Characters:

• Color in life, ivory with paired, lavender spots dorsally; color in alcohol tan
• Prostomium rounded in front, slightly longer than wide or as long as wide, lacking frontal horns (a)
• Parapodium 9 without ventral medial lobe (b); 9th setiger setae of two types: limbate and mucronate (c)
• Parapodia 1-8 with 1 or 2 lateral lamellae; setae long, thin, bilimbate
• Lateral pouches between setigers 10 and 11
• Hooded hooks of posterior region with tridentate tips (d)
• Methyl green staining pattern: minimal lateral staining; pouches do not stain; a band on 4th setiger, which is not present on juveniles (e)

Additional Information:

SIZE: Length 20 - 30 mm; width 0.7 - 1.5 mm (Blake 1996)
DISTRIBUTION: Central and southern California (Blake 1996)
HABITAT: 10 - 50 m in silt or fine sand (Blake 1996)

Similar Species:
This species may be distinguished from all other central California Magelona by the presence of lateral pouches between setigers 10 and 11. Use staining patterns on adult specimens with fewer than 10 setigers to distinguish this species from other Magelona.
**Magelona sacculata** (continued)

**Comments:**

Staining pattern described for this species by Blake (1996) does not include the dorsal band on the 4th setiger found in our mature specimens.

Unique crescent-shape Rose Bengal stain pattern on setigers 1 thru 9.

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**References:**


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**Revision History:**