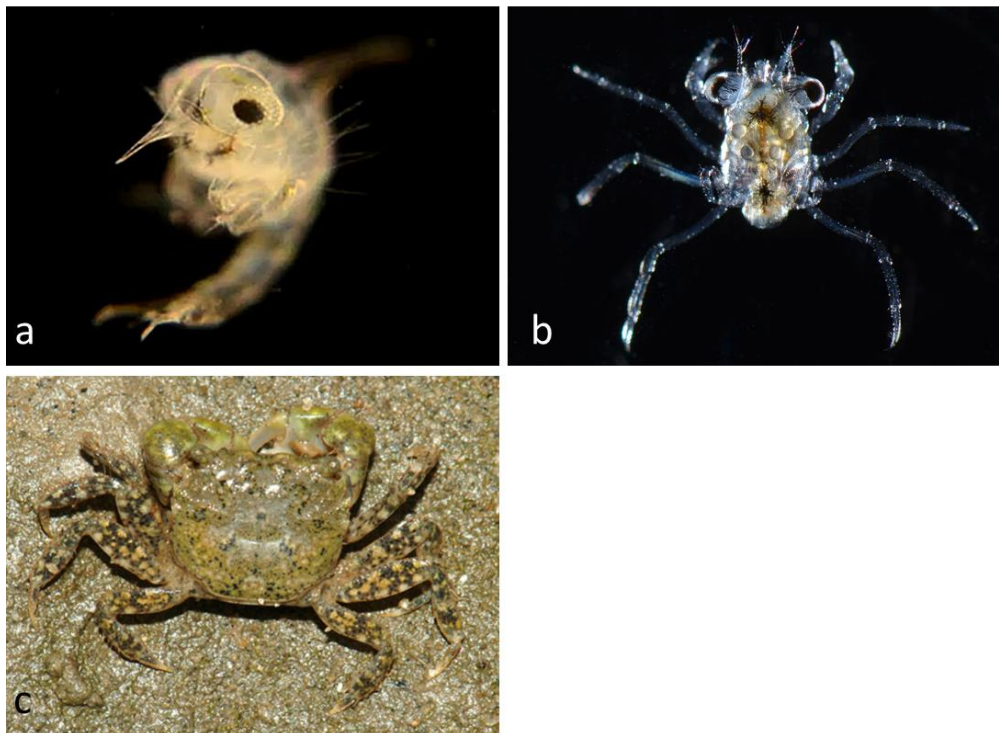
Figure 35. Order Decapoda: Family Varunidae: *Hemigrapsus oregonensis* (BIN AAC2203; n=3 zoeae + 1 megalops) Yellow Shore Crab. a, Zoea BIOUG19282-A03 off Newport Aquatic Center. b, Megalops BIOUG01207-A11 off Newport Aquatic Center. c, Adult (identified by morphology, not DNA sequence). Shellmaker Island, Upper Newport Bay, Newport Beach, Orange County, CA. 5/24/08.

Family Xanthidae: *Paraxanthias taylori* (Bumpy Crab) (Figure 36).

Figure 36. Order Decapoda: Family Xanthidae: *Paraxanthias taylori* (Bumpy Crab). (BIN ACH4757; n=1) CCDB 24622 G02 at Laguna Beach, California

Unidentified Decapods: Nine unidentified species with DNA barcodes (Figure 37).

Figure 37. Unidentified Decapods. a, CCDB 24625 E02 (BIN ADM7365) from Bahia de Los Angeles. b, CCDB 24625 G03 (BIN ADM9051) from Bahia de Los Angeles. c, CCDB-32335 C08 from Balboa at Coral. d, CCDB 24625 F10 (BIN ADM8534) from Bahia de Los Angeles. e, CCDB 24625 H03 (BIN ADM8131) from Bahia de Los Angeles, f, CCDB 24625 G11 (BIN ADM8533) from Bahia de Los Angeles. g, CCDB-25430 A03 from Bahia de Los Angeles. h, CCDB 24625 F11 (BIN ADM7704) from Bahia de Los Angeles. i, CCDB 24625 H01 (BIN ADM7448) from Bahia de Los Angeles.

