

Amage scutata Moore, 1923  
Ampharetidae

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LITERATURE: Hartman, 1969  
Moore, 1923  
Williams, in press

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Palae absent.
2. Four pairs branchiae, long and subulate. The anterior two pairs inserted on the same segment with the remaining two pairs following on successive segments, forming an oblique, medially directed line.
3. Prostomium trilobed, with a pair of transverse nuchal organs.
4. Rudimentary notopodia present on segments 4 and 5; a few very fine setae barely emerge from segment 5. Notopodia of following 12 segments normal.
5. Thoracic uncingers number 11.
6. Abdomen with 10-11 abdominal segments; notopodial rudiments and dorsal cirri present. Pygidium with two conical papillae.

REMARKS: This species will be moved to Paramage due to the rudimentary notopodia. In Amage, the anterior segments are fused and these structures are absent (Williams, in press). Amage longibranchiata has similar rudimentary notopodia, but has branchiae on separate successive segments and therefore belongs to Mexamage (Williams, in press).

DISTRIBUTION: Central and southern California; shelf and slope depths.