Amage scutata Moore, 1923
Ampharetidae

SCAMIT Code: OC 58
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LITERATURE: Hartman, 1969
Moore, 1923
Williams, in press

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Palae absent.

2. Four pairs branchiae, long and subulate. The anterior
two pairs inserted on the same segment with the
remaining two pairs following on successive segments,
forming an oblique, medially directed line.

3. Prostomium trilobed, with a pair of transverse
nuchal organs.

4. Rudimentary notopodia present on segments 4 and 5; a
few very fine setae barely emerge from segment 5.
Notopodia of following 12 segments normal.

5. Thoracic uncigers number 11.

6. Abdomen with 10-11 abdominal segments; notopodial
rudiments and dorsal cirri present. Pygidium with
two conical papillae.

REMARKS: This species will be moved to Paramage due to the
rudimentary notopodia. In Amage, the anterior
segments are fused and these structures are absent
(Williams, in press). Amage longibranchiata has similar
rudimentary notopodia, but has branchiae on separate
successive segments and therefore belongs to Mexamage
(Williams, in press).

DISTRIBUTION: Central and southern California; shelf and slope depths.