

GENUS: *PLEUROMAMMA*

Urosome shorter than in Metridia, often asymmetrical, with curved segments and setal bundles. Prosome with short acute apical process. Rostrum massive, with two hairy filaments. Proximal part of antennules with large outer denticles. Proximal joint of endopodite of second pair of legs with uncinata inner side as in Metridia, but right and left legs often differing in size; only one leg uncinata in some cases. Outer spine of proximal joint of exopodite of third pair of legs with elongate base, marked off by deep notch. Asymmetrically situated circular convex black spot on right or left side of cephalothorax (probably a luminous organ). Fifth pair of legs of two categories in female: with three free joints and three long bristles on distal joint, or with one free joint and three short spines on distal joint. Distal joint of right leg of fifth pair of male strongly curved, round, preceding joint of same leg with long curved inner spine.