Caprella mendax

**Diagnostic Characters:**

- Body smooth, except pereonite II, which has a single ventral spine between the bases of the second gnathopods and a small spine at the base of each second gnathopod.

- G2 propodus with proximal grasping spine with small accessory spine, distal triangular projection with poison spine just proximal to it.

- Gills elliptical.

**Illustration:**

*Figure 18 — Caprella mendax. Male, lateral view, and dorsal view of pereonite V. Subadult male, appendages. Female gnathopod 2.*