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# Preface

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This survey of fiddler crabs results from work in both field and laboratory. It emphasizes the relation of striking form to complex behavior. The approach is comparative and the viewpoint that of a student of evolutionary biology.

The systematic revision and proposed phylogeny arise from morphological comparisons aided by evidence from social behavior, biogeography, and ecology. While a microscope indoors still arbitrates details, binoculars on a mudflat give better evolutionary insights.

Contributions to the subject from other fields await future research. No geneticist has worked on *Uca*. Physiologists, while they have already illumined a number of problems, have not yet provided enough comparative material to help systematists. Finally, in the present state of our knowledge the approaches

of numerical taxonomy appear both unsuitable and impractical.

Wholly apart from the interest of their characteristics, fiddler crabs form an excellent group for comparative study. Their genus ranges throughout the warmer parts of the world, divides more or less acceptably into about 90 species and subspecies, is readily accessible to field observations, and can often be collected in series with relative ease.

It is hoped that this contribution will prove useful to three groups of workers: to those interested in the taxonomy of the genus, to the increasing number of physiologists employing *Uca* as an experimental animal, and to students of comparative ethology and evolution. Meanwhile, as this inquiry is handed on, the fiddlers continue to challenge us with surprising puzzles and elusive facts.



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# **Fiddler Crabs of the World**

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OCYPODIDAE: GENUS *UCA*



# General Introduction

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Any human being who finds a suitable piece of warm shore, sits down, keeps quiet, and watches fiddler crabs must be impressed. Each adult male has one of his claws longer than his body and, when conditions are right, he wields it vigorously in threat and courtship. Sometimes he links claws with another male, in either a strenuous fight or ceremonial encounter.

Even when he is not socially occupied a fiddler is active, providing only that the tide is out, the day warm, and, preferably, the sun shining. He feeds by straining bits of organic matter from the surface of the shore. The small claw, specialized for lifting mud or sand, rhythmically brings pinches to the mouthparts. Here food is separated from the mineral matter which, accumulating outside, is wiped off now and then and dropped to form a growing line of pellets. Except under special conditions every crab feeds near the burrow in which he has passed the preceding hours of high tide.

A burrow is the center of a fiddler's life. Even when the water's edge is far away, he rushes down the hole when startled or when driven by heat or dehydration. He repairs it as the tide approaches, scraping out with his legs large packets of earth which he sometimes flings inches away. If a crab does not, at the moment, have a burrow of his own, he takes active measures to acquire one before the water reaches him, either finding an empty hole or ousting another crab.

Some tropical fiddlers change color strikingly before they start the day's display, brightening to shining white with scarlet claws. Others stay vividly spotted with blue. Most, while otherwise dull, at least have the great claw patched with color and tipped with white.

These brachyuran crabs are without doubt among the best of all invertebrates for comparative study. They are generally considered an evolutionary apex of crustaceans, where they form the well-marked genus *Uca*. In this contribution they are divided into 62 species. For the biologist one of their great advantages is a combination of prevalence and accessibility. Fiddlers thrive around the world in the muddier parts of the tropics; several forms reach even to New England and Japan. All the species are largely diurnal, active at low tide, often sympatric, and always gregarious. Their morphological specializations

alone show a challenging variety; at the latest count 84 structures on the large claw are devoted to combat, and as many as 40 of these occur in a single species. This claw sometimes attains more than two fifths of the entire weight of the crab. A fiddler's repertory of social components is equally remarkable. For example, in pages to come 14 different threat postures and motions are counted, 16 methods of sound production, 13 components of combat, and 18 of waving display.

People have been writing about fiddler crabs for more than 300 years. Marcgrave recognizably described two Brazilian forms in 1648, long before Linnaeus was born; the German naturalist even remarked on their color and habitat, and mentioned that one kind was eaten locally. Rumphius, who spent most of his life in the East Indies, first described display in fiddlers. "During ebb tide," he wrote, "it waves its larger claw strenuously and continuously, as though it wanted to call people, and when one comes to it, it hides in the sand." He listed names for it in Malay, Dutch, and Latin, all signifying "calling crab." His account was published in 1705, several years after his death. Linnaeus (1758) picked up the old description and gave this species officially the name *vocans*—the name we use today. About a hundred years later Fritz Müller was in Brazil, enthusiastically accumulating material for his *Facts and Arguments for Darwin*, published in English translation in 1869; here he gave in a footnote the first statement on color change in fiddlers, having found that one species changed rapidly from white to dark when it was caught and held. His lively report on color change and courtship appeared in 1881. Meanwhile Darwin, in touch with Müller, referred several times to fiddler crabs in *The Descent of Man* . . . (1871).

Alcock (1892), another fine naturalist, watched fiddler crabs in India and gave an excellent sketch of their habits. After describing one use of the large claw in courting, he continued: "The second function, as a fighting weapon, becomes apparent when, in the general tournament, one of the rival males approaches too close to the other. The great claw is then used as a club, the little creatures making savage, back-handed sweeps at each other. . . . I did not actually see the rival males seize each other in the conflict, but I have no doubt that they do so, for on

going over the field of action I saw several freshly dismembered chelae lying on the mud. So that the chela is probably used as a shears as well as a club." Alcock's tentative conclusion always disturbed me since, in years of observing fiddlers, I have never seen a claw detached in a fight. Finally, in 1943, when M. R. Raut was watching whimbrels near Bombay, he saw the birds catching fiddlers. Each whimbrel seized a crab by its large claw, "lifted it up into the air and then sharply jerked its head." The fiddler promptly broke away from its claw and fell to the ground, the appendage remaining in the bird's beak. The bird then dropped the claw and picked up the crab before it could escape. Raut also reported that the place was littered with inedible claws. When, long after its publication, I read Raut's account it made a satisfying sequel to Alcock's original observation: a man who was bird-watching solved a crab-watcher's problem, apparently without knowing there was a puzzle.

To the early naturalists it seemed clear that both waving and bright colors were concerned primarily with direct sexual selection. As Alcock put it: "From prolonged watching I feel convinced that the waving of the claw by the male is a signal of entreaty to the female, and I think that no one can doubt that the claw of the male has become conspicuous and beautiful in order to charm the female." Although the full explanation does not now seem to be a simple matter of clubbing rivals and charming mates, the idea of the basic ambivalence of this appendage is strongly upheld in the present contribution.

Dr. Alcock was representative of many of the enthusiastic naturalists to whom we owe not only the early collections of fiddler crabs but also the first observations on their behavior. Some of the men were physicians in distant colonies, others were captains of merchant ships. Sometimes they staffed government survey vessels. Accounts of their voyages make it easy to understand why puzzles turn up when old collections are consulted.

One such round-the-world trip was undertaken by the French vessel "Uranie," sailing on a government mission in 1817. The expedition aimed to circle the earth, survey the seas, describe the human beings, and collect the fauna and flora. The ship's company made good progress for more than two years, rounded the Horn in safety, and headed at last for home. Then they piled up on a submerged rock off Patagonia.

The expedition's leader and captain, M. le Chevalier de Freycinet, seems to have been both efficient and exuberant. At the beginning of the voyage he smuggled his wife, disguised as a sailor, on board for the trip, to the Admiralty's later shock. In the narrative he quoted Byron from time to time and used exclamation marks with freedom. After the ship-

wreck he wrote: "Continuous vicissitudes—such is the life of the sailor! Dangers forgotten as soon as passed—such are men!" Somehow they rescued stores, gear, and all the scientific specimens. Finally they bought another ship and sailed home. It does seem likely that a crab label could have been displaced that night they hit the rock. (De Freycinet, 1825-1829; Rouch, 1953.)

In the early days of taxonomic study it was not often possible for systematists to work with one another's collections, which in any case were meager. Among the predictable results are the sometimes extensive synonymies that appear in the present revision. In addition the characters important for distinguishing species were still wholly uncertain. Consequently *Uca*'s taxonomy very early reached a state of chaos. A number of capable systematists from time to time attacked the group on a regional basis; their work made it possible to distinguish species in restricted areas. Of these workers the most ambitious and successful was Mary J. Rathbun, who organized the numerous American species of the genus in her monograph *The Grapsoid Crabs of America* (1918.1). She was the first to recognize the taxonomic value of a number of *Uca*'s characters. Much of the morphological work in the current study rests on the foundation she built.

The form of the present systematic section is the result of four basic aims that carry roughly equal weight. The first is to clarify the man-made taxonomy. The second is to provide means of species identification for workers with the group, regardless of their special interest. The third aim is to describe in sufficient detail the tuberculation, ridges, and other armature so that, even though the uses of these structures are not yet fully understood, ethologists in the future will find a morphological groundwork already in place. Finally, a continuing effort is made to seek out and include characteristics of apparent importance in the group's evolution, whether they be morphological or behavioral. Unfortunately not enough is yet known of comparative physiology in *Uca* to include more than hints of physiological characters in the systematic treatment. Even more regrettably, we remain completely ignorant of the genetics of the genus.

The second part of the book consists of general chapters on biogeography, ecology, morphology, and behavior. Here the aim has been to survey the group as a whole, the emphasis being both on its general phylogeny and on its development of social behavior.

Throughout the progress of the study a major effort was made to link knowledge of the living crabs with that of their morphological specializations. Toward that end the practical work was divided into three categories. The first consisted of field trips, made to all the major regions inhabited by *Uca*. In-



formation on the localities visited and amount of time spent in each is given in Table 24 (p. 662). Field time throughout most of the trips was divided between observation and cinematography. In recent years tape recordings have been made and, most recently, videotape apparatus is proving useful. After 1957, when the importance of the semi-lunar cycle in social behavior became apparent, trips were planned to permit work at key points at optimal tides. The longer itineraries were built around stays ranging from about ten days to a month or more in important places, with shorter stops in less strategic areas.

Second, supplementary observations on living crabs were made in terraria, here termed crabberies, both out-of-doors on the West Indian island of Trinidad and indoors in New York. Altogether 27 species have been carried to the crabberies from Asia, the eastern Pacific, and the Caribbean. Through work with the captive crabs valuable supplementary data were obtained, chiefly on waving display and sound production. Because of artifacts of captivity, no display timings were recorded on these individuals, nor are observations on social behavior included here that were made only on captive crabs.

Finally, interspersed among the field trips was work on preserved specimens in the laboratory and in museums. The alternations of behavior work with the morphological study of collections proved stimulating to both aspects of the program. For example, for years I casually watched the fighting of male fiddlers in the field, paying the combats little attention, since they seemed so much alike throughout the genus. Meanwhile in the laboratory I often had to

describe the ridges and tubercles that make patterns on the claws. By manipulating specimens I sometimes tried, always without success, to fit the most puzzling structures into positions suitable for stridulation against another part of the fiddler's anatomy. When the idea of the use of the structures during combat eventually arrived, I was not watching living crabs on a tropical mudflat. Instead, the explanation appeared on a winter afternoon in the Bronx Zoo laboratory, when I was describing a long-dead *festae* through a microscope and trying simply to finish my stint and go home. Suddenly it seemed that those tubercles on the claw might somehow be used in ceremonial fighting. Perhaps in linking chelae males played a kind of "duet." So when I next went to Trinidad I checked the idea out on the first good tide. The only surprise then was that the explanation had not been obvious to everyone who ever watched a fiddler fight during the past hundred years.

In this survey of a genus with many species, the traditional approach of an evolutionary biologist appears to be the only one feasible. The approaches here have accordingly followed the paths mapped out in particular by Huxley (1942), Lorenz (1941), Simpson (1953, 1961), Tinbergen (1951, 1953), Mayr, Linsley, and Usinger (1953), and Mayr (1963, 1969).

After years of intermittent preparation, the accumulated material appears finally to be fitting together. Naturally unknown answers and unfinished lines of evidence still dangle in tantalizing plenty. I hope and believe that other people, as they carry on from here, will also thoroughly enjoy the search.



# Part One · Systematic Section

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CONVENTIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND GLOSSARY: p. 678.

# Introduction

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The first paragraphs below concern procedures used in this section. These comments are followed by an

annotated list of the topics that will be covered. The section ends with comments on style.

## CATEGORIES AND THEIR TREATMENT

Every taxonomist who revises a group of animals must ask questions that do not have definite answers. Often the basic query is merely whether to use a particular category above or below the level of a species. For instance, will the division of a complex genus, such as *Uca*, into subgenera be helpful to workers or an inefficient complication?

A more important example concerns the designation of subspecies. It is an old problem. Species have biological reality, while the other taxonomic categories are man-made conveniences. Species can be defined, once we know enough about them. The trouble is that we must often base our systematic decisions on inadequate material. Especially in these difficult cases we usually have little or no acquaintance with the animal in its habitat. These uncertainties have, of course, been prevalent in the present study of fiddler crabs.

What, in particular, is the best treatment for allopatric populations made up of individuals that are both similar and neighboring, yet each a recognizable member of one form or the other? Material is almost always insufficient for reliable statistical analysis. More important, we do not know whether forms interbreed, or whether they could or would do so if populations were naturally coincident. Often no field work has yet been done in the most likely area of coincidence. In only three species of *Uca* have I found good evidence of hybridization in such cases; here I could with confidence designate the subgroups as subspecies. Yet, in a number of other forms the designations of subspecies rather than species seem also to be clearly the more reasonable on the basis of the morphological and behavioral evidence we have in hand. The resulting divisions are of practical importance for future progress, since specialists in other fields understandably tend to disregard sub-specific names; sometimes, too, both taxonomists and non-taxonomists do not consider the concept of subspecies as valid or even useful. Nevertheless it is now clear in *Uca* that populations of the same species in different geographic localities do differ in ways that

will prove to be of increasing interest to biologists.

What, again, is the best taxonomic procedure when the subjects are similar forms occurring on the two sides of the Isthmus of Panama? This barrier has kept related fiddler populations apart for at least two, and more probably five, million years. Several pairs of these forms seem to have evolved at slower rates than, for instance, some forms of *Uca* in the Indo-Pacific. Obviously the populations cannot, at this geological moment, interbreed; obviously, too, they must by now differ genetically; they do, in fact, show distinctions in minor ways. A taxonomist perhaps should automatically consider each a full species; yet if he does so some of his other decisions will appear particularly illogical.

Fortunately we may look forward to improvements on any current classification as soon as genetical programs, planned studies in the field, adequate samplings, physiological techniques, and judicious statistical analyses begin to produce results. Meanwhile it seems to me that the most helpful interim arrangement of the genus should be strongly hierarchical, even though the degrees of relationships cannot yet be proved. I have therefore used subdivisions based on varying degrees of morphological and behavioral similarity. In addition to species, the categories found serviceable in *Uca* consist of formal subspecies, informal superspecies, and formal subgenera. In addition, another informal term, *alliance*, is used to cover one or more species in a superspecies along with the other species that appear also to be close relations.

## ALLOPATRIC CATEGORIES

Pragmatic criteria of subspecies and species among allopatric groups of *Uca*, where we have no data concerning hybridization, are used here as follows:

Subspecies usually differ from one another in only about one to three morphological characters that are readily apparent to the practiced worker; these distinctions include any characters on the gonopod and major cheliped. Sometimes only one character is

diagnostically reliable; behavioral and habitat differences are usually minimal, although exceptions occur.

Allopatric species differ from one another in about two or three readily apparent morphological characters in addition to those of gonopods and major chelipeds; except in the subgenus *Minuca*, the gonopods show clear distinctions, while differences are also discernible in waving display. In *Deltuca* and *Minuca* the major chelipeds are similar among allopatric species; in *Celuca* distinctions are more apparent.

Evolution in *Uca* being the complex process it obviously is, any attempt to pin down degrees of differences for application throughout the genus can only be approximately satisfactory, as workers using the above criteria will swiftly agree.

The informal category superspecies is useful for assembling under a single name two or more allopatric species. Except for occasional zones of coincidence, each of these species occupies a different range and each appears, through a number of morphological characters, to be more closely related to one or more other members of its superspecies than to other species in the genus. In the table of contents and in headings for species and subspecies in the text, superspecies are indicated by the name or initial, enclosed in brackets, of one of the species in the group.

## ALLIANCES AND LOCAL ALLIANCES

In a few localities, especially in the tropical eastern Pacific, members of superspecies are found in close sympatric association with other species that appear to be equally or almost as closely related as are the allopatric members of the group. These associated species are here termed members of the *local alliance*, while the entire related group, composed of the members of the superspecies and the members of the local alliances, are termed an *alliance*; sometimes the name of a species is used with the term *and its*

*allies*, or *and the members of its local alliance*. The only large group of species to which these terms apply is that of the American superspecies *crenulata* and its relations in the subgenus *Celuca*.

## SUBGENERA

The last kind of group used in this study is the subgenus, once more a formal designation. During the first half of the work on this contribution it seemed inadvisable to stress feeble homogeneities by dividing the genus formally into subgenera. Such divisions usually have an added disadvantage: either they include intermediate forms, thereby obscuring relationships, or else monospecific subgenera have to be erected for the interesting misfits. Characteristically, such a monospecific group cannot be adequately defined on the subgeneric level because of the lack of species for comparison; in any case, it is often insufficiently differentiated for the standing accorded it. Nevertheless, in this study the convenience of subgeneric handles came to seem essential.

The nine subgenera described are helpful both in indicating relationships on a global basis and in breaking up the genus into more manageable units. As an inspection of the diagnoses, descriptions, the key, and Table 1 will show, their morphological boundaries are something less than concise, while the selection of subgeneric characters has been difficult. The comments under the descriptions of the genus and of the individual subgenera will, it is hoped, demonstrate the reasons for these subgeneric divisions.

