

Caprella equilibra

Diagnostic Characters:

- Head and body smooth dorsally except for pereonite V which may have paired spines.
- Laterally there are large anteriorly pointing spines at the bases of the second gnathopods, anterolateral spines on pereonites III and IV.
- Pereonite V is distinctly sculptured anteriorly giving the appearance of large lateral spines. Ventrally there is a large spine between the bases of the second gnathopods.
- G2 propodus with proximal grasping spine, distal triangular projection with poison spine just proximal to it. Size of poison spine appears to decrease with age.
- Gills large and oval.

Illustration:

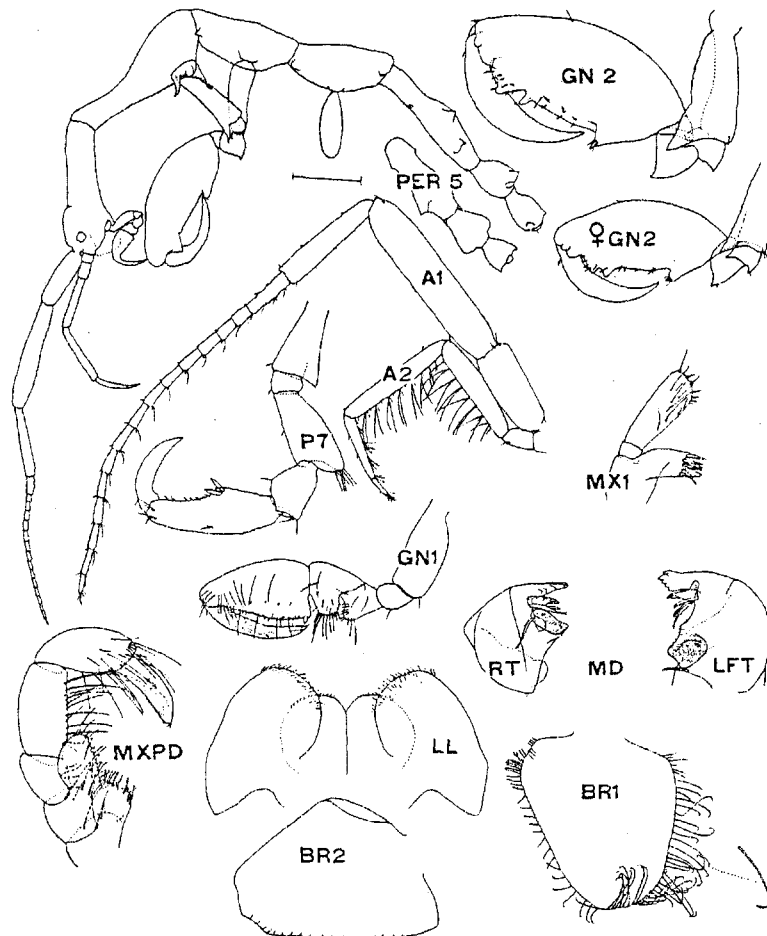


FIGURE 17 — *Caprella equilibra*. Subadult male, lateral view, appendages, and dorsal view of pereonite V. Female gnathopod 2 and brood plates.