

Artificial Key to California Shallow-Water Anthurids

- 1 a Telson with three longitudinal dorsal ridges....Silophasma geminata
- b Telson without longitudinal ridges.....2
- 2 a Pereonal segments outlined dorsally with dark pigment rings.....Mesanthura occidentalis
- b Pereonal segments without such rings (may have spots or blotches).....3
- 3 a Mouthparts for biting and chewing.....Cyathura munda
- b Mouthparts anteriorly pointed for piercing and sucking.....4
- 4 a 7th pereonal segment very small (less than 1/5 the size of the 6th).....Califanthura squamosissima
- b 7th pereonal segment no less than 1/2 the size of the 6th.....Paranthura elegans