Unlike the treatment of species, described below, non-morphological categories are curtailed in the descriptions of subgenera, since they form the subjects of most of the chapters in Part Two. A special section on *Relationships* follows the description of each subgenus; in addition, two of them, *Uca* and *Minuca*, end with comments on the only fossils known in the genus.

## ANNOTATED LIST OF TOPICS CONSIDERED UNDER SYSTEMATIC HEADINGS

Following short introductions, the species are treated under the topics given below and in corresponding order.

Subspecies are described as briefly as is practicable, usually with emphasis on morphological characters. Unlike the procedure in species descriptions, their order is governed by their importance or convenience for diagnosis, not by consistency among species. Data on measurements, color, and social behavior of subspecies are usually included under the

appropriate headings in descriptions of the species in order to facilitate comparisons; exceptions occur where the material was too extensive for effective presentation under single headings.

Since zoeae and megalopa in *Uca* have been identified in only five species, descriptions and discussions of these stages are omitted. The following references are pertinent: Hyman (1920, 1922), Herrnkind (1968.2), and Feest (1969).

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

The characters given are of two kinds. The most general, especially the breadth of the front, are for the reorientation of workers who come directly to a page after using one of the regional keys. Second, several characters are given which at least in combination separate the species from sympatric and nearby allopatric relations.

These characters are purely those of convenience and do not necessarily appear in the order in which they will be included, often with amplified descriptions, under the detailed treatment of the morphology.

### Description

#### MALE

The selection of characters of course varies with the subgenus. Their locations are illustrated in Figs. 1-4, 42-44, and 58, and are included in the introduction to the keys (p. 614) and Glossary. Among the subgenera, the species of *Deltuca* and *Celuca*, the first and the last, are described in most detail as the least and most specialized both morphologically and in social behavior. Especially in *Celuca*, morphological details are described where the use is not yet known, particularly in the armature of the major cheliped. Thus the descriptions contain not only material useful in the identification of a crab in the hand, but also material that is used in discussing relationships; finally, some of the details are expected to be useful only to future ethologists.

On the other hand, some characteristics are treated very briefly, even though they can be expected to prove of importance in future work of various kinds. The reason, of course, was lack of time combined with either great variation, or difficulty in making efficiently rapid examinations, or both. The most obvious structures that have received short shrift are the spoon-tipped setae on the second maxilliped, the gill on the third, details of armature on the eight ambulatories (which vary not only from leg to leg but from one side to the other) and, finally, the external form of the spermatophore, which almost certainly can provide excellent specific characters.

#### FEMALE

Although the topic *Description* is followed by the subheading *Male*, most characters will be found to apply to both sexes. Unless there is a statement to the contrary, the female, except for differences noted under that heading in the subgenus and genus, shares with the male all characters that are not of obvious

primary and secondary sexual significance. Only exceptions and special characters are listed for each species under the subheading *Female*.

### Measurements

Methods of measurement appear in Fig. 4. Although many carcinologists have used the carapace breadth as the standard measurement of size, this custom has not been followed here; length seems to be the more satisfactory dimension from a biological point of view. Heterogony strikingly affects many parts of fiddler crabs beside the major claw, and carapace breadth, next to the claw size and proportions, shows the greatest relative change with growth. If this dimension were selected as the size standard, the growth ratio of the claw to carapace would reflect the heterogonic values less clearly. In each species, with the exception of *rapax*, measurements are given on only a few specimens. The measurements selected are carapace length and breadth in both sexes, plus the lengths of propodus and major dactyl in males. These dimensions not only give an idea of normal and unusually large adult sizes, but they automatically indicate the principal length proportions of the major cheliped. In addition, they show the extreme ratio of claw to body size attained in the material at hand. This information may help future workers interested in heterogony in their selection of material.

The appearance of the initials J.C. in a table of measurements indicates that I made the measurement, usually on a type-specimen, to complete information omitted in the published description.

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The section is often divided between practical suggestions for identifying the species and remarks on its relationships to other members of the subgenus. Most of the dendrograms (Figs. 96-101) resemble the aerial view of a tree more than the usual lateral aspect. The reasons for the design reflect, of course, both our lack of fossils and the close interrelations of subgenera and species. These apparently basic and varied relationships are indicated by the open bases of the branches, and, in the dendrogram of subgenera, the black lines proceeding from some of the bases toward non-adjacent groups. Superspecies are shown by the grouping of species in solid rings; local alliances are similarly circled by unshaded rings.

### Color

The basis of each description is the color of males during waving display. Often the description is confined to this phase, because nonwaving males as well as females and young frequently do not show distinct-

tive hues and patterns. Throughout the genus individual color variation is prevalent, while some paling or brightening of color by displaying males is frequent. Populations in different parts of the range often differ in their coloration, either slightly or strikingly. Therefore in systematic work color cues from field notes should be used with caution unless one is thoroughly familiar with the species and its sympatric associates.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

When data are available the following topics are treated under each species: waving display, precopulatory behavior, chimney or other construction activities, acoustic behavior, and combat. The indexes to names and subjects will often provide other references to the species appearing in Part Two. Definitions of behavior components and references to their descriptions in the text are given in the Glossary.

## RANGE

A summary is given under this heading, along with a statement concerning marginal records that are open to question. More detailed localities will be found under the heading References and Synonymy at the end of the account of each species. Additional records are given under the species name in Appendix A: Material Examined. In maps with dots showing records of occurrence, only those localities are included where I have checked the material; this was essential in most Indo-Pacific forms where the systematics were especially confused and many of the recorded specimens could not be located.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

Under this heading two classes of intended omissions occur. First are occasional citations that not only show taxonomic confusion but also lack special historical or other interest. Second are recent references wholly devoted to physiological studies; comments on this class of omission appear on p. 448.

The omissions in the first group are based on erroneous synonymies, on material belonging to more than one species, or both, and, furthermore, not described in such a way that useful attempts can be made to disentangle them. Almost all of these references are to contributions that surveyed the genus toward the end of the nineteenth century. At that time it was impossible for the authors to examine more than a fraction of the scattered material that had been recorded; their synonymies and descriptions consequently often reflected the abbreviated descrip-

## BIOTOPES

A short résumé of the habitats is given for use in conjunction with Figs. 21-23 and Table 10.

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Only the most usual associates are listed. In localities especially rich in food the list can often be considerably lengthened. Examples are given under suitable species. Comments on degrees of closeness in sympatry are given on p. 690.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

This résumé is supplemented by the data given in Appendix A: Material Examined.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

Not all types that are known to be missing or that have not been found are replaced by a newly designated lectotype or neotype. Where no apparent taxonomic confusion or question exists at present, this step does not seem to be necessary, or, in view of the ultimate fragility of specimens, desirable. Lectotypes from among older collections, particularly with specimens from more than one locality all labeled "types," seem more useful; the best example is that of the two males from different localities described by Milne-Edwards as *Gelasimus dussumieri*; they proved to belong to two species, one new and one already described. Lost types and indeterminate material are discussed following the last species in the systematic section (p. 322). The index to scientific names lists all names, whether in current use, in synonymy, discarded, or of indeterminate significance.

tions and inadequate drawings of their predecessors. Among the references that are sometimes omitted for these reasons are, for example, Kingsley, 1880.1, and Ortmann, 1897, as well as some of the references they included in their synonymies.

References to illustrations are included if they meet any of the following conditions: First, they accompany a type description. Second, the illustrations, most of them recent, appear helpful from a taxonomic viewpoint; these citations are often given only in general terms, such as "fig. of claw," where no confusions exist and the author under the species heading gives the full reference. Third, the illustrations accompany early references of historical interest. Omitted figures or plate numbers refer to inaccurate sketches and those illustrating characteristics now known to be of little or no taxonomic impor-



tance. Future students of a particular species or group will consult the references for themselves; meanwhile it is certain that the great majority of older illustrations do not include, or else they picture inexactly, the characters that are now known to be of importance both taxonomically and functionally, such as, particularly, those used in acoustic and combat behavior.

Finally, the annotations accompanying the references attempt to give in extremely brief form the content of each citation. Where the page number, with or without a reference to an illustration, is followed only by a geographic locality, the author gives no taxonomic description or discussion; he is, however, recording new material; he may also give a list of references in such a record and arrange them without comment according to his conception of the synonymies of the names included. If the reference is based only on the work of previous investigators and does not record new material, that fact is stated following the citation.

## COMMENTS ON STYLE

The generic name *Uca*, or its abbreviation *U.*, is usually omitted in this study before a species name. Since almost all the crabs mentioned in the book are members of this genus, and since *Uca* is used whenever other genera are also being discussed, this disregard of taxonomic convention seems warranted.

More questionable may be my occasional use of a species name, or the phrase "this species," as though it were a living animal capable of activity. An example is the sentence, "This species, when pursued, runs faster than *inversa*." To be traditionally acceptable it should be phrased more precisely, as in the form, "In this species the crabs, when pursued, run faster than do individuals in *U. inversa*." Such problems of usage were rare in the days when taxonomic names were used principally in morphological descriptions of dead specimens. At present, since so much of this book concerns behavior, it seems to me desirable to avoid circumlocutions whenever this practice does not obscure the meaning.

In the selection and spelling of geographic names occasional conflicts arose between familiar usage and

Where the word *taxonomy* is included in the annotation, the reference comments, whether briefly or in a detailed description, on the morphology of this material, and often on its systematic position.

Any of the rarely occurring comments on color, habitat, or, in the older references, habits are included in the annotation, unless the author merely uses a word or phrase so general as to be unhelpful, such as *intertidal zone* or *mangroves* in groups where the association can today be taken for granted.

At the end of some annotations appears the abbreviation for an institution, as given on p. 678, followed by "!", the symbol indicating that I have examined some, at least, of the material included in the reference cited. Since, in older collections and references, it is often impossible to determine whether or not particular specimens were those described in a given publication, I have omitted this symbol except in examples where I felt sure beyond reasonable doubt that the reference cited was actually based on the indicated material.

recent nomenclature. In statements of range, the forms selected are in general in accordance with those used in current leading American and British atlases and hydrographic charts, as well as on large-scale maps, in English, that are available in some countries. Exceptions occur when a name that has been officially discarded in recent years probably remains more familiar to most English-speaking readers than does the current name; an example is my use of Celebes for Sulawesi. In Appendix A, however, an effort has been made to use the contemporary names of political entities with the more familiar name following, in brackets. The practice of using brackets in similar fashion is also used where both names are at present current, as in the Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands. In the sections entitled "References and Synonymy" the names used in the publication cited are retained; for example, Taiwan is not substituted for Formosa; in foreign names, English versions are used, as in the use of China for "Chine," when no doubt of the author's intention is apparent.

## FAMILY OCYPODIDAE ORTMANN, 1894

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Reference: Ortmann, 1894.2: 700.

Brachygnathous crabs with orbits occupying almost entire anterior border of carapace, the front being usually narrow and somewhat deflexed; outer orbital margins often incomplete; eyestalks slender. Palp of third (external) maxilliped articulating at or near antero-external angle of merus; exognath usually slender and often more or less concealed; the maxilliped usually completely covers the large buccal cavity. One cheliped in male often enlarged. Male abdo-

men narrow.

Amphibious, burrowing crabs confined largely to the tropics of the world, where they occupy a variety of habitats on shore and in estuaries. Most are gregarious and some genera have complex patterns of social behavior. The family comprises about a dozen genera of which the best known include *Macrophthalmus*, *Scopimera*, *Ilyoplax*, *Heloecius*, *Ocypode*, and *Uca*.

## SUBFAMILY OCYPODINAE DANA, 1851

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Reference: Dana, 1851: 248.

Carapace deep, roughly quadrilateral but sometimes almost pentagonal, the regions usually indistinct; front narrow, usually a lobe curved slightly downward between the eyestalks; flagellum of antenna small, folding obliquely or almost vertically; inter-antennular septum broad; external maxillipeds completely enclosing buccal cavity; exognath always at least partly visible, its flagellum present or absent. Afferent branchial opening, thickly fringed with setae, between bases of 2nd and 3rd pairs of ambulatories. Female gonopore on 3rd segment of sternum.

One cheliped enlarged in males, often remarkably; chelipeds in females equal or somewhat unequal. Merus of chelipeds and ambulatories always distinctly three-sided at least proximally, there being one margin dorsally and two ventrally. The merus of the major cheliped, however, is rotated toward the rear, so that the dorsal margin is directed postero-dorsally and accordingly is termed the *postero-dorsal margin* in the descriptions; similarly the margin that is homologous with the antero-ventral margins of the ambulatories is rotated upward and becomes the

*antero-dorsal margin*, while the homologously ventral surface faces forward, becoming functionally and taxonomically the *anterior surface*.

Carpus and manus of ambulatories have one dorsal and two ventral margins, occasionally with the addition of an antero-lateral or postero-lateral ridge, short or long; one or more of all these margins, as well as those of the meri, may be indistinct or missing, especially in males; ambulatory dactyls always have six margins marked by ridges. Carpus, propodus, and dactyl of both chelipeds showing a wide variety in shape, armature, and relative size.

The subfamily's two genera, *Ocypode* and *Uca*, are the only cosmopolitan genera in the family, excluding the rare and marginal genus *Euplax*. On American shores as well as in the Indo-Pacific the Ocypodinae are so well known that they almost always have local names; in English the species of *Ocypode* are recognized as *beach crabs* or *racing crabs*, while those of *Uca* are the *calling crabs* or *fiddlers*.

## GENUS *UCA* LEACH, 1814

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Brachygnathous crabs differing from all other genera in the enormous size of the male's major cheliped, the minor cheliped and both in the female being minute. *Uca* differs additionally from *Ocypode*, the other genus in the subfamily, in having smaller eyes on longer stalks, longer antennae, and shorter ambulatories, while it lacks a stridulating ridge on the ischium of the major cheliped.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subfamily.

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Body deep. Carapace subquadrilateral to almost hexagonal, slightly wider than long, never flattened. Front deflexed, moderately to very narrow (about 2.5 to 20 times in breadth of carapace), spatulate to widely arched in shape; a small, median, distal notch always present in frontal margin. Orbits sometimes straight, but usually directed obliquely backward. Antero-lateral angles usually pointed and slightly produced, sometimes a right angle; variable, often dissimilar on major and minor sides. Antero-lateral margins ranging from absent to moderately long; converging, parallel, or, rarely, slightly diverging. Postero-dorsal margins moderately converging, of varying lengths and degrees of distinctness, rarely extending almost to posterior edge of carapace above base of 4th ambulatory; usually marked by a raised line only, sometimes beaded or spinulose, rarely tuberculate. One or two postero-lateral striae, one above the other, sometimes present behind and below postero-dorsal margin. Lateral margins slightly to moderately converging. Vertical lateral margin ranging from almost absent, to developed ventrally only, to strong throughout. Surface of carapace usually smooth, rarely partly setose or tuberculate, especially posteriorly or on sides; except for H-form depression, regions never deeply demarcated.

Orbit usually considerably wider than diameters of eye and its stalk. Upper orbital margin more or less sinuous, often composed of two distinct edges, sometimes serrate or beaded, with or without a space between them which, when present, forms the eyebrow; latter often deflexed; upper marginal edge continues internally as a raised line and proceeds around the front, sometimes as a slender margin, sometimes as

a thickened border. External angle of orbit without a raised margin, but often with one or more separated tubercles on its outer edge; a narrow channel, free of tubercles, always present at its lower, posterior corner. Lower orbital margin with crenellations weak to strong, always strongest near outer angle; orbital floor with or without a mound, ridge, or tubercles. Suborbital regions, behind crenellations, usually tuberculate, sometimes naked, often covered with setae which may or may not be in the form of dense pile. Pterygostomian regions usually setose, often tuberculate, never altogether naked and smooth.

*Anterior Appendages.* Antennal flagellum not hidden beneath front; antenna large compared with that in *Ocypode*. Eye subterminal on stalk, the extreme end of which, usually flattened, curves partway around the eye's tip; rarely the stalk projects in a short or long style beyond the eye. Buccal cavity broader than long. Third maxilliped with ischium ranging from flat, grooved, and moderately setose to convex and smooth, its gill form ranging from large with many books to vestigial with none. Second maxillipeds with spoon-tipped setae ranging from few to numerous, and of varying form.

*Major Cheliped.* Enormous, strikingly different from the minor, and with a wide diversity of form, relative sizes of segments, and occurrence of ridges, tubercles, and similar specializations. *Ischium* without a stridulating ridge, but sometimes with minute tubercles. *Merus* in adults always projecting beyond carapace; postero-dorsal margin often lacking except proximally; antero-dorsal margin (in homology with ambulatories, the antero-ventral margin) always marked strongly or weakly by a ridge, crest, tubercles, or spines, especially distally; ventral margin (homologously the postero-ventral) always with one or more rows of serrations, tubercles, or rugosities; posterior and dorsal surfaces usually partly rugose, or with tuberculate striae, or tuberculate, at least dorso-distally; anterior surface (homologously the ventral) flat and smooth, finely granulate, or, rarely, partly tuberculate, especially dorso-distally.

*Carpus* with dorsal surface flat or rounded, with or without rugosities, its edge usually bent toward inner side, with or without one or more teeth or small tubercles, its anterior surface flat and smooth, sometimes with a blunt, oblique ridge, which is rarely armed with one or more tubercles, large or small.