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<u>Order Euphausiacea</u> [19]

Family Euphausiidae: *Nyctiphanes simplex* adults; *Nematoscelis difficilis* nauplius larva; *Thysanoessa spinifera* adult; *Euphausia pacifica* adults and one nauplius larva (Figure 38).

Figure 38. Order Euphausiacea, Family Euphausiidae. a, *Nyctiphanes simplex* (BIN AAK4259; n=12) BIOUG19282-F12 from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. b, *Nyctiphanes simplex* (BIN AAK4259 ; n=12) BIOUG01226-B05 from off Dana Point. c, *Nyctiphanes simplex* (BIN AAK4259 ; n=12) BIOUG19282-G01 from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. d, *Nematoscelis difficilis* (BIN AAX6036; n=1) Nauplius larva BIOUG01207-C12 from off Crystal Cove State Park. e, *Thysanoessa spinifera* (BIN AI0441; n=1) BIOUG19282-F09 from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. f,g,h: *Euphausia pacifica* (BIN AAJ0072; n= 1 nauplius + 2 adults). f, Adult BIOUG19282-F10 from Pacific Ocean off Dana Point. g, Adult BIOUG19282-C08 from off Dana Point. h, Nauplius larva BIOUG01218 H02 from Delhi Channel, Upper Newport Bay.

