

Janicella spinicauda (A. Milne Edwards, 1883)

Order Decapoda
Suborder Pleocyemata
Family Oplophoridae

References used: Chace (1986)

Diagnostic characters: Rostrum long with dorsal and ventral teeth, tip distinctly overreaching the antennal scale; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th somites with midline spines; antennule scale with large spine on outer margin, lateral margin of antennule scale dentate (serrated); sixth somite (abdomen segment) longer than fifth.

Habitat: Mesopelagic, tropical seas.

Range: Worldwide.

Remarks: *Janicella* is a monotypic genus; it can be separated from all other Oplophorids by the spine on the 2nd somite and no spine on the 5th, all others have spines on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th pleura.

