

Squilla empusa Say, 1818

Order Stomatopoda
Family Squillidae

References used: Manning (1969), Camp (1991)

Diagnostic characters: Telson with distinct median carina, telson lacking supplementary dorsal carinae; submedian teeth of telson with fixed apices; lateral process of fifth thoracic somite a single, anteriorly-curved spine; eyes T-shaped, stalk not dilated; dactylus of raptorial claw with 6 teeth; lateral processes of sixth and seventh thoracic somites acutely pointed posterolaterally; median carina of carapace with well-defined anterior bifurcation.

Habitat: Coastal/shelf species occurring in depths from 0 to 154 m, generally in 40 m or less.

Range: Atlantic coast of U. S. through the Gulf of Mexico to Surinam.