Order Isopoda [20]**:**

Family Paranthuridae: *Paranthura sp.*; *Paranthura elegans*; *Ianiropsis epilittoralis*; an unidentified Isopod parasitic on Ghost Shrimp, *Neotrypaea californiensis* (All adults; Figure 39).

Family Cymothoidae: *Nerocila sp.* (Figure 39).
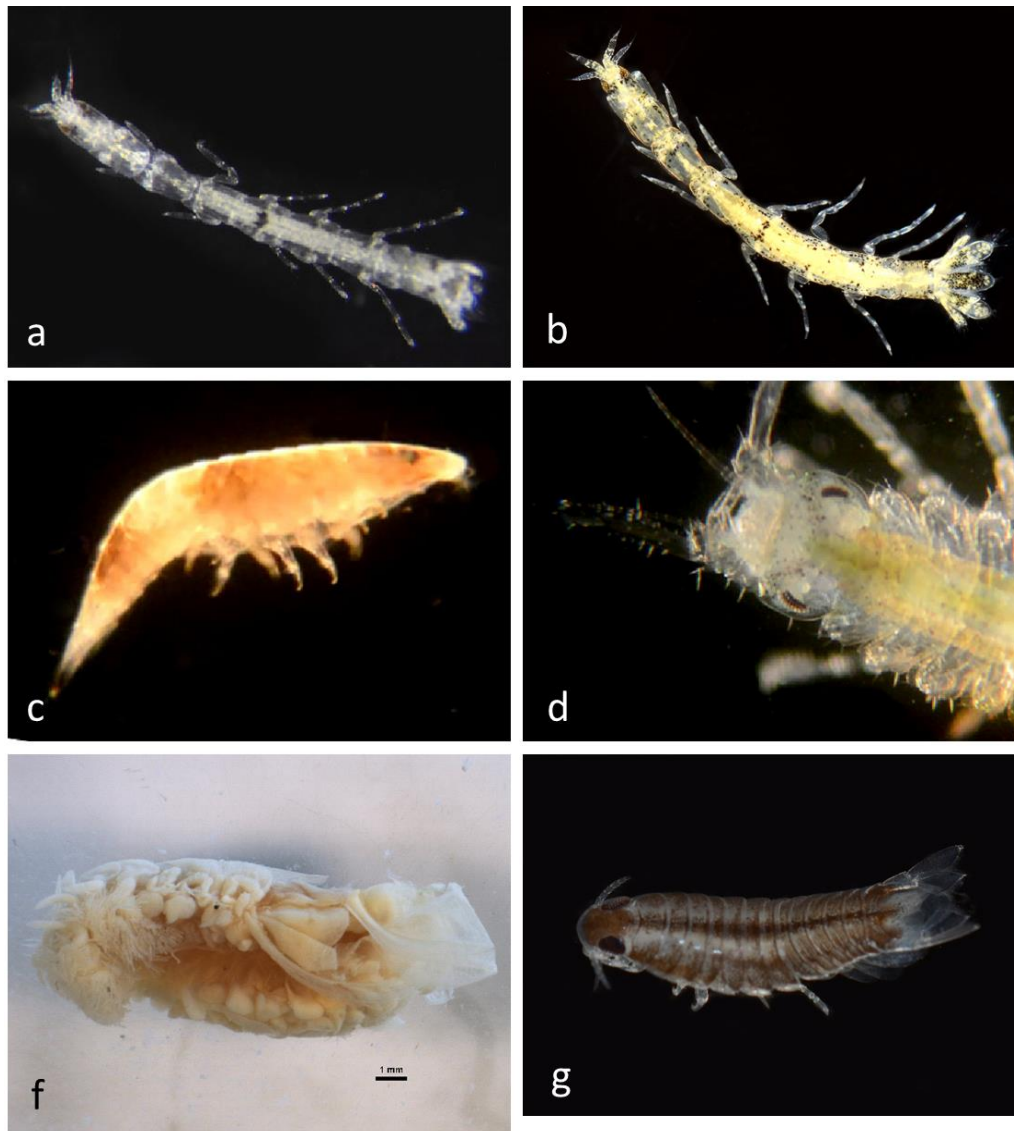
Figure 39. Class Malacostraca, Order Isopoda.   a, *Paranthura sp.* (BIN ADQ3122; n=1) Family Paranthuridae CCDB 24622 D06 from Newport Beach Harbor entrance.   b, *Paranthura elegans* (no Bar Code) Family Paranthuridae BIOUG01212-D11 off Balboa at Collins. c, Isopod (BIN ADM9094; n=1) CCDB 24625 E01 from Bahia de Los Angeles. d, *Ianiropsis epilittoralis* (BIN AAE6126) CCDB-32335 H05 from eelgrass at Balboa Pavilion. f, Isopod (BIN ACL8004; n=2) BIOUG01212-C12 from near Balboa Pavilion. Parasitic on Ghost Shrimp, *Neotrypaea californiensis*. g, *Nerocila sp.* (BIN ACK9256; n=1) Family Cymothoidae BIOUG01207-B09 from Bayview Way/Jamboree Upper Newport Bay.

