

Gibbesia neglecta (Gibbes, 1850)
=*Squilla neglecta*

Order Stomatopoda
Family Squillidae

References used: Manning (1969), Camp (1991), Manning and Heard (1997)

Diagnostic characters: Telson with distinct median carina, telson lacking supplementary dorsal carinae; lateral process of fifth thoracic somite a spatulate lobe; dactylus of raptorial claw with 5 teeth; median carina of carapace with anterior bifurcation.

Habitat: Littoral to 64 m, usually in shallow water.

Range: North and South Carolina, Georgia; northeastern and western Florida, Texas. Distribution disjunct in Florida.



Squilla empusa versus *Gibbesia neglecta*

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Diagnostic characters to separate the two species:

S. empusa 6 teeth on dactylus of raptorial claw
Curved spine on lateral process of 5th thoracic segment

G. neglecta 5 teeth on dactylus of raptorial claw
Spatulate lobe on lateral process of 5th thoracic segment



Squilla empusa

Gibbesia neglecta

S. empusa,
curved spine



G. neglecta,
spatulate lobe

