

GENUS *AETIDEUS*

Posterior corners of terminal thoracic segment transformed into large spines; latter not defined from segment and gradually tapering apically. Rostrum large, heavily chitinized, with widely spaced, slightly diverging or parallel rami. Male without rostrum. Head fused with thorax ; fourth thoracic segment fused with fifth. Genital segment of female round, wider than remaining segments. Antennules 23-jointed. Antennal exopodite 7-jointed, slightly longer than endopodite. Second Maxilliped with two equally long proximal joints. Mouth parts of male more or less atrophied. Exopodites of all swimming legs 3-jointed ; endopodite of 1st pair 1-jointed, of 2nd pair with poorly-defined first and second joints – 1-jointed. Proximal joint of exopodite of 1st pair of legs without outer spine. Fifth pair of legs of male present on left side only, 5-jointed.