Order Mysida: [19], [21]

Family Mysidae: Six unidentified species, distinguished by DNA barcode (Figure 40).   Two specimens, morphologically mysids, gave DNA barcodes corresponding to the Sheep Crab *Loxorhynchus grandis* (Figure 17e,f).   We assume this is due to their having consumed *Loxorhynchus grandis* larvae and that the PCR amplification amplified the Loxorhynchus grandis DNA barcode rather than the mysid sequence.
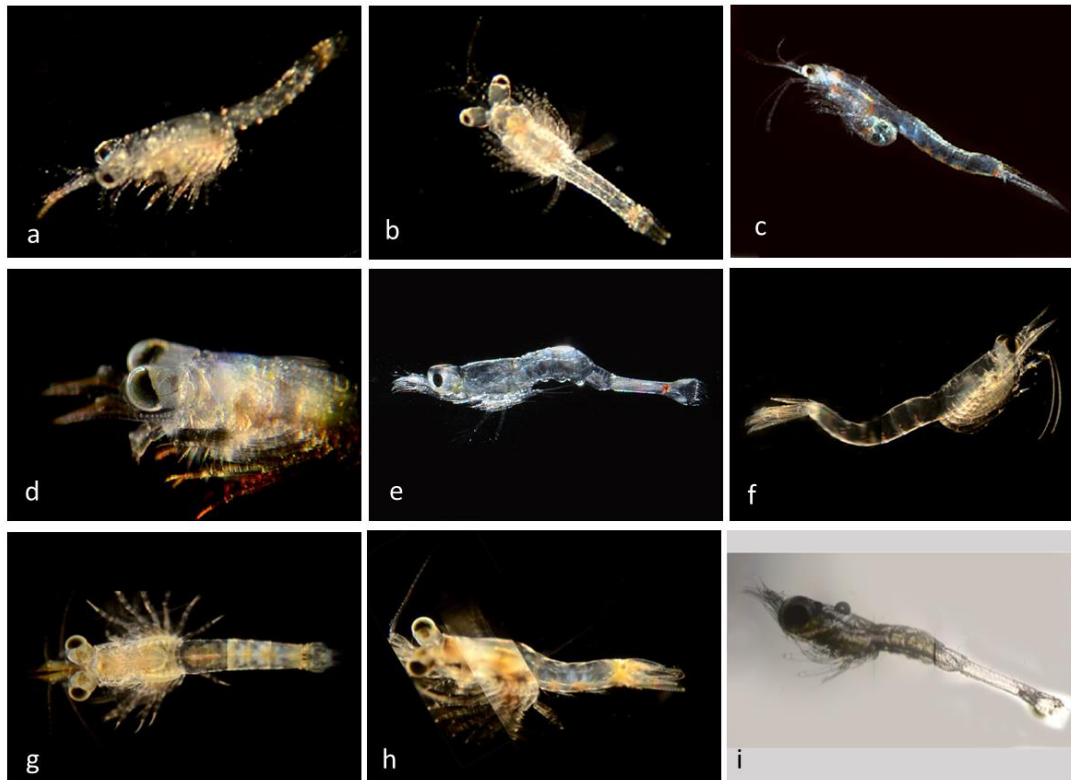
Figure 40. Order Mysida, Family Mysidae. a, Mysid (BIN ACK9354; n=3) BIOUG01218- C04 off Newport Pier. b, Mysid (BIN ACK9354; n=3) BIOUG01207-G04 off Newport Pier. c, Mysid (BIN ACK9354; n=3) BIOUG01212-A10 off Newport Pier. Female showing brood pouch. d, Mysid (BIN ACK9353; n=1) CCDB-32335 F12 off Balboa at Coral. e, Mysid (BIN ACK9237; n=2) BIOUG01207-A02 from Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach. f, Mysid (BIN ACN0139; n=3) BIOUG01226-G08 off Lido Island at Genoa. g, Mysid (BIN ACU2262; n=2) BIOUG01226-G11 off Newport Pier. h, Mysid (BIN ACU2262; n=2) BIOUG01226-H06 off Newport Pier. i, Mysid (BIN ACK9540; n=1) BIOUG01207-H09 from Pacific Ocean off Crystal Cove.

Order Tanaidacea [22] **:** Tanaids do not undergo a true planktonic stage. The early developmental period is spent while young are within the marsupium of the mother. Subsequently, post-larvae emerge as epibenthic forms.

Two specimens of *Zeuxo sp.*, and three unidentified Tanaids separated by DNA barcode (Figure 41).

Figure 41. Class Malacostraca, Order Tanaidacea. a, *Zeuxo sp.* (BIN ACU2492; n=2) BIOUG01212-D12.   Off Balboa Island at Collins. b, *Zeuxo sp.* (BIN ACU2492; n=2) CCDB-32335 H04. On eelgrass at Balboa Pavilion. c, Unknown sp. (BIN ACM3687; n=1) BIOUG01212-E09 off Balboa at Coral. d, Tanaidae (No BIN) CCDB-24003 H11 off Back Bay Science Center. e, Tanaidae (BIN ACN0972; n=1) BIOUG01218 A08 off Lido Island.

