

GENUS *GAETANUS*

Differs from all other genera in the presence of a frontal spine on the head apex. Rostrum short, entire, sometime absent. Exopodite of 1st pair of legs 2- or 3-jointed ; endopodite of 2nd pair 1- or 2-jointed. Proximal joint of exopodite of 1st pair of legs usually without outer spine. First joint of 2nd Maxilliped usually with lateral plate. First basipodite of 4th pair of legs with spinose inner margin. Fifth pair of legs of male very uniform in all species and similar to that of *Gaidius*.

The species of this genus are numerous (about 30) and closely related to one another. They may be distinguished by the form of the frontal spine.