Outer *manus* ranging from rough with large tubercles to a surface covered with tubercles so minute

that the surface appears macroscopically smooth. Tubercles usually largest near upper margin, sometimes also enlarged near base of pollex; lower proximal region (heel) often rounded and protruding to various degrees; dorsal margin more or less bent over toward inner side (palm), sometimes broad and flattened, always tuberculate in various patterns, sometimes further marked off externally by a submarginal groove. Predactyl area, at upper, distal end of manus, almost always set off by a predistal groove and distal blunt ridge, the latter either smooth or tuberculate. Lower distal outer manus, near base of pollex, with or without a depression, which may be large or small, and tuberculate, smooth or pilous. Ventral margin usually marked by a row of beaded tubercles, sometimes further set off as a low carina by an external groove at its base; rarely with a second ridge, submarginal, smooth or tuberculate, continuing distally into pollex.

*Palm* always with an upper proximal depression, the carpal cavity, with its distal boundary sometimes well marked, sometimes incomplete. An oblique ridge, tuberculate and prominent with few exceptions, runs from lower distal edge of carpal cavity to lower margin of palm near pollex base; sometimes it almost parallels the ventral margin; sometimes it is strongly oblique; in some species it continues up around the cavity's anterior margin. One or two tuberculate ridges, roughly parallel to base of dactyl, on distal part of palm; the more proximal is confluent ventrally with inner row of tubercles along upper pollex margin. Center of palm tuberculate to smooth. Lower distal part of palm with a hollow, behind pollex base, ranging from large and deep, with a trifold trench, to very shallow. Lower proximal part of palm almost smooth except, in one subgenus, for differing patterns of stridulating tubercles.

*Pollex* and *dactyl* usually much longer than manus, their shape and the armature of gape varying greatly even within populations. Each finger with or without a long external groove running almost its full length; each tuberculate outside, or rarely pitted, usually only proximally. Ventral margin of pollex sometimes with a continuation of the arrangement of tubercles, sometimes carinate, that starts on ventral margin of manus. Dorsal margin of dactyl usually flattened proximally, practically always rough with tubercles, which continue for some distance along margin and may reach halfway to tip; among the proximal tubercles a short groove is usually deeply marked; rarely it continues far along outer upper side of dactyl, paralleling the lateral groove. Dactyl never shorter than pollex; its curvature is often greater, and it often tapers to a slender tip which curves down beyond pollex. Gape narrow to wide, the fingers not in contact except distally; upper margin of pollex and lower of dactyl basically with three rows each of tubercles

or teeth; any row may be missing, or present only in a portion of the gape; one or more tubercles, most often a part of the central row, are usually enlarged, sometimes strikingly so, in each margin; in some species part of either margin, rimmed with tubercles, projects into gape, sometimes forming a forceps-shaped tip at end of claw; tip of pollex often bifid or trifold, through grouping of enlarged distal tubercles.

*Minor Cheliped.* Very small, even in comparison with ambulatories. *Merus* with dorsal margin armed weakly or strongly with tubercles, spinules, or continuations of rugosities from postero-dorsal surface. Antero-ventral margin unarmed. Postero-ventral margin serrate or tuberculate, the tubercles sometimes in form of sharp and slender spinules. Postero-dorsal surface almost always somewhat roughened with tubercles, spinules, or rugosities, sometimes weakly and only on upper distal part. Anterior and ventral surfaces smooth; dorso-distal margin at least irregular, sometimes formed of a regular row of minute tubercles; a parallel ridge, similarly armed, usually present predistally on dorsal surface. *Carpus* with or without a subdorsal ridge on outer side. A longitudinal stria, the mano-pollex ridge, is almost always conspicuous; it starts at some point on lower, outer manus and continues part way along lower half of pollex. Dactyl with or without a faint, broad, longitudinal ridge; sometimes also with a shallow groove above it and a faint second ridge above the groove. Pollex and dactyl usually clearly longer than manus. Gape ranging from very narrow, with the tubercles or serrations of the prehensile edges in contact, to wide, with the fingers arching to meet only distally. Tips horny, often expanded, meeting perfectly or nearly so, almost always with spoon-like excavations on inner sides. Margins of manus and fingers with setae, ranging from sparsely scattered to thick fringes; outer manus and palm with a few setae only; inner subdistal portions of fingers with fringes of setae forming a single, basket-like tuft when tips of fingers are in contact; they are located along the lower and upper margins of the excavated ends of pollex and dactyl respectively, especially distally.

*Ambulatories.* All always well developed, but shorter and the segments often relatively deeper than in *Ocy-pode*. Second leg is longest; 3rd leg next longest; 4th leg shortest and most slender. All segments beyond ischium moderately compressed antero-posteriorly. *Merus* often expanded dorso-ventrally, all three margins marked by at least a blunt edge, usually armed at least dorsally with serrations directed distally, rarely with separated tubercles; serrations on dorso-distal margin usually distinct; postero-ventral margin lower than antero-ventral, and its armature stronger. Posterior side of *merus*, especially in dorsal half, often with scattered tubercles or vertical, tuberculate striae;

they are most numerous on 2nd and 3rd legs, often entirely missing on 4th. Similar tubercles or striae rarely and sparsely present antero-dorsally on first two or three meri.

Anterior carpus, and sometimes the distal merus, the manus, or both of 1st leg, rarely with a ridge or a row of tubercles (some *Celuca* only). Posterior carpus of 2nd and 3rd legs sometimes similarly equipped. Dorsal margins of carpus and manus of two or more legs sometimes with one or two ridges, the intervening dorsal surface sometimes roughened. Manus and dactyl fringed variously with setae; pile sometimes present on any of the segments, especially close to the joints.

*Abdomen.* Seven segments except in a few species of the subgenus *Celuca*; in these two or more segments are fused.

*Gonopod.* All parts showing a wide range of form and proportion.

#### FEMALE

The outstanding characteristics of females throughout the genus are as follows: first, the absence of a large cheliped, the cheliped on the two sides being minute and similar; second, the stronger armature of carapace and ambulatories; and, third, the relatively greater volume of their carapace in comparison with that of males of equal length. This capacity results from some or all of these characteristics: more transverse orbits, less converging sides, higher arching, and more shallow grooves between regions. (In species where the males are often exposed to desiccation the carapaces are similarly shaped, so that in this particular these males appear feminized.)

In more detail, females differ from males in the following secondary sexual characteristics: Carapace less wide, often more arched. Orbits less oblique, except in species where male orbits are almost transverse; antero-lateral angles similar to each other. Antero-lateral margins, where absent or very short in male, present or longer. Dorso-lateral margins less converging; these margins and, when present, postero-lateral striae, sometimes longer and stronger, the ridging being higher and the elements of its armature—beading, serrations, or tubercles—larger; often beading replaces unarmed ridging or serrations replace beading. Granules in rows or clusters, or tuberculate striae in this postero-lateral area sometimes present in female only; entire dorsal and postero-lateral surfaces of carapace sometimes granulate or even tuberculate, in contrast to its smoothness in male. Vertical lateral margins stronger, the beads usually larger. Carapace regions less well marked; pile, when present, stronger in female, sometimes present in female only. Eyebrow usually wider; teeth on floor of orbit when present more numerous and

more regular, sometimes present in female only; sub-orbital crenellations sometimes larger and more extensive; setae sometimes thicker and more widely distributed in suborbital, pterygostomian, and adjacent lateral regions. Both chelipeds very small, closely similar to minor cheliped of male, although sometimes with distinctions among gape teeth and in ridging of carpus and dactyl. Meri of ambulatories broader, their marginal serrations or tubercles well developed, larger than in male; posterior spinules, tubercles, or tuberculate striae always stronger; carpus and dorsal manus often rougher, the ridges being stronger, or distinguishable where wholly absent in male; any or all ambulatory segments more often pilous, sometimes densely so.

*Gonopore.* Often in a depression; with or without an elevated rim, either simple or sculptured and surrounding the pore either wholly or in part; with or without one or more tubercles, simple or sculptured, adjoining it. This characteristic is highly subject to differentiation among subspecies but relatively stable within populations. Spermatophores sometimes distort the gonopore's appearance and can be difficult to distinguish from a possible tubercle on the margin.

#### Size

Small to moderate, in comparison with crabs of other groups, the apparent size always increased by disproportionate growth of major cheliped. Carapace length of smallest known male that is apparently adult: 4.5 mm, propodus 11 mm, in (*Celuca*) *batuenta*; measurements of the largest: (*Uca*) *maracoani insignis* with carapace length 31.5 mm, propodus 94 mm; (*Afruca*) *tangeri* length 33 mm, propodus 105 mm. Females usually smaller than males, about equal in some species but never attaining greater lengths than their males. Size and growth in the genus are discussed on p. 449.

#### Color

Color changes before waving display, sometimes to polished white, are prevalent among males in several subgenera. Red or orange tints or tones are frequent and persistent on major chelipeds. These and all other color families occur in the genus on carapace and ambulatories, very roughly in species-specific patterns but with wide variation within and among populations. The general discussion of color begins on p. 466.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Visual display involving conspicuous motions of the major cheliped is known to occur in all species that have been sufficiently observed; similar behavior may

be presumed for the few species that are either unknown in life or have not been observed during display. Stridulation is also a genus characteristic, although far less is known about it; usually sound production is employed principally if not exclusively in agonistic situations, but some species certainly have incorporated one or more of its components into their courtship patterns. Territoriality that centers closely around an intertidal burrow is well developed. Intermale combat is not only prevalent throughout the genus, as has long been known, but has recently proved to be highly ritualized and to consist of a variety of components employing numerous special structures of the major cheliped. In some species chimneys, pillars, or semi-domes are erected beside the burrows, made of substrate; at present little is known of their functions. Social behavior is described and discussed in Part Two, Chapters 5 and 6.

### RANGE

*Uca* is known from all continents except Antarctica. Its most northern limits are about 34° N in Japan and 42° N on the northern shore of Cape Cod in the United States. The most southern records are about 32° in South Africa and Australia, and about 35° in Uruguay. Details are given in Part Two, Chapter 1, in Tables 7, 8, and 9, and on Map 1.

### BIOTOPES

All *Uca* are intertidal, but their burrows are not necessarily either covered by the water or exposed every day. Substrates range from mud to sand with a minimum of silt. Mangroves or other forms of vegetation are usually close, although no *Uca* occur regularly in deep or constant shade. Preferred salinities range from fully marine to practically, or temporarily, fresh; tolerance to change is high. Chapter 2 in Part Two, Table 10, and Figs. 21-23 give further information.

### RELATIONSHIPS

Although more closely related to *Ocypode* than to any other genus in the family, *Uca* is somewhat less well adapted to withstand desiccation, while no fiddler has developed the capacity for speed that characterizes the racing crabs. On the other hand the complexity and diversity of social patterns developed in *Uca*, along with the accompanying morphological specializations, are not approached by those of *Ocypode*. Fig. 57 illustrates examples of the gonopods in other genera of ocypodids for comparison with those of *Uca*; Fig. 33 shows the form of the maxillipeds in *Ocypode*, and Figs. 76, 77, and 81 the gills in *Mac-*

*rophthalmus* and *Ocypode*. Resemblances to the corresponding organs in some of the species of *Uca* are apparent.

In the present study, *Uca* is divided into nine subgenera. This arrangement continues the work started by Bott in 1954, when he erected two subgenera between which he distributed a group of species from the eastern Pacific. His nominative subgenus, *Uca*, was based on those American species characterized by extremely narrow fronts. For his other subgenus, *Minuca*, he selected as the type-species *Uca mordax*, which is characterized by a front exceptionally wide. In the descriptions that follow, Bott's conception of the subgenus *Uca* remains unchanged. The species he placed in *Minuca*, however, are here distributed among three other subgenera: *Minuca* Bott, *Boboruca* subgen. nov., and *Celuca*, subgen. nov. These four subgenera include all American forms. In one of the subgenera, *Celuca*, are placed in addition two Indo-Pacific species. Of the five remaining subgenera, all new, one is erected for an eastern Atlantic species; the other four are confined to the Indo-Pacific.

The apparent relationships are indicated in the dendrogram of the subgenera (Fig. 96); the principal distinctions on which they are based are summarized in Table 1.

The subgenus *Deltuca* is considered the least specialized among the nine; in general, members of this subgenus depend more on continuously damp substrates than most other species; they are relatively inactive and devote little time to social behavior; waving displays are simple and mating uncomplicated, always taking place on the surface. Morphologically these characteristics are reflected in relatively flat carapaces and only moderate diversity and specialization in armature for both stridulation and combat.

The second subgenus, *Australuca*, appears to be very close to *Deltuca*; it differs principally in its slightly stronger armature and tube-tipped gonopods in all species; similar gonopods appear fully formed in only one species of *Deltuca*. Waving displays and mating activities in *Australuca* show a slight trend toward the greater energy, higher reach, lateral direction, and underground mating developed in greater degrees by other subgenera. These species have also adapted to a wider range of habitats than have those in *Deltuca*.

In both morphology and behavior *Thalassuca* appears closer to *Deltuca* than to other subgenera, particularly than to the specialized *Minuca* and *Celuca* of America. This close affinity is shown especially in the shape of the front, gonopods, armature, basic waving display, and mating behavior. Its intermediate position is indicated by details of armature on the ambulatories and, in the waving display, by the more

frequent occurrence, duration, and occasional trend toward laterality. The basic affinities with the non-Indo-Pacific groups seem to be chiefly with *Afruca* and *Uca*, although in the cheliped armature there are resemblances to that of *Minuca*. These apparent relationships are indicated on the dendrogram by the directions of the lines emerging from the base of *Thalassuca*'s branch.

The fourth subgenus, *Amphiuca*, occupies a median position between the three Indo-Pacific groups listed above and the five remaining groups that appear to have evolved in the eastern Pacific and the Atlantic. The shape of the front in *Amphiuca* is basically that of a broad-fronted American *Uca*, as is the lack of long grooves on the major chela; yet details of the palmar armature are those of Indo-Pacific groups; the armature of the ambulatories is intermediate. The form of the gill on the 3rd maxilliped resembles especially that of *Afruca*. The waving display is almost a perfect intermediate between the flexed vertical waves of *Deltuca* and the unflexed, more spacious motions of New World species, yet the low level of social activity usually rivals that of *Deltuca*. The dendrogram indicates *Amphiuca*'s intermediate position; no base lines are directed toward other subgenera, except for a short one aimed toward *Deltuca*.

The fifth subgenus, *Boboruca*, is erected for the American species *thayeri*, which like *Amphiuca* occupies an intermediate position. The shape of its front and the armature of its ambulatories are essentially characteristic of *Minuca* and *Celuca*, but some of the armature on the major cheliped resembles that of *Deltuca*. Its lethargy and the form of its waving display are also similar to those characteristics in the Indo-Pacific subgenera. Its closest affinities must remain inconclusive, as indicated on the dendrogram.

The sixth and seventh subgenera, *Afruca* and *Uca*, appear more closely related than any others previously characterized, and hence are shown arising from a common stem. In spite of different fronts, which are moderately narrow in the eastern Atlantic *Afruca* and extremely narrow in the American *Uca*, a number of distinctions are held in common, ranging from details of the setae on the 2nd maxillipeds and the armature of the major cheliped to components of social behavior. Their affinities, more clearly than in most subgenera, are with the Indo-Pacific *Thalassuca*, as shown especially in the shape of the chelipeds in some of the species and in the general form of the gill on the third maxilliped; in addition, *Afruca* has a waving display closely similar to those of several species of *Minuca*.

The last two subgenera, *Minuca* and *Celuca*, like *Afruca* and *Uca*, have more in common with each other than with any of the other groups. Some species in each are better adapted to a semi-terrestrial life,

are more active, and have a more varied social repertory than any of the other groups. The two subgenera share similar forms of front and complex details of armature. Nevertheless they differ significantly from each other. *Minuca* adapts to a semi-terrestrial way of life in a manner different from that of *Celuca*. Most *Celuca* have thick bodies and sometimes a highly reflectant display coloration, which probably helps both in withstanding heat and avoiding desiccation. *Minuca*, on the other hand, while its species also leave the low-tide areas of marine shores, have specialized by adapting to conditions found in brackish swamps; when these dry out the crabs aestivate underground; long periods of inactivity, sometimes extending to weeks or months, are the rule in this group. In contrast most *Celuca* have to aestivate, if at all, only during semi-monthly neap tides. When *Minuca* become socially active, however, they are extremely so, waving daily for long periods, unlike species in *Deltuca* and related subgenera, where waving is sporadic. In brief, in adaptation to a definitely littoral life and in social activity, *Minuca* is closer to *Celuca* than to any other subgenus; when social activity alone is concerned, however, it is rivaled by both *Afruca* and *Uca*. On the dendrogram lines from the base of the *Minuca* branch are also directed toward *Deltuca* and *Thalassuca*, in order to emphasize distant affinities with these Indo-Pacific stocks, as shown particularly in the gonopod shapes of some of the species of *Minuca*.

When the morphological and behavioral specializations of *Celuca* are viewed as a whole, its pre-eminent position is clear. Unquestionably it represents the apex of the evolution of the genus. This culmination shows in its adaptations to a semi-terrestrial life of high activity; it shows with equal clarity in the structural and functional specializations connected with social patterns at once complex and sustained.