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4. Discussion

DNA barcoding has often revealed unexpected species diversity in many taxa [2], [23] and this study leads to the same conclusion for marine crustacea, both in holoplankton and meroplankton. It shows the utility of this approach and the value of the COI Barcode for identifying species. Furthermore, our data show a clear "DNA barcode gap"; i.e. a much larger range of interspecific divergences versus intraspecific divergences in this DNA sequence for crustacea (Fig 42).
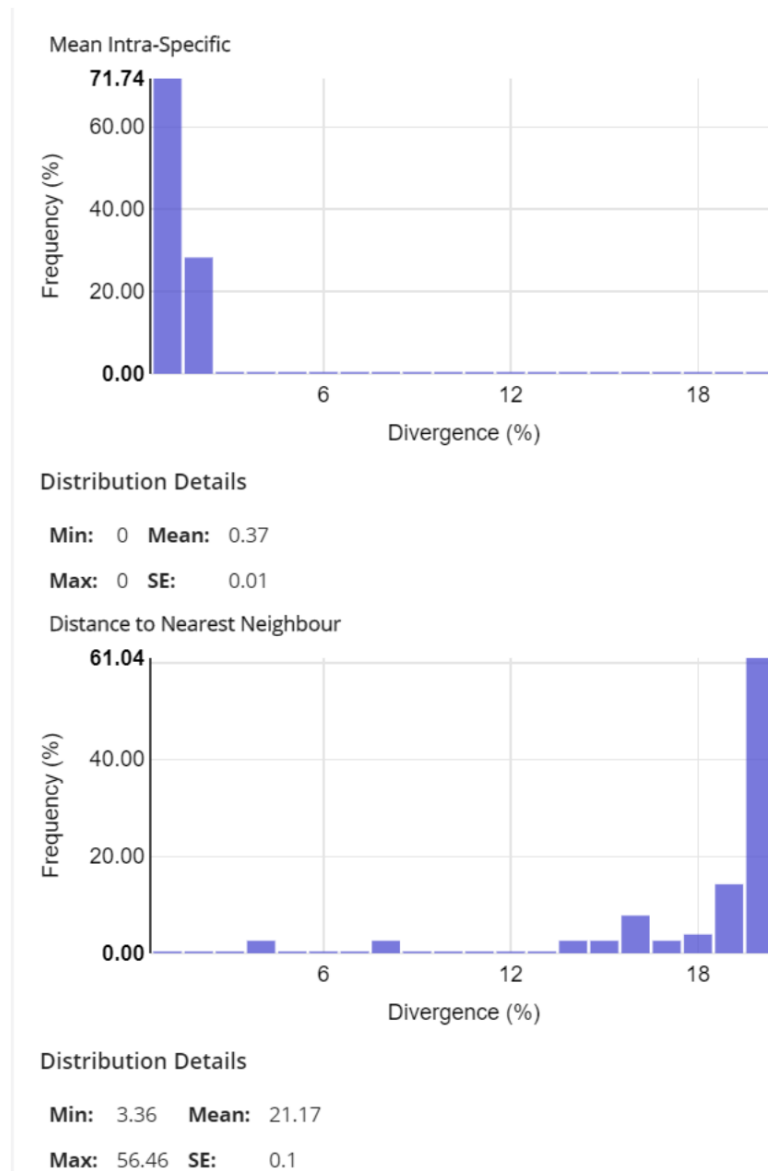
Figure 42. Sequence divergence in the COI Barcode for intraspecific and interspecific comparisons using the data included in this publication. Distance Model: Kimura 2 Parameter; Alignment: BOLD Aligner; Length filter >/= 300bp; Excluded: contaminants and misidentifications, records with stop codons.

Holoplankton refers to organisms that spend their entire life cycle in the plankton. The holoplanktonic taxa we have documented include Copepods (except for the parasitic species in the order Siphonostomatoida), as well as the Cumaceans, Euphausiids, Ostracods and some of the Amphipods and Mysids.

In contrast, meroplankton refers to those planktonic species that become benthic or even sessile as they mature.   This group includes the barnacles and Decapods.

A third group is often collected accidentally in plankton nets but their lifestyle is benthic; this includes Caprellids, Isopods and Tanaids.

The DNA differences in the COI barcode are, of course, probably not responsible for the morphological differences we have observed between specimens in separate taxa.   However, the DNA barcode differences that have evolved between morphologically distinct organisms can be used to examine the degree of relatedness between them.   When the DNA sequence data are organized into a taxonomic tree, the results are generally consistent with the taxonomic tree according to conventional morphological methods. This can be examined most effectively by cladistic analysis, which in this context involves examination of the taxonomic tree for "DNA clades" – groups of species that are uniquely and exclusively related by DNA sequence. According to this analysis, all of the calanoid copepods constitute a DNA clade, although the cyclopoid and harpacticoid copepods are mixed. The Decapods apart from the Palaemonidae constitute a DNA clade while the one example of Palaemonidae appears to be more distantly related.   The Ampeliscidae and some relatives constitute one clade of Amphipods, while the remainder of the Amphipods constitute another larger clade which includes two separate clades of Caprellids within it. The Tanaids; all of the barnacles; the Cladocerans including Penilia; the Euphausiids; the Isopods and the Ostracods present as distinct clades, while the Mysids group as several clades mixed with the Cumaceans and Decapods.

