**Aphelochaeta tigrina** Blake, 1996

To identify this species look for:

1. The unique staining pattern (see the figures below). The posterior 10-20 setigers accept little or no stain, but are preceded by 30 or more setigers with encircling "tiger stripes" of stain.
2. Anterior thoracic setigers are not inflated or compressed and abdominal setigers are not beaded (moniliform).
3. The posterior end is slightly inflated with a distinct midventral groove.

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**Lateral anterior view**

(methyl green stained)

- Ventral bands of stain may not be distinct; they may merge into a nearly solid dense patch

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**Anterior view**

This species must be methyl green stained to identify properly

- Speckled dorsal stain on thoracics may be denser on first few setigers in larger worms
- Midventral stain spot present on abdominals on some worms
- Lateral stain spots adjacent to setal fascicles on abdominal setigers
- Abdominals not beaded (moniliform)

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**Posterior end**

(methyl green stained)

- "Tiger stripes"

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All specimens from Pt. Loma Outfall Monitoring Program

- "Lateral anterior view" specimen from E-5 rep.1 15July97  318 ft.
- "Anterior view" specimen from B-11 rep.1  3July97  289 ft.
- "Posterior end" specimen from B-10 rep.2  8Jan97  381 ft.

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