Its adaptations toward drier and less muddy biotopes include the trend toward broad, semi-cylindrical carapaces, and toward gaping small chelae that effectively hold scoops of more solid substrate. In both these particulars a number of *Celuca* contrast with most other species in the entire genus; the uncommon exceptions—adapted for aestivation, hibernation, or sandier substrates—never reach the morphological extremes found in *Celuca*.

Associated with longer periods in the air is the increase of time for social activities and associated elaboration of structure and function. These take the form of high diversity of armature used in sound production and combat, and of the development of non-ambivalent display components used only during courtship. In the elaboration of acoustic equipment the most obvious examples are the high devel-

opment of suborbital crenellations and of stridulating mechanisms on the major palm and first leg. Some species of *Celuca* also, unlike those in other subgenera, incorporate acoustic elements wholly into the fabric of waving display. Finally, in this subgenus

construction activities reach their apex.

Relationships among the subgenera will be considered further in Part Two, Chapter 7.

The three fossils known in the genus are discussed on pp. 127 and 157.

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#### *Gelasimus*

Latreille, 1817.2: 517. Type description. Type-species: *Cancer vocans* Linnaeus, 1758 = *Gelasimus vocans* as figured by Milne-Edwards, ?1836: Pl. 18, Fig. 1 = *Uca (Thalassuca) vocans* in present study, p. 85; p. 67: habits (no original observations).

Latreille, as pointed out by Holthuis in a personal communication, did not designate a type-species, although he listed three species in his description of the genus, including *G. maracoani*, which has heretofore been cited as the type-species. Holthuis found that Milne-Edwards, above, instead is responsible for the designation of the type-species, since his contribution is the first to deal with the matter, including in its title the phrase "édition accompagnée de planches gravées, représentant les types de tous les genres." Latreille starts his account with the words "GELASIME, *Gelasimus* (Buffon). Genre de crustacés . . ." Like Stebbing (1905), I have been unable to trace the use of the word by Buffon.

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# I. *DELTUCA* SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus*: *Gelasimus forcipatus* Adams & White, 1848

(Indo-Pacific: East Africa to Fiji; Japan to Western Australia)

PLATES 1-9.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURES 61, 62 (part).

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 98.

MAPS 2, 18, 19.

TABLES 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## MORPHOLOGY

### *Diagnosis*

*Uca* with front narrow, antero-lateral margins short to absent, eyestalks slender, postero-lateral striae absent at least in males. Major manus outside rough with tubercles that are usually largest near pollex base; oblique ridge on palm never continued upward around carpal cavity; longitudinal grooves along outside of both pollex and major dactyl. Postero-dorsal surface of ambulatory meri with simple tubercles, not with tuberculate striae vertically arranged. Gill on 3rd maxilliped small, without books. Females with rare exceptions have a pair of enlarged teeth in gape of at least one chela.

### *Description*

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Front narrow, narrowest between eyestalk bases, its minimum breadth subequal to, rarely 1.5 times, basal breadth of erected eyestalk. Central area of front between raised margins is a groove narrow to broad, its margins parallel or subparallel. Orbits straight to strongly oblique; antero-lateral angles always acute, often produced, especially on major side; antero-lateral margins lacking or short, except in *arcuata*, usually finely serrate or beaded; dorso-lateral margins distinctly marked, except in *dussumieri*, by raised lines which are strongly diverging, except in *arcuata*; this margin usually anteriorly spinulate and posteriorly beaded, or beaded throughout. Postero-lateral striae absent. Vertical lateral margin usually not reaching antero-lateral margin, usually beaded. Carapace profile in lateral view little arched, except in *arcuata*. Suborbital region practically or wholly naked. Pterygostomian region little convex, moderately rugose; strongly setose.

Eyebrows moderate to short, narrow and, except in *arcuata*, vertical; one or both margins serrate, finely granulate or beaded. Orbit with lower margin

rolled more or less outward, somewhat sinuous, with or without tubercles, granules, a blunt ridge or mound on its floor; suborbital margin practically entire, the crenellations absent toward inner angle and otherwise feeble except, sometimes, for enlargement near outer angle. This angle, along with outer edge of orbital floor and lower, outer margin of the antero-lateral angle, makes a continuous angle, obtuse or acute; part of its sharp margins are sometimes microscopically serrate but never toothed or crenellate. Eyestalks very slender in middle sections, the eyes in life clearly of larger diameter than the stalks, sometimes notably so even in preservative.

*Second Maxilliped*. Spoon-tipped hairs, few to moderate in numbers.

*Third Maxilliped*. Ischium with central portion almost flat; no median groove but a slight central depression subdistally; setae short, sparse. Gill small to vestigial, the books never distinct.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus* with postero-dorsal margin well defined throughout in smaller specimens; in larger individuals margin is rounded at least distally, except in some *demani*; a conspicuous crest or large tooth never present on antero-dorsal margin; dorsal surface always smooth, slightly concave.

*Carpus* with dorsal surface flat, coarsely tuberculate, its anterior margin armed proximally with one to several enlarged tubercles; posterior surface slightly convex, smooth or sparsely rugose.

*Manus*: Outer surface covered with coarse tubercles, those near base of pollex largest; heel not notably convex; upper margin of manus strongly bent over toward inside, marked by a low ridge which is more or less flattened, bounded externally by a submarginal groove and, above and adjacent to the groove, by at least 2 rows of tubercles which are most numerous, and usually largest, distally near base of dactyl. No smooth, shallow triangular depression on lower distal outer manus, near pollex base, although a small tuberculate pit is sometimes present at begin-

ning of the long pollex furrow (see below). Lower margin of manus with a distinct carina, marked by one row of tubercles, ending on proximal part of pollex.

*Palm* with carpal cavity extending distally almost to upper part of dactyl base, although diminishing in breadth and depth; no beaded margin around cavity's upper distal part; oblique ridge always present, always tuberculate, extending from near distal part of carpal cavity's lower margin obliquely down to ventral margin at pollex base; no tubercles ever continue upward around anterior margin of carpal cavity. Tuberculate ridges at base of gape and dactyl highly variable intraspecifically and in large specimens sometimes vestigial. Tubercles of lower part of proximal ridge, however, practically always strong. Center of palm strongly convex with or without distinct tubercles. Lower distal part of palm with a deep depression, trifid, its distal arm longest and encroaching on pollex base, its dorsally directed arm shortest.

*Pollex* and *dactyl* each with a long furrow externally, running along middle of side throughout most of its length; the pollex furrow in several species is indistinct in some individuals; sometimes a 2nd, short pollex furrow is present proximally, below it. Dactyl usually with a 2nd furrow traceable subdorsally, usually short, near dactyl base only; in several species it continues to parallel the median furrow distinctly throughout most of its length. Proximal part of dactyl dorsally tuberculate. Both pollex and dactyl always subequal, usually almost straight, the dactyl never arching well beyond and below a contrastingly straight pollex; extreme tip of each simple, tapering, that of pollex directed up, that of dactyl, down. Gape and gape teeth various and variable, but the 3 basic rows of teeth are usually traceable proximally on pollex, those of center row being often reduced in number but enlarged; supplementary rows sometimes present; on distal half of pollex the median row usually clearly continues, while on distal part of dactyl the inner row so continues. In both pollex and dactyl enlarged subdistal teeth often combine with distal inner concavities to form a forceps-like tip to chela; sometimes only dactyl thus equipped. Outer distal part of pollex sometimes with a submarginal carina.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with dorsal and postero-ventral margins serrate, tuberculate or spinulate; antero-ventral margin smooth and rounded; postero-dorsal surface with scattered spinules; anterior and ventral surfaces smooth; dorso-distal margin either with slight irregularities, or a series of denticles. Carpus with subdorsal ridge absent or faintly represented by minute bumps, pits or both. Mano-pollex ridge short, never starting proximal to middle half of manus, often ending in proximal half of pollex. Dac-

tyl sometimes with a faint, broad, longitudinal ridge, rarely also with a shallow groove and faint second ridge above it; dactyl longer than manus, gape moderate to narrow, its edges finely and evenly serrate. Upper palmar setae in a close-set row or, rarely, in a tuft.

*Ambulatories.* Meri expanded, sometimes conspicuously, except 4th leg of *dussumieri*. Armature weak throughout subgenus, best developed on 2nd and 3rd legs. Merus with dorsal row of serrations largest; subdistal transverse row rudimentary; serrations on dorso-distal margin distinct; antero-ventral ridge strongest proximally, sometimes absent on 1st leg; antero-ventral serrations, if any, chiefly distal, often separated; postero-ventral ridge present only in distal three-quarters or less, strongest distally; serrations small, often absent, on 4th leg; posterior surface with scattered spinules, not tuberculate striae, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd legs; sometimes almost absent. Carpus with dorsal ridges present but often weak, with or without intervening rugosities; ridge on posterior carpus of 2nd and 3rd legs present or absent. Manus with ridges similar to those of carpus but weaker.

*Gonopod.* Various.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of females in the genus (p. 17). However, unlike females in some other subgenera, only in *acuta* is the carapace clearly more arched than in males; in all the suborbital crenellations are not larger and more extensive; setae are never thicker or more widely distributed on suborbital, pterygostomian, and adjacent lateral regions, except for several species in which a few setae are scattered on floor of orbit and below suborbital crenellations, these areas being naked in males.

The principal characteristics, in comparison with *Deltuca* males, are as follows:

*Carapace.* Granulate, the roughness extending part-way over postero-lateral regions. In the position of postero-lateral striae in other subgenera (below and behind end of dorso-lateral margin) one or more tubercles are present in most species; these are arranged either in a cluster or in a vertical or horizontal line of granules, which do not arise from a raised line (stria).

*Cheliped.* Merus more expanded, its marginal and posterior armature stronger. No subdorsal ridge, such as is sometimes present in males, on outer carpus. Ridge on outer dactyl distinguishable more often than in male. Gape proximally sometimes slightly wider; often with 2 enlarged teeth, one near middle of pollex, the other opposing it on dactyl; in the same population these teeth may be altogether absent, or

present on one or both sides. Other teeth in gape always small; except in *acuta* they are minute or absent proximal to enlarged teeth.

**Ambulatories.** Merus of at least 4th leg in two species with felt-like pile usually bordering at least postero-ventral margins. In addition to the stronger marginal and posterior armature on all meri characteristic of *Uca* females, in *Deltuca* a posterior subdorsal row of spinules or small tubercles is conspicuous, especially on 2nd and 3rd legs; in addition, a curved row of postero-dorsal subdistal spinules is pronounced in females, plus the usual series of minute denticles or irregularities found on the distal margin in both sexes. Carpus with posterior tuberculate ridge strongly developed at least on 2nd leg, usually also on 3rd; these ridges are far less subject to variation within populations and on the two sides of individuals than in males.

### Size

Moderate to large.

### Color

Display lightening absent. In fact, in contrast to their occasional brilliant white or yellow in some other subgenera, mature *Deltuca* males are often darker and duller than the females or young, tending to lack both bright colors and striking markings. In all only the lower distal part of the outer major manus is always distinctively colored, usually in contrast to adjacent regions; it ranges from purplish, red, or orange to ochraceous or yellow brown, while at least the tips of the chela are pale, usually clear white. An exception to the prevailing dullness of males is *urvillei*, the blue carapace of which is brightest in displaying individuals.

In contrast to these larger males, juvenile *Deltuca* of both sexes and sometimes mature females are both more contrastingly marked and vividly colored; white or bright blue spots occur in several species on a dark carapace and on the legs, especially the meri of the last pair; in several species red or yellow bands sometimes cross the carapace anteriorly, while red, yellow, blue, or white at times marks the orbits and other regions of the anterior aspect of the carapace, the maxillipeds, minor chelipeds in both sexes, and anterior face of the major merus; the ambulatories are sometimes solidly blue or red.

Several species have color peculiarities that are of diagnostic value in the field. In both sexes the adults of *rosea* are peculiarly translucent, its carapace and appendages variously pearly gray to deep rose. In *d. demani* the general hue is also characteristic; it is the only Indo-Pacific form, except for some populations of *chlorophthalmus*, in which the pervading hue

is dark crimson or purplish red; the remaining carapace reds all have a scarlet or orange red cast. In the Singapore and Sarawak areas, at least, it is possible promptly to distinguish *dussumieri* from *forcipata* by color alone; the *dussumieri*, except for large males, always show some markings of bright blue; the spot on the lower outer major manus of males is ochraceous yellow or brownish; in contrast, *forcipata* shows scarlet markings except in large males, which are distinguished by a distinct purplish patch on the outer manus; in addition, in *forcipata* (and rarely in its allopatric, *coarctata*) the eyestalks are sometimes vivid scarlet, a hue which in Singapore and Sarawak extends even to the globular eyes.

Post-megalopal stages, where known, are brilliant, solid colors—white, yellow, yellow with orange legs, scarlet, or blue.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Waving display is less developed than in any other subgenus. In several species it consists only of a low, vertical, up-and-down motion (waving component 1), with no specializations except for the occasional grouping of waves into a series. In several other species there is a tendency to semi-oblique waves (component 3), the claw being directed slightly outward at a narrowly acute angle to the front of the body. Except in *demani*, the upper margin of the dactyl reaches scarcely or not at all above the tips of the eyes. Again with the exception of *demani*, the carapace is raised on the legs little or not at all. When the waves are in series, the crab often makes several waves of small or diminishing amplitude in quick succession. Sometimes the cheliped is raised in a series of upward jerks (component 2); the jerking waves are usually confined to displays of high intensity and are often interspersed with non-jerking waves that reach even a lower level. Except for the development of jerks, high intensity specializations of the wave itself are absent, including lateral displays of all kinds. Except again for *demani*, even leg-stretches (component 10), among the motions often associated with waving in the genus, are rare or absent. Display is sporadic and largely unpredictable in most species; it often occurs while the crabs are moving about, sometimes away from their burrows.

In no species is mating always or even usually preceded by waving, although no crabs have been seen to copulate that were not waving during the same period of low tide. The male, with or without display, approaches the female and copulates close to her burrow, after stroking her carapace as usual with his ambulatories before turning her into position. Tapping with the ambulatories and plucking motions with the minor cheliped have been observed less often.

Chimneys sometimes surround the burrows in about half the species in the subgenus, including all those in the superspecies *coarctata*. Most construction in some seems to be by mature females; in others chimneys seem to characterize, instead, juveniles of both sexes. In no observed population were they numerous.

The study of acoustic behavior and combat in this subgenus has scarcely begun. The presumably acoustic components so far observed on the surface and performed by single crabs are the major-merus-rub, minor-merus-rub, leg-wag, major-merus-drum, major-manus-drum, and leg-stamp (acoustic components 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11). Tape recordings resulting from the introduction of an intruder into a burrow have been secured in 2 species. Filmed components of ritualized combat include only the manus-rub, dactyl-slide, and heel-and-hollow (components 1, 6, 11).

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 18 in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram; bases for superspecies are given on p. 10. Within the subgenus the members of the superspecies *acuta* appear, at least in the simplicity

of their waving displays and low development of social activity, to be less specialized than the other species. In ability to withstand desiccation and in form and prevalence of waving activity, *demani* is clearly slightly in advance of the rest of the subgenus, although without outstanding morphological characteristics. On the other hand, the members of the superspecies *coarctata* show an almost perfect progression in gonopod structure; these organs range from the basic ocypodid form, showing large flanges and a prominent inner process, to the flangeless, projecting tube of *urvillei* which occurs in 3 other subgenera; none of the other morphological characters and waving displays in this superspecies show such progressive specialization, although the northern species, *arcuata*, has developed the increased depth characteristic of forms exposed to desiccation during hibernation.

#### NAME

*Deltuca*: From the Greek capital letter, *delta*, with its successive derivations of triangle and river delta. The proposed name, therefore, signifies "fiddlers of the delta," in reference to the usual habitat of all these species of *Uca*.

# 1. *UCA (DELTUCA) [ACUTA] ACUTA* (STIMPSON, 1858)

(Central Indo-Pacific)

PLATE 1.

FIGURES 61 *A, B*; 90 *A, B*; 98.

MAP 2.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

A northern and a southern form are here viewed as subspecies of *Uca acuta*; one ranges along the coast of China, while the other is known from Singapore and Borneo. Both are mud-livers found near river mouths on banks and flats. Males of some populations in both subspecies have the major manus red, while the carapace in both sexes of the southern form is strikingly reticulated with yellow and black. This form, *a. rhizophorae*, is also distinguished by having the simplest waving display known in the genus. The entire performance consists only of fast, slight lifts of the flexed cheliped, repeated in series and never reaching above the eye.

The southern form was rare near Singapore, its northern limit, according to both Tweedie's experience and my own. In contrast, it was the dominant ocypodid near the mouth of the Kuching River, Sarawak, where the small crabs covered some of the muddy banks and adjacent flats by the thousand. Farther upriver they were replaced by *U. forcipata*, there being a wide area of intermingling.

