

GENUS: *PSEUDOCHIRELLA*

Strongly built copepods resembling *Euchirella* and *Chirundina*. Female prosome and pedigerous segment 1 fused, pedigerous segments 4 and 5 separate and fused. Prosome rounded in lateral view, without crest. Rostrum distinct, one-pointed. Posterolateral metasomal borders rounded or produced into spines. Genital segment asymmetrical in many forms. Antenna 1 as long as body or longer. Antenna 2 endopod strongly developed, usually one half length of exopod or slightly longer, exopod joints 1 and 2 separate. Maxilla 1 with larger number of setae than in *Euchirella*: 5 setae on basipod 2, 16 setae on endopod. Jointing of legs as in *Euchirella*. Exopod joint one of leg 1 with well developed outer edge spine. Basipod 1 of leg 4 with 6-14 strong spines on posterior surface. Setae on outer edge of caudal rami thin and usually elongate.

Male with slender body. Antenna 1 with reduced number of joints, some setae thickened. Antenna 2 endopod more than half length of exopod. Leg 5 with basipod 1 and 2 swollen; endopod elongate, 1-jointed, truncate at apex; left leg exopod 3-jointed, joints short, last joint rounded distally; right leg exopod with 2 elongate joints.