One of the major goals of this study was to use DNA barcoding to match life-cycle stages within a species, and this has been successful.   We have identified, by DNA barcoding, all three major stages (zoea, megalops, adult) of a decapod species (Lined Shore Crab, *Pachygrapsus crassipes*), which is one of the commonest intertidal decapods in our area. We have also collected zoea and megalops of the Yellow Shore Crab *Hemigrapsus oregonensis* and the adult has been collected earlier at the Back Bay Science Center in Newport Bay.

In other cases, we have sequenced larval stages, which suggests the presence of adult populations but we have not yet found the adults, possibly because they are in subtidal areas where we have not been able to do enough sampling. For example, we have the zoea and megalops of the yellow rock crab *Metacarcinus anthonyi* and a megalops of the graceful rock crab *M. gracilis*, but no adults of these species.   Of course, the finding of many larval specimens in different stages suggest the existence of nearby breeding adult populations.   In the family Pinnotheridae (Pea crabs), we have found 19 zoeae but no adults of *Pinnixa franciscana,* and one zoea of *Pinnixa tubicola*.   Adults of Pea crabs live in burrows of *Callianassa* (mud shrimp) and *Urechis* (Innkeeper worm), where we have not collected.   We have found zoea of the Spiny Mole Crab *Blepharipoda occidentalis*, which is difficult to find but a common local resident.

The larval stages of meroplanktonic species can take advantage of ocean currents, drifting for dispersal and range expansion [24]. In addition to swimming, organisms can attach to floating objects to feed, rest, and travel great distances.   For some, including crabs of the genus *Planes*, rafting is a way of life.   Many species can extend their larval period for a time if they do not find a likely environment for settling and morphing.   At some point, though, if a suitable environment is not found, the larvae die, fail to molt to the next stage, or are consumed as prey [25]. We find the larvae of the barnacle *Chthamalus dalli* in many Newport Bay samples and in the immediate areas north and south of the harbor entrance.   We have found no adults but now have a good idea where to look, possibly on boat bottoms rather than rocks.

Amphibalanus eburneus, a Western Atlantic barnacle, was first found in the Pacific Ocean in Colorado Lagoon, Long Beach, California in 2000 [13] Colorado Lagoon is 10 miles NW of Newport Bay and 2 miles SE of the Port of Los Angeles. We have nauplia from two locations in Newport Bay, suggesting a range extension from Colorado Lagoon since 2000, consistent with the statement "Based on its broad tolerances, this species has the potential to expand its range on the Pacific coast"[13].   These larval catches will direct our search for adults in both of our sampling areas.

We also have two adult sequences of *Amphibalanus amphitrite* from the Salton Sea, an inland, brackish-water body, in Southern California, north of the upper reaches of the Gulf of California, without ocean contact either to the Pacific or to the Gulf of California.   One nauplius larva of this species was found in Newport Bay.

Sometimes, a specimen of an exotic species may have arrived in ships ballast water, rather than representing a continuing presence in the ecosystem.   For example, we identified one cypris larva of *Megabalanus rosa*, a Western Pacific barnacle species, in the entrance to Newport Harbor.   We also found in Newport Bay one larva of the long-wristed hermit crab, *Pagurus longicarpus*, which is common along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States and the Atlantic coast of Canada, but at least one adult has been collected and sequenced by the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History from the Port of Los Angeles (May 2014), 12 miles northwest of Newport Harbor.

Since there are apparently no other known records of these species in our area, they are unlikely to be from a local population and are more likely to have arrived from discharge of ballast water [26] possibly from the nearby and very busy Port of Long Beach.   However, our finding of a zoea suggests a breeding population somewhere in Orange County between Newport Bay and the Port of Los Angeles. These larvae alert us to be watchful for adults as we sample other benthic species. However, water sampling for planktonic larvae is much simpler than searching for adults, and DNA barcoding is much more definitive than morphological identification, especially for early larval stages.

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