The new material here referred to *acuta acuta* was all collected in Hong Kong, not far from Macao, the type locality for Stimpson's *Gelasimus acutus*. From a distance these fiddlers resemble young *arcuata*, having similar dark carapaces and red claws. Stimpson's types of *acutus* were unfortunately among those lost in the Chicago fire, along with others from the region. The consequent confusion has been striking, even in a group notable for its taxonomic uncertainties. Specimens I have examined which were published under the name of *acutus*, all taken farther to the south and west, proved to be principally *rosea* and *forcipata*. On the other hand, specimens from China, clearly belonging to the same species as the present examples from Hong Kong, are labeled variously *demani*, *arcuata*, and *manii*.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

A single, long groove running laterally almost entire length of major dactyl, the subdorsal groove being short; chela tip forceps-like, because of an opposable

series of enlarged tubercles, but not strikingly so. Gonopod with anterior flange large, posterior rudimentary; inner process minute, scarcely reaching base of flange. Floor of orbit without tubercles, although occasionally with a few, minute, irregular granules and always with a prominent blunt ridge or mound on inner third. Carapace with fronto-orbital margin only slightly oblique, almost straight in comparison with that of *rosea*; antero-lateral margins well developed.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal groove wide or narrow, its sides parallel or slightly convergent. Fronto-orbital margins slightly oblique; antero-lateral angles acute to varying degrees, moderately produced; antero-lateral margins short but definite, finely or not at all serrate, moderately converging, then turning sharply to form strongly converging dorso-lateral margins which are beaded or smooth. Vertical lateral margin extending almost to dorsal surface, beaded throughout except, in some individuals, in upper portion. Eyebrow traceable through more than half of orbit; upper margin strong, and either finely beaded or smooth; lower margin indistinct, granulate. Suborbital margin less sinuous than usual in *Deltuca*; crenellations present on outer half of orbit only, separate, broad and spatulate, not continuing externally beyond angle. Tubercles on floor of orbit absent or, rarely, barely traceable as irregular fine granules; a blunt ridge or mound running up to one-third width of orbit on its floor, at inner side behind margin.

*Major Cheliped*. Merus with a row of tubercles, slightly enlarged distally on antero-dorsal margin; distally with one or two short, irregular rows of tubercles on anterior surface; latter surface with other small tubercles, especially near ventral margin, variable in distribution and size; ventral row of tubercles single or compound. Tubercles of outer manus relatively small compared with other *Deltuca*, nota-

bly large only near pollex base; smaller tubercles extending proximally onto pollex and dactyl. Inner surface of palm between ridges covered with small, low tubercles. Depression at pollex base a longitudinal trench rather than clearly trifid. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal groove short, lined with tubercles.

In gape, a median pollex tooth and several proximal teeth on dactyl usually enlarged in brachychealous individuals; subdistally the edges of dactyl and pollex become suddenly closely apposed, the margins being straight, not concave; they are furnished with corresponding series of slightly enlarged teeth, the most proximal pair in the group largest, giving a distal forceps-like formation which is distinct but not extreme. Outer distal pollex without submarginal carina.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with serrations of dorsal margin well separated, those of postero-ventral less so. Carpal and dactyl ridges present or absent.

*Ambulatories.* Merus: Antero-ventral ridge on 1st leg absent proximally, represented distally by separated fine serrations; corresponding serrations on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th legs weak or moderate. *Carpus*: Dorsal ridges weak or moderate; posterior ridges present or absent.

*Gonopod.* Inner process small, scarcely projecting onto horny surface of flange base; anterior flange large, curving moderately forward, its breadth greater than diameter of pore; posterior flange very small; thumb short, subdistal, barely reaching base of flange.

#### FEMALE

Gonopore externally with a raised rim.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>U. acuta rhizophorae</i>				
(Singapore)				
Largest male	11.0	19.0	36.0	26.0
Moderate male	10.0	16.0	26.0	20.0
Larger female				
(ovigerous)	9.0	14.0	—	—
Smaller female				
(ovigerous)	8.5	14.0	—	—
<i>U. acuta acuta</i>				
Largest male (Amoy)	12.0	22.0	34.0	23.0
Neotype (Hong Kong)	9.0	16.0	22.5	13.5
Female (Hong Kong)	8.5	15.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. acuta* differs from all other Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts except *urvillei* in the minute size of the gonopod's inner process; from its closest relation, *rosea*,

as well as from *dussumieri* in having one, not two, long lateral furrows on major dactyl; from *demani*, *coarctata*, and *urvillei* by the absence of a row of tubercles on orbit's floor; from *arcuata* in the combination of a large anterior with a minute posterior flange on gonopod and in the much smaller size of adults, young *arcuata* having typically short fingers on the major cheliped; from *forcipata* and *coarctata* by the well-developed flanges on gonopod; from narrow-fronted crabs of other subgenera in having long grooves on both dactyl and pollex. Armature is weaker than in *rosea*.

The subspecies *acuta rhizophorae* stands out among its sympatric associates through a combination of its small size, reticulated carapace, and slender claw, with a series of slightly enlarged predistal teeth, diminishing in size, in both pollex and dactyl.

*U. acuta acuta* differs from its sometimes close sympatric, young *arcuata*, as follows. First, the gonopod's anterior, not posterior, flange is large even in young specimens, while the posterior flange is virtually absent. Second, the ventral margin of the 4th merus is almost straight, especially in the distal half, not distinctly convex as in *arcuata*. Third, the manus is more slender and the fingers do not have the juvenile shortness of *arcuata* of similar size. From *dussumieri*, the 3rd and last species of *Deltuca* now thought to occur in north China, *a. acuta* differs in having only one, not two, distinct long grooves on the dactyl, as well as in the obvious differences in the gonopod, and in the broad ambulatory meri. Large, leptochelous examples show a slight tendency for the subdorsal groove on the dactyl to extend in extremely shallow, shadowy form more distally, always just below the dorsal margin; in each of these examples the series of enlarged subdistal tubercles of both dactyl and pollex remain in the otherwise edentulous gape; the resemblance to a forceps is therefore far more striking, as in many *a. rhizophorae*, than in the brachychealous examples, which are always well provided with gape tubercles throughout; these opposed subdistal tubercles serve as a convenient key for avoiding preliminary confusion of *a. acuta* with *dussumieri* in specimens with the trace of a second dactyl groove described above.

#### Color

Display lightening absent; carapace sometimes conspicuously marbled with light and dark; major manus white to red.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Information on waving display, precopulatory behavior, and acoustic behavior is available for *a. rhizophorae* only (p. 27).

## RANGE

Singapore, northwest Borneo, and coast of mainland China north to Fu-chow [Foochow]. No records between Borneo and Hong Kong.

## BIOTOPES

Muddy banks, both steep and shelving, near mouths of streams and rivers; also on protected flats in deltas; always near vegetation. (Biotopes 12, 13.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In the tropics its usual associates are *forcipata* and, especially, *dussumieri*. In Hong Kong it occurs sympatrically with young *arcuata*.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 592.)

*Observations and Collections.* Singapore, Sarawak: near Santobong. Hong Kong.

*Film.* Singapore.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND REFERENCE

*Uca acuta acuta* (Stimpson, 1858)

Stimpson's type of *Gelasimus acutus* is not extant. Type-locality: Macao.

The present material from Hong Kong is referred to this species, and one of the series selected as a neotype, for the following reasons. The virtually straight sides of the front are notable, as is the mound on the floor of the orbit, these characters being the most distinctive mentioned in the type description (Stimpson 1858, 1907). The rather short dactyl of the holotype is in agreement with its small size. To Stimpson, unacquainted with a wide variety of Indo-Pacific *Deltuca*, the moderately produced antero-lateral angles and moderately converging sides or dorso-lateral margins, or both, appeared extreme, as described; so they are in comparison with those of *vocans*, *chlorophthalmus*, and *lactea*, the species familiar to him. The proximity of Hong Kong to Macao, the type-locality, prompted the selection of the neotype from Hong Kong material.

**NEOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 137665. Hong Kong: Kowloon (Castle Peak area). Male. Measurements on p. 26.

*Uca acuta rhizophorae* Tweedie, 1950

**HOLOTYPE.** Male. Sarawak, near Santobong. Length 17.2 mm. Described as *Uca rhizophorae*. (BM !)

## *Uca (Deltuca) [acuta] acuta rhizophorae* Tweedie, 1950

(Singapore and Sarawak)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Groove of front with sides convergent distally, narrower than in *a. acuta*. Suborbital granules altogether absent. Carapace sides little converging. Major cheliped with fingers tending toward leptochelous form and manus tubercles externally small for group. Armature in general weaker than in *a. acuta*.

## Color

Carapace in both sexes dark, strikingly marbled with a paler tint, ranging from olive green to yellow or light brown, especially antero-dorsally. Major manus white in Singapore but bright orange red in large males in Sarawak; pollex brown, dactyl white in both localities.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical, low, the dactyl tip maximally reaching distal end of eye; cheliped held obliquely at highest reach, so that mano-carpal joint is much lower than tip of chela; cheliped not touching ground between waves in a series. Jerks absent. Body scarcely or not at all raised. Walking frequent both during waving and between series. Waves very fast, at rate of 3 to 6 waves per second; in series of 4 to 7 waves; often 6 to 8 series with only several seconds' pause between. (Waving component: 1; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior and Copulation*

Three apparently complete copulations were seen on surface, close to female's burrow. One was preceded by waving during walking; the other two were prefaced by no waving whatever, although both males had been waving some minutes earlier. Before each of the three males turned a female into position, he stroked and patted her carapace with his ambulatories, but made no plucking motions. Several other approaches reached the stroking stage close to a female's burrow but then broke off, as the female stiffened her ambulatories on one side and thrust them into the air in a typical legs-out (agonistic component 14).

*Acoustic Behavior*

During field observations I believed the ground was forcefully touched at the end of each wave. Film analyses have since shown that the cheliped does not, in fact, touch the ground in any of the approximately 20 waves, in both threat and courtship, where the point is clear. Leg-wagging was both observed in the field and filmed (component 5).

*Uca (Deltuca) [acuta] acuta acuta*  
(Stimpson, 1858)

(Hong Kong north to Fu-chou [Foochow])

**MORPHOLOGY**

With the characteristics of the species.

Differs as follows from *a. rhizophorae*. Groove of front broader with sides parallel, not at all converging distally; sides of carapace converging more; carapace slightly more arched, the regions less well defined. Suborbital granules detectable, although few are usually clear. Major cheliped with fingers tending toward brachychelous, not leptochelous, form, although moderately leptochelous examples occur; tubercles on outer manus larger. Gonopod with tube and flanges slightly longer. Armature in general stronger than in *a. rhizophorae*.

*Color*

Non-displaying males: Major cheliped with at least manus bright red. (Observation casual.)

**REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY**

*Uca (Deltuca) acuta* (Stimpson, 1858)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (D.) acuta acuta*, below.

*Uca (Deltuca) acuta rhizophorae*  
Tweedie, 1950

*Uca rhizophorae*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Tweedie, 1950.1: 357; Fig. 7 a-c. Borneo: Sarawak: "mangrove and nipah swamp by the river below Kuching near Santobong." (BM !)

Tweedie, 1954: 118. (Distribution note only, type-locality.)

Crane, 1957. Singapore; Sarawak. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca (Deltuca) acuta acuta* (Stimpson, 1858)

*Gelasimus acutus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Stimpson, 1858: 99. Macao (off east coast of China).

Stimpson, 1907: 105; Pl. 14, Fig. 3. (Description of holotype, slightly expanded and in English.)

*Uca demani* (not of Ortmann)

Gee, 1925: 165 (part). China (Fukien): Amoy. (USNM !)

Kellogg, 1928: 356. China (Fukien): Amoy. (USNM !)

*Uca arcuata* (not *Gelasimus arcuatus* de Haan)

Shen, 1937.2: 309 (part). China (Fukien): Amoy. (USNM ! and BM !)



## 2. *UCA (DELTUCA) [ACUTA] ROSEA* (TWEEDIE, 1937)

(Tropical Indo-Pacific)

PLATE 2 A-D.

FIGURES 24 A-C; 25 A-C; 30 A, B; 32 A-C; 35 A, B;  
45 J-LL; 46 A; 47 A, B; 48 A, B; 61 E; 98.

MAP 2.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

On the western coast of Malaya this pinkish, fragile-looking fiddler lives in sheltered mud close to mangroves. Its populations occur both near stream mouths and, in delta country, in drainage ditches; the water is probably almost always of low salinity, although subject to the usual wide range. At Penang a vigorous population occurred in close proximity to similarly thriving groups of *forcipata* and *triangularis*. Its waving display, poorly known, is wholly vertical and includes jerks.

Ranging around most of the Bay of Bengal, this species is undoubtedly the western form of *acuta*. In the older collections it was identified variously as *acuta* and *manii* (a name here synonymized with *forcipata*).

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Two grooves running almost entire length of major dactyl; chela tip forceps-like, because of an opposable series of enlarged tubercles. Gonopod with anterior and posterior flanges both broad; inner process broad, well developed. Floor of orbit without a mound, tubercles or granules. Orbits strongly oblique. Antero-lateral carapace margins absent, the angles acute and produced; dorso-lateral margins strongly converging. Meri of ambulatories much enlarged.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal groove wide, its sides subparallel. Fronto-orbital margins strongly oblique, antero-lateral angles strikingly produced and acute, scarcely directed forward; antero-lateral margins absent; dorso-lateral margins very strongly converging; margins from the angle anteriorly finely serrate, posteriorly beaded. Vertical lateral margin extending

more than halfway to dorsal surface, beaded throughout. Cuticle notably thin, translucent, and fragile. Eyebrow traceable through more than half of orbit, both margins strong and tuberculate. No tubercles or granules on orbital floor, but a low, smooth, variable ridge distinguishable. Suborbital crenellations small throughout, separate only in outer half.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with tuberculate antero-dorsal margin equipped distally with only several slightly enlarged, clustered tubercles, less developed than in any other species of *Deltuca*; ventral margin proximally with rugosities extending onto anterior surface; otherwise equipped with a single row of strong tubercles, starting anteriorly just beyond rugosities but continuing directly on margin. Tubercles on outer manus relatively small compared with most *Deltuca* but slightly larger than in *acuta* and *demani*; smaller tubercles extend variably far out on pollex and dactyl. Inner surface of palm between ridges covered with small, low granules. Depression at pollex base a longitudinal trench rather than clearly trifid. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal groove long, paralleling lateral groove through about two-thirds of dactyl's length. In gape a median tubercle usually enlarged near middle of both pollex and dactyl in brachychelous individuals; distal forceps-like formation distinct. Outer distal pollex without submarginal carina.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with dorsal and postero-ventral margins serrate, the dorsal serrations separated. Carpal ridge present, faint. No ridges or groove on dactyl.

*Ambulatories. Merus:* All notably expanded. Antero-ventral ridge on 1st leg absent proximally; distal serrations, non-contiguous, on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs; absent on 4th and from postero-ventral ridge on 4th leg. *Carpus:* 1st and 2nd legs each with 2 dorsal ridges present, the anterior the stronger, surface between spinous; 3rd and 4th legs each with anterior ridge only; all ridges minutely serrate. Posterior ridge, finely serrate, present on 2nd and 3rd legs.

*Gonopod.* Inner process well developed, flat; both flanges broad, the anterior slightly the broader; both much wider than pore; thumb short, subdistal, reaching base of flange.

#### FEMALE

The shape of the carapace closely resembles the form of the male.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male	16.0	27.5	41.0*	23.0
Holotype male (Tweedie)	15.0	25.6	45.0	29.0
Moderate male	12.0	20.5	30.0	19.0
Largest female	10.5	17.5	—	—
Ovigerous female	9.0	16.0	—	—

\* Estimated projection, since pollex regenerated.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*Uca rosea* differs from *acuta*, its closest relation, in having two furrows, not one, on the dactyl, a large posterior flange and inner process, strongly oblique orbits, and no mound or ridge on the orbit's floor.

It differs from *forcipata* in the large gonopod flanges, in having two grooves, not one, on the dactyl, and in the more strongly produced antero-lateral angles and more converging dorso-lateral margins; from *dussumieri* and *arcuata* in the strongly oblique orbits and absence of antero-lateral margins; from *demani* in having two grooves on the dactyl and no tubercles on the orbit's floor; from *coarctata* and *urvillei* in the latter two characters as well as in having flanges. It differs from narrow-fronted crabs of other subgenera in having long grooves on both dactyl and pollex combined with distinct dorso-lateral margins on the carapace.

Its differences from *acuta* appear to be unquestionably on the species level. Its range is not known to coincide at all with that of its nearest allopatric relation, *acuta rhizophorae*, except for two young specimens taken by Tweedie (1937) in Singapore and a few *a. rhizophorae* taken by each of us in other parts of the same island. A thorough comparison of their displays there, or possibly in Pontianak, would be rewarding, particularly if any populations could be found living in close sympatry.

#### Color

Both sexes, including rare, displaying males: Carapace and eyestalks usually pale turquoise-gray, almost translucent, giving an effect unlike that of any other *Uca*; carapace sometimes partly or entirely pink, but still retaining the striking translucence. The

pink, when only partial, appears on epibranchial regions and sides of carapace. Major cheliped and ambulatories usually pink. Very young crabs bright yellow, sometimes orange, not at all translucent; in a subsequent stage the carapace is whitish, the legs pink.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Only 2 high-intensity waves seen and filmed, both by a courting male at Penang. Wave vertical, low, the cheliped tip raised slightly above tip of eye. Jerks present, each wave being divided by unequal nodes, 5 or 6 on upstroke, 3 on downstroke; each jerk shows a slight regression of wave direction: those on way up lower cheliped slightly, while those on way down re-elevate it. Jerks were absent at low intensity and the wave was lower, not reaching base of eyestalks; jerks absent and wave lower also by the single fully displaying male observed when he was rapidly following the female between jerking waves. Body scarcely or not at all raised. Waving rate: the waves lasted 3.7 and 4.1 seconds respectively. (Waving components: 1, 2; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

##### Acoustic Behavior

Leg-wagging (sound component 5). A male beside his own burrow was threatening a small male *triangularis*, moving from a lateral-stretch to a moderate high-rise (agonistic components 10, 13). The leg-wagging, occurring in the middle of the high-rise, certainly included the rubbing of meri against one another, and perhaps also the rubbing of the same segments against the vertical lateral margin in a leg-side-rub (component 6). Components filmed; no data on sound production.

