KEY TO THE SPECIES OF CIROLANA KNOWN FROM CALIFORNIA

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1. Uropodal rami without deep apical notch; margin of pleoptelson with 10-36 spines; pleoptelson of male with a pair of submedian dorsal tubercles .......... C. harfordi

- Both uropodal rami with deep apical notch; margin of pleoptelson with 8-10 spines; pleoptelson of male without dorsal tubercles .................................. 2

2. Penes small, set well apart on sternite 7, each set in line with the middle of the peduncle of the right and left first pleopods; apex of male appendix masculinum bluntly round to subacute; pleoptelson with 8-10 spines; left maxilliped with 1 coupling hook, right with 2 coupling hooks .............. C. diminuta

- Penes small, set close together on sternite 7, each set in line with the medial margin of the peduncle of the right and left first pleopods; apex of male appendix masculinum acute, often tapering to a filamentous distal thread; pleoptelson with 8 spines; left maxilliped with 2 coupling hooks, right with 1 coupling hook .............. C. parva