**Maera nelsonae**

**Diagnostic Characters:**

Peraeon generally smooth  
Abdomen often mid-dorsally toothed or mucronate, rarely spinose or setose or laterally toothed  
Head, anterior lobe rounded, inferior antennal sinus reduced, often notch-like  
Eye generally small, rounded, pigmented  
Antenna 2 shorter than antenna 1  
G1 and G2 in males, markedly unequal, G2 propod and dactyl large, carpus short  
E3 produced  

**G2 propodus palmar corner with prominent strong spine**  
P 5-7, basis, posterolaterally with sharp angle  
E3 posterolaterally also with 90 degree corner  
Spine in telsonic notch small

**Illustration:**

Fig. 19. *Maera nelsonae* (Bruzelius). Male, 15 mm, sta. 4851: A, lateral view; B, epistome and upper lip, lateral; C, D, gnathopods 1, 2; E, uropod 3; F, telson.