#### RANGE

Northeast India; Burma; west coast of Malay Peninsula; Sumatra; Borneo.

#### BIOTOPES

Muddy stream banks, sloping or steep, near mouths and adjacent protected flats, always near vegetation and sometimes partly shaded. (Biotopes 12, 13.)

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 592.)

*Observations and collections.* West coast of Malaya: Malacca; Negri Selambang: young on yellowish, clayey banks of drainage ditches emptying into river; Penang. August.

*Film.* Penang.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus roseus* Tweedie, 1937

HOLOTYPE. In British Museum (Natural History), London. Male. Malaya: Port Swettenham. Measurements on p. 30. (!)

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## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Deltuca) rosea* (Tweedie, 1937)

*Gelasimus roseus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Tweedie, 1937: 145. Malaya: Port Swettenham. Singapore: Jurong R. (BM !)

*Gelasimus acutus* (not of Stimpson)

de Man, 1887.1: 113. Mergui Arch. (Leiden !)

de Man, 1891: 21, 30 (part). Locality not given.

Taxonomy.

de Man, 1895: 573. Malaya: Penang. Sumatra: Atjeh. Borneo: Pontianak.

*Uca acuta* (not *Gelasimus acutus* Stimpson)

Lanchester, 1900.1: 753. Malacca.

Rathbun, 1909: 114 (part). Taxonomy, in con-

nection with description of *U. manii*; no records of *rosea* from Siam included.

Rathbun, 1910: 322 (part). The preceding comments apply.

*Uca manii*

Pearse, 1932: 292. Ganges delta.

Pearse, 1936: 353. Ganges delta. (USNM !)

Chopra & Das, 1937: 422. Mergui Arch.

*Uca rosea*

Tweedie, 1954: 118. West coast of Malaya. Distribution.

Crane, 1957. Malaya: Penang. Preliminary classification of waving display.

### 3. *UCA (DELTUCA) DUSSUMIERI* (MILNE-EDWARDS, 1852)

(Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 2 E-F; 3.

FIGURES 5; 8 A; 9 A; 27 A-C; 34 A; 35 C, D; 36 A; 37 A, B; 38 E-H; 45 A-DD; 46 B; 52 A-BB; 54 A-C; 56 A; 60 A, B; 61 F, G, I; 72 A-CC; 74; 81 C; 92; 98.

MAP 18.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23.

#### INTRODUCTION

From the point of view of a waiting human being, this bluish fiddler seems especially likely to sit indefinitely on the mud without giving any information whatever on the form of his waving display. It is true that when tides are low in the morning a flourishing population may display with energy. Yet even at high intensity these waves look like mere waggings of the claw, intermittent and unimpressive in comparison with the tireless, spacious circlings of *lactea* nearby.

*U. dussumieri* is probably the most abundant and certainly the most widely ranging species of its subgenus, being found near mangroves from eastern India to New Caledonia and north China. Its usual sympatric associate is a member of the superspecies *coarctata* and in any tropical swamp color differences usually distinguish most individuals, *dussumieri* being marked with blue, while *forcipata* or *coarctata* is to some degree patterned with red.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### Diagnosis

Two distinct grooves running most of length of major dactyl. No tubercles on floor of orbit. Gonopod with anterior flange large, sometimes represented chiefly by a spinous tubercle; posterior flange small; inner process broad, non-spinous. Carapace with anterior margin almost straight; antero-lateral margins present but short and variable. Merus of last ambulatory in male notably slender, its dorsal margin straight; last merus in female bordered conspicuously with pile along ventral margin, except in north-west Australia. Eye not notably larger in diameter than adjacent eyestalk.

##### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

##### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal groove moderate to extremely narrow; fronto-orbital margins practically straight;

antero-lateral angles acute but little produced; antero-lateral margins short but definite, finely serrate or beaded except in some individuals; dorso-lateral margins anteriorly smooth or finely beaded, posteriorly absent or very weak. Vertical lateral margin distinct and beaded in lower one-third to two-thirds, of variable height within subspecies. Eyebrow poorly marked; upper margin beaded; lower margin indicated by a row of fine granules, usually double internally, sometimes dying out halfway to antero-lateral angle, sometimes extending almost to the angle. Suborbital crenellations low but separate and truncate, the outer angle often slightly projecting, rectangular, entire. No ridges or mound on floor of orbit.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with antero-dorsal margin marked by tubercles except proximally, in a single row, increasing in size regularly or abruptly near the distal end; antero-distal surface also with a few small tubercles; latter surface also with scattered granules concentrated chiefly near ventral margin, their number, size, and arrangement variable. Ventral margin with close-set tubercles, usually in an irregularly compound row. Inner surface of palm between ridges either finely granulate or covered with flat tubercles. Outer side of pollex base with or without a short submarginal furrow proximally, below the usual longitudinal furrow. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal furrow long, paralleling lateral furrow through most of its length; dactyl dorsally and ventral margin of pollex each tuberculate in its proximal half or more, while their outer surfaces are somewhat granulate, at least proximally. In gape, an enlarged median or submedian tooth on the pollex is characteristic in brachychelous individuals. No notable forceps-like formation distally. Outer distal pollex without submarginal carina.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with a few spinules on dorsal margin; postero-ventral margin either serrate or with separated spinules. Carpal and dactyl ridges scarcely indicated or absent. Palmar setae in a short row.

*Ambulatories.* Merus: Little expanded; on 4th leg dorsal and ventral margins about parallel. Antero-

ventral margins with ridges on 1st and 2nd virtually absent; a few minute serrations distally; 3rd with ridge and serrations weak; 4th with ridge moderate but serrations barely indicated or absent. Postero-ventral margins with ridges in distal two-thirds to three-quarters; small serrations present in at least distal half of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs, present or absent on 4th. *Carpus*: 1st leg dorsally with posterior ridge, 2nd with anterior and posterior, 3rd and 4th with anterior only; ridges slightly beaded or finely spinulose; dorsal surface between ridges on 2nd sometimes with fine tubercles; posterior ridge absent or present on 2nd or 3rd, sometimes on major only; faintly tuberculate or smooth.

*Gonopod*. Inner process broad and flat; anterior flange large, sometimes with a large, dark tubercle or spine representing its anterior edge; posterior to the spine the flange joins the tube only subdermally or nearly so, as a low, horny ridge; posterior ridge small; thumb short, practically distal.

#### FEMALE

Merus of last ambulatory broader than in male but more slender than that of other *Deltuca*, its dorsal margin being straight. Except in *d. capricornis*, the postero-ventral margin is covered with short, dense pile, usually firmly attached, although sometimes missing partly or wholly from one side; in *d. spinata* the serrate edge of the segment is wholly buried in pile; pile sometimes also present on third merus. Gape of chela with 1 pair of enlarged teeth present or absent, except in *d. spinata*, where it is always absent on both sides.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*Uca dussumieri* differs notably from *acuta* and *forcipata* in having two grooves, not one, running almost full length of dactyl; from *acuta* and *rosea* in having greatly enlarged tubercles all over outer manus, instead of only near pollex base; from *rosea* in having the fronto-orbital border practically straight, usually with a distinct antero-lateral margin, instead of oblique with sides converging immediately behind antero-lateral angle; from *demani*, *coarctata*, and *urvillei* in the lack of tubercles on floor of orbit; from *arcuata* in the enlargement of the anterior, not posterior, gonopod flange and from *forcipata*, *coarctata*, and *urvillei* by having a large flange, instead of flanges vestigial to absent. Differs from narrow-fronted *Uca* of other subgenera in having long grooves on both dactyl and pollex. Females of *dussumieri spinata* and *d. dussumieri* differ from those of all species except *acuta* in having a postero-ventral border of pile on merus of last ambulatory.

Along the southern and western margins of the

Philippines, in Tawi-Tawi, Joló, and northeast Palawan, the local *dussumieri* showed characters with tendencies intermediate between those of *d. dussumieri* and *d. spinata*. Notably, the anterior flange of the gonopod tended to be slightly produced antero-distally, as in *d. spinata*, while the pile usually present on the female's 3rd merus in *d. dussumieri* was lacking, as often in *d. spinata*. The frontal furrow in all remained typical of *d. dussumieri*. Specimens from Nokota Bay, on the southwest coast of Palawan, are close enough to *d. spinata* to be here so identified.

Some male *d. dussumieri* in the Philippines superficially resemble *acuta rhizophorae* in having a few separated tubercles in the gape of the major chela which are distally enlarged.

Although I have not been able to distinguish morphologically specimens here referred to *d. spinata* from temperate north China from those taken in tropical Thailand, Malaysia, and elsewhere, it seems highly unlikely that further material will not provide distinctions. We have no data on the appearance in life or behavior of members of temperate populations.

#### Color

The subspecies share four color characteristics. First, blue occurs at least in young crabs to varying degrees on carapace and ambulatories. Second, pale spots, ranging from turquoise to white, are typical of young crabs, excluding post-megalopal stages; their location and persistence are highly variable; spots sometimes remain in mature females, particularly on the merus of the 4th ambulatory, but not in mature males. Third, the lower major manus, at least, is never blue and never white; it ranges instead from pale yellow, orange, or red to dull ochre or cream. Finally, large individuals are always darker and duller than smaller ones; duller of all are large males.

The differences among subspecies are minor. Blue is most prevalent and persistent in *spinata*; spotting is most highly developed in *capricornis*. The manus in the young is yellow, apricot, or orange in *capricornis* and *spinata*, but bright orange red in *dussumieri*. A few females of *dussumieri*, seen only in New Caledonia, had the carapace reddish and the minor chelipeds bright red; the rest of the population showed the usual coloration. Very small crabs in *spinata* are entirely brilliant cobalt blue, without spots, but white in *capricornis*; crabs of similarly small size in *dussumieri* were not identified in life.

The following description covers all subspecies.

*Adult displaying male*. Carapace dorsally without spots, although white sometimes persists on pterygostomian or other regions of frontal aspect. Eye-stalks translucent gray. Major cheliped with merus

rarely orange or ochraceous, inside or out; lower part of outer manus usually dull ochraceous, less often apricot to creamy, the color typically extending onto pollex; upper manus and dactyl creamy to white; tips of fingers white. Minor cheliped and ambulatories dark.

*Adult female.* Carapace and ambulatories as in male except as follows. The blue cast of the carapace is often pronounced even in large individuals; some of the pale spots of the young often persist into maturity, particularly the single large spot on the merus of each 4th ambulatory; 3rd maxilliped sometimes strikingly white, as may be other aspects of the frontal view; ambulatories sometimes bright blue as in young.

*Young.* Smallest crabs, to a length of about 6 mm, unspotted, brilliant cobalt blue to white. Later, large single pale spots, ranging from turquoise to white, are distributed singly on any number of the following general regions: front, gastric, hepatic, cardiac, branchial, orbital, suborbital, pterygostomian, 3rd maxillipeds, minor cheliped merus; anterior parts of merus, carpus and manus of first 3 ambulatories; posterior merus of 4th ambulatory. Eyestalks translucent yellowish or greenish. Major cheliped always with tips of fingers white, otherwise sometimes entirely yellow or cream; more often only lower manus is colored, whether yellow, apricot or orange red.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave in all subspecies strictly vertical, held close against buccal region, with no tendency toward a semi-unflexed wave; wave low, the dactyl tip not reaching above eye and often, even at maximum intensity, not beyond eyestalk.

Depending on the subspecies, the waves are either in series, the waves of each series being clear of the ground, or else each wave is compound, consisting of several jerks, each successively higher, of increasing length, without regression of wave direction, and with a usually unbroken downstroke.

Body scarcely or not at all raised. At least in *d. dussumieri*, waving occurs during walking, both by aggressive wanderers and by courting males. Waving rate: single waves: about 2.5 to 8 per second; compound (jerking) waves: 0.5 to 2.5 per second. (Waving components: 1, 2, and, uncommonly and weakly, 10; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

*Remarks.* There seems to be no question but that the jerking wave of *d. dussumieri* is derived from the serial wave of *d. capricornis*, and that the higher held serial wave of *d. spinata* is also a derivation of the

*capricornis* form, but with the specialization in another direction, toward increased height through the slight raising of the body at high intensities. As is usual in the genus, at low intensities non-serial waves occur throughout all subspecies, while non-jerking display is then an additional characteristic of *d. dussumieri*.

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Male approaches female, with or without waving. Stroking of female's carapace with male ambulatories and plucking motions of her epibranchial regions with his minor cheliped seen in *d. capricornis*. No copulations observed.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

In each subspecies, unreceptive females responded to courting males with high-rises (agonistic component 13), often accompanied by leg-wagging (sound component 5), with some of the details showing clearly in several film sequences. As usual there is no particular order for the rubbing by various ambulatories; the motions definitely include rubbing the tuberculate, posterior parts of the meri with the strong dorsal serrations of the next merus to the rear. Rarely leg-stamps (sound component 11) accompanied leg-wagging. Although in the rejection posture the 4th ambulatories are often crooked high up against the carapace, no signs of stridulating by or against these appendages have been noted.

A feeding male of *d. spinata* performed a typical major-manus-drum (sound component 9) in the middle of a strong lateral-stretch (agonistic component 10), directed toward a female digging nearby. A male *d. capricornis* performed a major-merus-rub (sound component 1), the antero-distal part of the merus rubbing an indeterminate point close below antero-lateral angle. Surface components filmed only. Underground sounds were recorded on tape in New Caledonia.

### *Combat*

The following components were filmed: manus-rub and dactyl-slide (components 1, 6).

### *Chimney Construction*

Chimneys erected by this species were found only in north-central New Guinea. Some, at least, were made by females although they were mounted by both sexes. Both construction and courtship activities occurred only for several days close to the time of new moon during both June and July, the months of observation.

## RANGE

The species has been reported a number of times from western India, east Africa, and Madagascar, both in the literature and on labels attached to museum specimens. Each of these specimens that I have been able to examine has proved, with one exception, to be an unmistakable example of *U. urvillei*. The exception is a male in the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden, where it forms one of a group under no. 1243, labeled "Pollen v. Dam, Nossy Faly"; this is the material reported by Hoffmann (1874) from Madagascar; as mentioned by de Man (1891), he figures the *dussumieri* male; it is unmistakably an example of *dussumieri spinata*. Crosnier (1965, p. 110), working recently in Madagascar, was unable to locate other specimens of *dussumieri*. In the present contribution the locality record of the exceptional specimen is regarded as questionable.

The subspecies are distributed as follows. *U. dussumieri capricornis*: known only from Broome and the Monte Bello Is., Australia; several specimens reported in the literature and labeled in collections as *dussumieri* from northwest Australia proved to be examples of *U. coarctata flammula*. *U. dussumieri spinata*: Bay of Bengal, Sumatra, and other parts of Indonesia; northwest Palawan in the Philippines; Thailand; mainland of China. *U. dussumieri d.*: Sumatra and other parts of Indonesia; Territory of Papua and New Guinea; northeast Australia south to Moreton Bay; New Caledonia; Solomon Islands; Caroline Islands; Philippines; apparently rare in Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands. A male labeled "Toan Atoll, Tuamotu Archipelago" was almost certainly collected in the Philippines (USNM 93283, part; see p. 41).

## BIOTOPES

Muddy stream banks and protected flats, near mouth, near mangroves. Not found as far upstream as members of the superspecies *coarctata*. An evidently rare occurrence in the Nansei (Ryukyu) Islands seems to be confined to Ishiyaki Island, the northern limit of mangroves (Macnae, 1968). (Biotope 12.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Although all three subspecies of *dussumieri* live at lower levels of the shore than corresponding representatives of the superspecies *coarctata*, mingling is frequent, and their close sympatric association is one of the most typical sights of Indo-Pacific mangrove communities. In the Philippines *demani* is another frequent associate; in Sarawak it is *acuta rhizophorae*, and along the west coast of Malaya *rosea*

sometimes intermingles. See also the discussion of the patchwork distribution of subspecies in the East Indies, under the corresponding headings concerning *forcipata* and *coarctata* (pp. 51 and 54).

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 592.)

*Observations and Collections.* *U. dussumieri capricornis*. Australia: Broome. *U. dussumieri spinata*. West coast of Malaya; Sarawak; Singapore; Java, near Surabaya. *U. dussumieri dussumieri*. New Caledonia: neighborhood of Dumbéa River, near Nouméa; Philippines: Zamboanga; west coast, Gulf of Davao; New Guinea: north-central coast, near Madang.

Although a determined search was made for specimens of *dussumieri* around Semarang, the type-locality of the species, none was found. The explanation very likely lies in the change in habitat, due to building of fish ponds and cutting of mangroves. The only *Uca* apparent was *U. bellator*, which was represented by large and flourishing populations; normally this species occurs farther back from the shore than *dussumieri*, and often in much less saline water.

*Films.* Motion pictures were made at each of the major observation localities listed.

