**Aphelochaeta monilaris** *(Hartman, 1960)*

Common Pt. Loma species

To identify this species look for:
1. Small size, beaded (moniliform) abdominal setigers, and expanded posterior end.
2. Methyl green staining pattern of well separated pigment stripes across the ventrum of a limited number (5-15) of thoracic setigers. No or only light speckles of stain on the dorsum of the peristomium. The digestive tract or material within it stains with color showing through the exterior body wall.

This species must be methyl green stained to identify properly

Ventral view of entire specimen (methyl green stained)

- Enlarged (swollen) posterior setigers
- Ventral striped staining pattern restricted to a few thoracies
- Beaded (moniliform) abdominal setigers

(This specimen from Pt. Loma Outfall Monitoring Program station E-21 rep. 2 8July97 382 ft.)

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