*Sound Recordings.* New Caledonia.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca dussumieri* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

LECTOTYPE. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Listed by the museum as a "type non spécifié." Male, selected by J. Crane as the lectotype, one of two males listed by Milne-Edwards (1852) in the type description of *Gelasimus dussumieri*. This specimen, from Samarang, has the following label: "*Gelasimus dussumieri*. M. Kunaraht Samarang." Dried; relaxed for study. Measurements in mm: length 14; breadth 23.5; propodus 43. The specimen is in poor condition, but its specific characters are unmistakable, as are the identifying details of the gonopod and the narrow frontal groove, which are typical of *d. dussumieri*.

The second male listed by Milne-Edwards has the type-locality designated in the description and on the label as "Malabar." This specimen proved to be an example of *U. urvillei* (p. 60).

*Uca dussumieri capricornis* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no.

137675. Western Australia. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on this page.

Named in reference to its occurrence near the Tropic of Capricorn.

*Uca dussumieri spinata* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137677. Singapore. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on this page.

Named in reference to the spinous projection on the gonopod.

Type of *Gelasimus dubius* Stimpson, 1858. Loo Choo (Ryukyu or Nansei) Islands. Type destroyed in Chicago fire. The brief description of the apparently unique type agrees well with the appearance of a young *dussumieri*, which has the orbits more oblique than do *arcuata* of similar size; they would probably appear strikingly oblique to Stimpson, whose acquaintance with Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts may well have been limited to *vocans* and his own small holotype of *acuta*. In Professor Sakai's collection were specimens referred to *Uca dubia* from the same islands. Examination showed them to be characteristic examples of the tropical subspecies of *dussumieri*, *d. dussumieri*, as were those similarly labeled *dubia* from the Palau Islands.

Other material referred to Stimpson's species from the north China mainland and elsewhere, deposited in several museums, turned out to be, variously, specimens of *acuta acuta*, *dussumieri spinata*, and *arcuata*. It is proposed here that *G. dubius* be considered a synonym of *U. d. dussumieri*.

### *Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri capricornis* subsp. nov.

(Western Australia: Broome and Monte Bello Is.)

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Distal border of anterior flange of gonopod strongly concave, the anterior tip protracted. Front with marginal ridges well separated, leaving median groove distinct. Subdorsal groove of major dactyl shallow; supramarginal groove at pollex base well developed, extending along proximal part of pollex. Male with dorsal margin of last ambulatory merus definitely convex, slightly broader than in other subspecies. Female with last ambulatory merus not bordered ventrally with pile, except occasionally for a trace near proximal end. A pair of slightly enlarged teeth in female chela present or absent.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male	15.0	24.0	38.0	26.0
Largest male	18.0	27.0	45.0	29.5
Moderate female	13.0	18.0	—	—
Largest female	15.5	23.0	—	—

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### *Waving Display*

With the characteristics of the species.

Jerks absent. Waves serial, with 3 to 11 waves in each series, the usual number being about 6. Often several or more series occur without more than a momentary pause. No trace of drumming on ground. Rate of waving from about 2.5 to about 8 waves per second.

### *Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri spinata* subsp. nov.

(From northeast India through Malaya; sporadically in East Indies and Philippines to China)

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Distal border of anterior flange of gonopod very low proximally, close to canal, connecting with the greatly enlarged, tuberculate, distal strut. In large specimens the flattened dark tip of this flange is often the only distal structure of the gonopod easily visible without dissecting away setae and flesh. Front with submarginal ridges well separated, leaving a median groove narrow but distinct. Subdorsal groove of major dactyl well developed in proximal half or throughout. Female with last ambulatory merus bordered conspicuously with pile along postero-ventral margin; pile also sometimes similarly present on 3rd merus, but only distally. No enlarged teeth in either chela of female. A definite boss, sometimes tuberculate, on female carapace behind dorso-lateral margin.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male (Singapore)	20.0	33.0	61.5	47.0
Largest male (Foochow)	24.0	38.0	77.0	65.0
Moderate female, ovigerous (Sarawak)	15.0	24.5	—	—
Largest female, ovigerous (Foochow)	20.5	30.0	—	—



## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

*Waving Display*

With the characteristics of the species.

Jerks absent. Waves serial, with 3 to 8, usually 4 to 5 waves in each series without cheliped being brought close to ground; sometimes cheliped is slightly unflexed at the point of highest reach, and the waves, of very low amplitude, made there. At highest intensity the body is sometimes raised in front on the first two straightened ambulatories; sometimes, instead, the middle ambulatories on the major side are straightened, giving extra elevation to the waving cheliped. Waving rate: about 3.3 to 6.7 waves per second.

*Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri dussumieri*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

(Indonesia; east Australia; New Guinea; Philippines; certain islands in west Pacific)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Anterior flange of gonopod complete, the anterior strut not especially strengthened. Front with median groove absent or nearly so, its marginal ridges being almost or entirely fused in front's midline, but with the line of juncture always clearly marked. Subdorsal groove of major dactyl well developed in proximal half or throughout. Female with last ambulatory merus bordered conspicuously with pile along

postero-ventral margin; pile usually similarly present on 3rd merus. A pair of enlarged teeth almost always present in both chelae of female. A definite boss, sometimes tuberculate, on female carapace behind dorso-lateral margin.

*Measurements (in mm)*

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Moderate male (Zamboanga)	13.0	21.0	34.0	24.0
Largest male	17.0	27.0	58.0	48.5
Female (ovigerous and largest) (Zamboanga)	14.5	22.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Joló)	8.5	12.5	—	—
Mating pair (Madaum) male*	9.0			
female	10.5		—	—

\* The male's cheliped was of juvenile form. He waved with high intensity, then mated.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

*Waving Display*

With the characteristics of the species.

Jerks present at high intensity, 2 to 4 on upstroke; almost always none, rarely 1, on downstroke. In series of up to 5 waves in threat, 8 in courtship. Waving rate of complete waves, including jerks: about 2.5 to less than 0.5 wave per second.

In Zamboanga jerks were not seen after 0940, or in the young at any time. Then the display was simply an up-and-down vertical wave, apparently indistinguishable from that of *coarctata coarctata*.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

See under *U. (D.) dussumieri dussumieri*, below.

*Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri capricornis*  
subsp. nov.*Uca dussumieri capricornis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. P. 36. Western Australia: Broome.

*Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri spinata*  
subsp. nov.*Gelasimus dussumieri*

de Man, 1887.1: 108. Mergui: Kisseraing I. Taxonomy.

Ortmann, 1894.2: 755 (part). Java; Singapore.  
de Man, 1895: 576 (part). Malaya: Penang. Taxonomy. (Amsterdam !)

Alcock, 1900: 361 (part). Mergui, Andamans, Nicobars, Bimlipatam. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1902: 486 (part). East Indies. Taxonomy.  
Tweedie, 1937: 141. Malaya: Singapore. (Raffles !)

*Uca dussumieri*

Nobili, 1899.3: 516 (part). Sarawak. Taxonomy.  
Lanchester, 1900.1: 753. Color. Singapore.

Tesch, 1918: 39 (part). Labuan.

Gee, 1925: 165. China: Macao, China Bay.

Shen, 1940: 232. Hong Kong.

Tweedie, 1950.1: 356, fig. Labuan; Sarawak. Taxonomy; ecology. (Raffles !)

Crane, 1957: Singapore; Sarawak. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca dussumieri spinata*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. P. 36. Singapore.

*Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri dussumieri*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

*Gelasimus dussumieri*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1852: 148 (part). Java: Semarang [Samarang]. (Paris !)

Milne-Edwards, A., 1873: 274. New Caledonia. Taxonomy. (Paris !)

Kingsley, 1880.1: 145. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1892: 306. Celebes. Taxonomy. (Leiden !)

Ortmann, 1894.2: 755 (part). Philippines: Mindanao.

de Man, 1895: 576 (part). East Indies: Pontianak. Taxonomy. (Leiden !)

Alcock, 1900: 361 (part). Indonesia: Bimlipatam. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1902: 486 (part). East Indies. Taxonomy. (Amsterdam !)

Gordon, 1934: 12. Indonesia. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus dubius*

Stimpson, 1858: 99. Type description. (Type not extant.) Loo Choo Islands [Ryukyu or Nansei].

Kingsley, 1880.1: 141. Description after Stimpson.

Stimpson, 1907: 104, fig. Taxonomy, in English, of type material.

Sakai, 1936: 170. Palao Is. Color. (Yokohama !)

Sakai, 1939: 621, fig. Palao Is. Taxonomy.

Sakai, 1940: 47. Ryukyu Is. (Yokohama !)

*Uca dussumieri*

Nobili, 1899.3: 516 (part). Sumatra. Taxonomy. (Torino !)

Schenkel, 1902: 578. Celebes: Kema. Taxonomy.

Nobili, 1903.1: 22. Borneo: Samarinda. Taxonomy.

Grant & McCulloch, 1906: 20, 26. Australia: Port Curtis. Taxonomy; habitat.

Roux, 1917: 614. New Guinea: Merauke.

Estampador, 1937: 543. Philippines: Joló; Cebu; Negros; Negros Orientale.

Crane, 1957. Philippines. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Estampador, 1959: 100. Records from same islands as in 1937.

Macnae, 1966: 77, 79. Australia: Queensland (Thursday I. to Moreton B). Color; ecology.

*Uca dubia*

Miyake, 1936: 511. Ryukyu Is.: Miyara, mangrove swamp.

Miyake, 1938: 109. Palao Is.: Ngardok; Babelthaob.

Miyake, 1939: 222, 241. Palao Is.

#### 4. *UCA (DELTUCA) DEMANI* ORTMANN, 1897

(Indo-Pacific: Philippines, Indonesia, Northwest Australia)

PLATE 4; 46 F.

FIGURES 61 C, D, H; 90 E, F; 98.

MAP 2.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 19, 20.

#### INTRODUCTION

In the southern Philippines *demani* stands out among other *Deltuca* both in color, which is largely a dark red, and in waving display. For the first time in this arrangement of the species of *Uca*, the pattern includes a raising of the body high on the stretched legs—a character otherwise found only in subgenera showing more advanced social behavior. In another indication of social development, *demani* often waves without interruption in continuous series for minutes at a time. This characteristic I have found in no other *Deltuca*.

In Zamboanga *demani* was common rather high up on open banks of the town's tidal drainage ditches and even in the shade under houses raised on stilts. The few individuals seen outside of villages, near Davao, were also on higher ground, well back from the edge of a protected tidal flat.

The species as understood in this contribution ranges in a north-south band from northwest Australia to the northern Philippines.

In collections and in the literature the names most often interchanged with *demani* are *acuta*, *dussumieri*, *forcipata*, and *coarctata*. In addition, a species described from the southern Philippines, *zamboan-gana*, is a synonym of *demani*.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

A long row of tubercles on orbit's floor behind margin (very rarely, in large males only, and in the unique Australian specimen, vestigial). Major chela without a large projection, hook-like or triangular, on either pollex or dactyl; subdorsal groove on dactyl usually short, never more than half dactyl's length. Fronto-orbital margin practically straight; dorso-lateral margins strongly convergent. Gonopod with anterior flange wider than posterior, strongly curving away from pore; pore diameter wide; inner process distally broad, rounded. Female gonopore in Philippine specimens trapezoidal, with a small tubercle and a low rim.

##### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

##### MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal groove wide, its sides subparallel; fronto-orbital margins practically straight; antero-lateral angles acute, produced, their upper external margin serrate; antero-lateral margins short to absent, curving gradually into dorso-lateral margins which converge strongly; anteriorly these are strongly ridged, sometimes faintly beaded, but die out before level of mid-cardiac region. Vertical lateral margin weak, finely or not at all beaded, dying out variably well below dorsal surface. Upper margin of eyebrow strong and beaded; lower marked by a single or irregularly double row of close-set granules, dying out in external half. Lower margin of orbit little rolled out and little sinuous, at least on minor side. Suborbital crenellations low but well marked and extending almost full width of orbit; lower external corner of orbit bluntly right-angled; external to this, margin is finely tuberculate all the way to the narrow channel leading to the orbit and dividing suborbital margin from lower edge of antero-lateral angle. A long row of tubercles, usually close-set and regular, along floor of orbit just behind marginal crenellations; in *d. demani* they are better developed than in any other species in the genus, ranging in number from about 18 to 22 or more; in exceptional, large specimens they are low and indistinct; in the other two subspecies they are less numerous and sometimes vestigial; in all they usually occupy about the middle three-fifths to two-thirds of orbital floor; in some individuals the row has one or two gaps; the row on the minor side is usually the better developed, and the tubercles almost always reach maximum development in immature individuals.

*Major Cheliped*. Merus with antero-dorsal margin proximally with rugosities, distally with an irregular row or small cluster of tubercles; ventral margin with a row, usually compound and irregular, of small, close-set tubercles. Tubercles rather small compared with some other *Deltuca*; similar tubercles extend,

becoming progressively smaller, partway or entirely along the lengths of pollex and dactyl; young with tubercles better developed than large crabs. Oblique ridge inside palm low for the subgenus, its tubercles relatively small. Inner surface of palm covered with small tubercles, close-set, but so low that the surface appears almost smooth. Depression at pollex base clearly trifid, especially in large specimens. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal groove short to moderate, never more than half dactyl's length; the dactyl's long, lateral groove relatively shallow and indistinct, sometimes practically absent, especially in larger specimens; at its strongest it extends clearly throughout most or all of the dactyl's length; sometimes, in contrast, it is necessary to blot off the preservative and manipulate the dactyl under the lamp to detect traces of the groove. Pollex groove also shallow; sometimes it is slightly more distinct than is long groove on dactyl. Tubercles of prehensile edges low and rounded except subdistally; here two series are slightly enlarged, but the fingers can meet only at their extreme tips.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with a few spinules on dorsal margin; postero-ventral margin with weak, separated serrations, better described as minute, oblique rugosities; carpal and dactyl ridges almost or completely absent. Palmar setae in a tuft.

*Ambulatories.* Merus: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd moderately expanded, 4th slightly. Antero-ventral ridge on 1st leg scarcely indicated, distally with several widely separated serrations; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with ridges strong proximally, serrations indicated distally. Postero-ventral sides ridged in distal two-thirds of all; small serrations at least on distal half on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; serrations practically absent on 4th. *Carpus:* Marginal and dorsal armature well developed; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs with antero-dorsal and postero-dorsal ridges, 4th with antero-dorsal; all ridges serrate and the spaces between them rugose. Posteriorly, 2nd leg on major side only with a weak tuberculate ridge and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs slightly rugose.

*Gonopod.* Inner process broad and flat; anterior flange larger than posterior, strongly curved. Pore larger than in other members of the subgenus, except some of the superspecies *coarctata*; overlap of components of distal part of tube are clearly visible, unlike the usual obscurity in *dussumieri* and the superspecies *acuta*. Thumb short, practically distal.

#### FEMALE

Gonopore roughly trapezoidal in shape, the base being external; a small tubercle on posterior margin; additionally with a low rim, sometimes interrupted laterally. Meri of posterior ambulatories broad. No enlarged teeth in chela. As in the male the great

length of the row of tubercles on orbital floor is diagnostic, but, in contrast to their relative strength in other species, the female's tubercles are sometimes smaller and fewer in number than those of males. Material is insufficient for a satisfactory comparison in either *d. demani* or *d. typhoni*. In the 3rd subspecies, *d. australiae*, the female is unknown.

#### Measurements (in mm) (both sexes)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>demani australiae</i>				
Holotype male (Broome)	15.0	25.0	40.0	27.0
<i>demani typhoni</i>				
Holotype male (Manila)	17.0	28.0	38.0	21.0
<i>demani d.</i> (Zamboanga)				
Largest male	25.5	41.0	73.0	49.0
Moderate male	18.0	28.0	43.0	29.0
Moderate female	13.0	21.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*Uca demani* differs most obviously from *dussumieri* and *forcipata*, and from (*Thalassuca*) *tetragonon* and (*Thalassuca*) *vocans*, in the presence of tubercles on the orbital floor. It differs from *coarctata* and (*Australuca*) *bellator* in the well developed flanges on gonopod, as well as in the absence of a large tooth on pollex or dactyl. The tubercles of the major manus are smaller than in other *Deltuca*, while the eye diameter, in contrast particularly to its large size in *forcipata* and *coarctata*, is little greater than that of the stalk. The trapezoidal shape of the female's gonopore is a useful diagnostic character; this structure, combined with the unusual extent and regularity of the tubercles on the orbit's floor, make the identification of even young females relatively easy.

The subspecies are differentiated by the relative development of tubercles on the orbit's floor and by the forms of the gonopod and gonopore.

#### Color

Known only for the subspecies *d. demani* (p. 42).

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display and Acoustic Behavior

Known only for the subspecies *d. demani* (p. 42).

#### RANGE

*U. demani* ranges roughly along a north-south axis from northwest Australia to the north Philippines. The scanty material available is distributed as follows: *d. australiae*: Broome, Australia; *d. demani*: eastern Java, Sumbawa, Celebes, and, in the south

Philippines, the island of Mindanao; *d. typhoni*: Philippines, from Negros to Luzon. Three specimens (USNM 93283, part), labeled "Toan Atoll, Tuamotu Archipelago," certainly were not collected there; mixed with them were specimens of two other forms found in the Philippines, *d. dussumieri* and *forcipata*; the name given on the original label was *dussumieri*.

## BIOTOPES

(Known only for *d. demani* on Mindanao.)

Open flats of muddy sand to mud in delta lagoon; also muddy stream banks near mouth and protected flats, near vegetation. In general nearer high tide levels than low. (Biotopes 11, 12.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

(Known only for *d. demani* on Mindanao.)

In rich localities *d. demani* occurs in close sympatry with *d. dussumieri* and *c. coarctata*.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 593.)

*Observations and Collections.* Philippine Islands: Mindanao: Zamboanga; west coast, Gulf of Davao: Malalag and the neighborhood of Sasa.

*Film.* Same.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

### *Uca demani*

**LECTOTYPE.** In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden; no. 1257. Name proposed by Ortmann, 1897, for 2 of de Man's specimens published under the name of *G. forcipatus*, of which this is one (de Man, 1891). This male in Leiden selected by J. Crane as the lectotype. It is labeled: "Celebes *Uca demani* (Ortmann) = *G. forcipatus* de Man." In alcohol. Excellent condition. See References and Synonymy, p. 42. (!)

*Associated Material.* The 2nd male referred to by Ortmann, was recorded from Sumbawa by de Man in 1892; it is deposited in the Zoölogisch Museum, Amsterdam. (!)

### *Uca demani australiae* subsp. nov.

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 64250. Broome, Australia. Collected by E. Mjöberg, identified by M. J. Rathbun on label as *Uca demani*. Measurements on p. 40. (!)

Named in reference to its southern distribution. (From the Latin noun *auster*, "the south.")

### *Uca demani typhoni* subsp. nov.

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 43041. Manila, Philippine Is. Collected by A. S. Pearse and identified by him on label as *Uca demani*. Measurements on p. 40. (!)

Named in reference to its habitat in a land often subject to typhoons. (From the Greek noun *typhon*, "a stormy wind"; "a whirlwind.")

Type Material of *Uca zamboangana* Rathbun, 1913. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 6 males from Zamboanga, Philippine Is. (Cat. no. 43207). There appears to be no reason to distinguish this material from the specimens from Celebes and Sumbawa. (!)

### *Uca (Deltuca) demani australiae* subsp. nov.

(Northwest Australia)

## MORPHOLOGY

(From holotype male, the unique specimen.)

With the characteristics of the species.

Tubercles on floor of orbit poorly developed, being indistinct and few in comparison with those of *d. demani* and *d. typhoni*; an accurate count is impossible, since some can be considered either tubercles or merely irregularities on the supporting ridge. Antero-lateral margin short but distinct on major side; corresponding region of minor side missing.

Gonopod with anterior flange very broad, strongly curved and high, its distal edge projecting beyond those of pore and posterior flange, its outer corner projecting most. Pore diameter less than breadth of anterior flange but wider than the tapering distal end of the narrow posterior flange which does not project beyond it. Inner process broadly rounded, ending proximal to pore, covering not more than posterior half of distal part of tube and none of anterior flange.

### *Uca (Deltuca) demani typhoni* subsp. nov.

(Northern Philippines)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Tubercles on floor of orbit well developed, but

usually less numerous than in *d. demani*; their range is from about 12 to about 18.

Gonopod very similar to that of *d. australiae*, with the anterior flange even wider and more strongly curving, and very high; its most distal section is sometimes more median than in *d. australiae* in which the outer angle projects most; its entire distal edge and angles are slightly rounded, almost truncate. Posterior flange narrow and tapering as in *d. australiae*. Inner process strongly bent away from both anterior process and pore region, neither of which it overlies.

*Uca (Deltuca) demani demani*  
Ortmann, 1897

(Indonesia; southern Philippines)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Tubercles on floor of orbit almost always strong and numerous, ranging from about 18 to 22 or more.

Anterior flange wide and strongly curved as in other subspecies but diminishing rapidly in height away from pore; dissection is sometimes needed to reveal its full extent. Posterior flange similar but less curved. Pore exceptionally wide, almost equal to flange breadth. Inner process not strongly curved.

### Color

Mature crabs of both sexes with carapace, at brightest, pale, dull red; sometimes dark with variable pale blotches anteriorly. Eyestalks rose to red. Major cheliped ranging from rose red through dull purplish red to true purple, often including fingers. Minor chelipeds and ambulatories rose red to pale violet. In immature individuals the prevailing color is rose red rather than purplish; half-grown young sometimes with carapace and legs translucent grayish, but major cheliped dark red. Individuals of all sizes in

Zamboanga tended toward rose red rather than purple or violet tones, while the opposite was true in populations near Davao.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical, tending toward a semi-unflexed wave, the cheliped being held at an acute angle with respect to buccal region. Tips of chela extending above eye, and, at highest intensity, mano-carpal joint raised even higher. Jerks absent. Body raised throughout a series of waves (high intensity, near Davao, Philippines) or raised with each wave (medium intensity, Zamboanga, Philippines). At high intensity at least the 2nd or 3rd ambulatories, or both, on both sides, held off ground, but not in contact with each other or with other legs. No seriality apparent. Waving rate: slightly more than 1 per second. (Waving components: 1, 3, 10, 11; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

Unlike *acuta rhizophorae*, *rosea*, and *dussumieri*, this subspecies partly unflexes the cheliped, raises it relatively high above the eyes at the peak of the wave, simultaneously elevates the body, and often displays from a raised point on the substrate. These characteristics all are frequent in species with more complex displays.

#### *Acoustic Behavior*

Minor-merus-rub (sound component 2): The rub is apparently against sides of carapace and outer sub-orbital region, as well as mutual rubbing with 1st ambulatory; latter also appears to rub side of carapace in a leg-side-rub (component 6). Leg wagging (component 5) questionably occurs of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories on major side, as a male waves when partly down burrow; this may be merely a sample of abortive leg-waving, which is part of the regular waving display. Components filmed; no data on sound production.

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### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Deltuca) demani* Ortmann, 1897

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (D.) demani demani*, below.

*Uca (Deltuca) demani australiae* subsp. nov.

TYPE DESCRIPTION. P. 41.

*Uca (Deltuca) demani typhoni* subsp. nov.

TYPE DESCRIPTION. P. 41.

*Uca (Deltuca) demani demani*  
Ortmann, 1897

*Gelasimus forcipatus* (not of Adams & White)

de Man, 1891: 32. Celebes. Taxonomy. One of

2 specimens for which Ortmann, 1897, below, proposed the name *demani*. (Leiden, no. 1257 !)

de Man, 1892: 306. Sumbawa: Baii van Bima. Taxonomy. The 2nd specimen for which Ortmann, 1897, proposed the name *demani*. (Amsterdam !)

*Uca demani*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Ortmann, 1897: 349. New name as indicated above for 2 of de Man's specimens.

Ward, 1941: 3. Philippines: west coast, Gulf of Davao.

*Uca zamboangana*

Rathbun, 1913: 615; Pl. 74. Philippines: Zamboanga. Type description. (USNM 43307 !)

Estampador, 1937: 544. Philippines: Zamboanga. Record of type material.

Estampador, 1959: 102. Same comment as above.

Ward, 1941: 3. Philippines: west coast, Gulf of Davao.

Crane, 1957. Philippines: west coast, Gulf of Davao. Preliminary classification of waving display.

## 5. *UCA (DELTUCA) [COARCTATA] ARCUATA* (DE HAAN, 1835)

(Subtropical and warm temperate Indo-Pacific: China to Japan)

PLATE 5 A-F.

MAP 19.

FIGURES 8 C; 9 C; 61 J; 98.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

*Uca arcuata* stands out among other *Deltuca* in its northern distribution, which lies quite clearly in a band that includes both mainland and islands from Hong Kong to Japan.

Toward its northern limit the crab hibernates. In northwest Taiwan I found its breeding season well under way in late April, while a month later in south Japan waving had not begun. This breeding pattern, showing local adaptations to temperature, is also characteristic of temperate zone fiddlers in the western Atlantic. The rhythm in *arcuata* seems to be partly endogenous, judging by the behavior of specimens flown to the crabberies in Trinidad, West Indies. After their arrival in early June they displayed regularly until October. In spite of frequent observations, no more waving was seen until the following spring, although the crabs fed actively and tended their burrows. Then, in mid-April, the several surviving males recommenced vigorous display and continued almost daily for several months. The last individual disappeared late the following fall, 18 months after capture. The great reduction, if not cessation, of waving during the months of a northern winter was obviously not connected with temperature, since Trinidad lies in the equatorial zone. Other possible factors, drought and rainfall, do not appear to be involved, since no seasonal shifts coincided with the crabs' behavior change; in Trinidad the dry season starts in January and ends in May.

The Japanese, with a combination of their usual enterprise and taste for seafood, have introduced canned *arcuata* to the local market. The label shows a large, red, unmistakable, male *Uca*—the only medium in which I have ever seen a fiddler commercially depicted. Fortunately for the welfare of the crabs, the industry is small and the biologists of Kyushu University are devoted conservationists. Only one additional fiddler, *U. tangeri*, seems to be regularly eaten but only in Europe. On waterfront streets in the Algarve of Portugal I have sampled the claws, freshly caught, boiled, and enjoyed promptly by the citizens as a snack or appetizer (p. 118).

In collections and the literature the names *arcuata*, *forcipata*, *dussumieri*, *acuta*, and their synonyms have been confused in the identification of mainland specimens. Examples from the tropics occasionally

labeled *arcuata* always prove to be members of other species.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

A single groove running most of length of major dactyl. Gonopod with anterior flange rudimentary, posterior flange large; inner process broad, non-spinous, straight. No tubercles behind margin on floor of orbit; traces only of indistinct granules, rare in male, frequent in female. Carapace with anterior margin almost straight; antero-lateral margins always well developed. Merus of 4th ambulatory widely expanded in both sexes, its dorsal margin clearly convex. Female: gonopore oval, with a low rim except antero-internally, highest postero-internally.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Strongly arched, unlike the other species in the subgenus. Tip of front little bent downward, compared with other species in the subgenus; frontal groove moderate, its sides parallel; fronto-orbital margins practically straight; antero-lateral angles little produced, almost rectangular; antero-lateral margins long for the subgenus, scarcely or not at all converging, margins strong, equipped with minute tubercles; these margins curve inward to form the moderately converging dorso-lateral margins, well marked but scarcely or not at all beaded and ending at about level of mid-cardiac region. Vertical lateral margin distinct only in the basal third or a little more, not beaded. Eyebrow oblique instead of vertical, well marked, the upper margin with minute tubercles, the lower by a row of granules, dying out more than halfway to antero-lateral angle. Suborbital crenellations low, rounded, increasing moderately toward orbit's lower outer angle, which does not project; beyond this point two or more smaller crenellations, less often minute granules, sometimes fill in entire outer margin below lower edge of antero-lateral angle. Granules on floor of orbit usually ab-



sent, sometimes faintly indicated; a blunt ridge in same position, most prominent slightly internal to mid-point of floor, dying out externally.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with antero-dorsal margin with tubercles present or absent in proximal half, distally in a regular row, all small, or enlarged only at segment's end where one or two are sometimes larger, or several small ones may be united longitudinally; close by on anterior distal surface is a small cluster of tubercles; ventral margin with an irregular row of moderate and small tubercles. Center of palm with indications of large tubercles, but so flat that the surface feels smooth and appears so except when appropriately lighted; surface also with a few minute granules. Depression at pollex base clearly trifid. Pollex and dactyl marginally and externally with large tubercles only proximally; remainder of length granulous; subdorsal furrow of dactyl short. In gape a median tooth usually enlarged near middle of pollex; one or more smaller enlarged teeth in dactyl's proximal half. Forceps-like tip of chela present, but not as pronounced as in *coarctata* or *forcipata*. No submarginal carina on outer distal part of pollex.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with a few spinules on dorsal margin; postero-ventral margin with a single row of separated tubercles; carpal ridge and dactyl groove and ridges absent or faintly traceable. Palmar setae in a row.

*Ambulatories. Merus:* All notably expanded. Antero-ventral ridge virtually absent on 1st leg, weak on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, which are equipped only with a few minute, separated serrations, often practically absent. Postero-ventral ridges all notably strong, serrations weak or moderate. *Carpus:* 1st leg with postero-dorsal ridge only; 2nd with antero-dorsal and postero-dorsal; 3rd and 4th with antero-dorsal only; serrations well developed except on 4th; dorsal areas rugose. Posterior ridge faintly indicated on 2nd leg of minor side only.

*Gonopod.* Inner process broad, flat, straight; anterior flange narrow, posterior flange notably broad, forming a combination found in no other species and distinct even in very young crabs. Gonopore smaller in diameter than width of posterior flange, which is only slightly curved; overlapped margins of gonopore distinguishable. Thumb of moderate length, subdistal.

#### FEMALE

No bumps, clustered tubercles or tuberculate striae on carapace behind postero-dorsal margins. Minute granules usually detectable on orbital floor. Gape of minor cheliped with a pair of teeth slightly enlarged at least on one side. Merus of 4th ambulatory strikingly broad, its dorsal margin convex throughout; no pile along the segment's postero-ventral margin.

Gonopore oval, slightly longer than wide on the obliquely antero-posterior axis; rimmed except antero-internally; rim highest around postero-internal angle; sometimes with a 2nd, smaller rise, almost a tubercle, opposite at antero-outer angle. Gonopore depression in sternum shallow.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl	Depth of manus at dactyl base
Largest male	23.0	37.0	68.0	45.0	
Moderate male					
lepto-					
chelous	19.5	33.0	58.0	42.0	18.0
brachy-					
chelous	19.5	33.0	52.0	33.0	20.0
Largest female					
(ovigerous)					
(Taiwan)	17.0	28.0	—	—	—
Moderate ovi-					
gerous female					
(Amoy)	14.5	24.5	—	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. arcuata* differs from all the narrow-fronted *Uca* occupying in part the same range in having the posterior, not anterior, flange of the gonopod well developed. It differs additionally from them as follows: From *dussumieri spinata* in having the angle of the wider flange (regardless of its identity) low and indistinct, instead of produced and pointed; major dactyl with 1, not 2, long grooves; female gonopore with rim highest postero-internally, not antero-externally, if it projects at all; female chela always with a pair of enlarged teeth on at least one side, instead of being always without enlarged teeth; female merus of last ambulatory without a submarginal band of pile on lower, posterior margin; finally, in both sexes, merus of last ambulatory very broad, its dorsal margin convex throughout. From *dussumieri dussumieri* it differs as above except, first, that the differences between the distal angles of the wider gonopod flanges are not so strikingly different, since in *d. dussumieri* the angle is not produced; second, female *d. dussumieri*, as in *arcuata*, have a pair of enlarged teeth on at least one side; a helpful additional difference in both sexes lies in the submarginal ridges of the front, which are well separated in *arcuata* but close together or virtually confluent in *d. dussumieri*. From *acuta acuta* it differs in both sexes in having the antero-lateral margins of the carapace distinct instead of practically or wholly absent; in the absence in both sexes of a mound or blunt ridge on the orbit's floor; in the female's last ambulatory merus, which lacks submarginal pile on its ventral posterior surface; and, finally, in the female's gonopore, which

does not lack a rim on its inner margin. From all species of the subgenus *Thalassuca* it differs in the gonopod tip proportions, broad and convex merus of the last ambulatory, weak crenellations on suborbital margin, and slender claw on minor cheliped.

From narrow-fronted Indo-Pacific *Uca* found in other regions, *arcuata* differs as follows: From its closest relations (*forcipata*, *coarctata*, and *urvillei*) in the presence of well-developed gonopod flanges, which also distinguish it from all members of the subgenus *Australuca*. The wide posterior flange also sets it off from the other members of the subgenus *Deltuca*, *rosea* and *demani*, not previously mentioned.

### Color

Adults of both sexes with carapace dark brown or, sometimes, dull maroon; sometimes with a light or dark band across anterior part, between antero-lateral margins. Eystalks always dark. Major manus dull yellowish, at least on lower outer portion; tips of fingers white. Young with varying amount of red; major manus always red, at least on outer side; sometimes entire cheliped red except for usual white fingertips; ambulatories often red, as are sometimes the orbits, buccal region, and minor cheliped.

The "Van Dyck Red reticulations" mentioned by Sakai (1938) were not seen by me in living or freshly dead specimens; in formalin, however, darkish reticulations appear on a lighter ground. The red may possibly be an effect of alcohol on fresh specimens, or perhaps a phase characteristic of the breeding season in Japan.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

Wave vertical, high for the subgenus; at highest intensity the entire chela, as far as lower part of pollex, reaches above eye. Jerks absent. Upstroke much longer than downstroke. Body raised in a leg-stretch with each wave; during highest reaches, only the minor side is raised so that the finger tips are pointed up; even at moderate intensity the upper margins of manus and dactyl, held horizontally rather than tilted, extend slightly above eye level. During one threat situation the wave combined with a warding off threat motion to give the effect of a semi-unflexed wave (see acoustic behavior, below). At low intensities, during feeding, the wave is of very small amplitude and much faster, with the cheliped not touching ground. No trace of seriality. Rate of regular, high intensity waving ranging from about 0.3 to 1.2 waves per second. The rapid, low-intensity waves were at

the rate of between 1.5 and 3.3 to the second. (Waving components 1, 3 [weak], 10.)

### Acoustic Behavior

A questionable example secured of a major-merus-rub during a low-intensity threat sequence, in which a wave was combined with a lateral threat as described above. The rub appears to be of the antero-dorsal part of the merus against an indeterminate point below the antero-lateral angle. (Acoustic component 1.) Filmed; no data on sound production.

### Chimney Construction

Chimneys erected around burrows by both sexes, young as well as adults, in both Hong Kong and Taiwan. None were seen in Japan. In Hong Kong a young female 10 mm long built a chimney 75 mm high, bringing the material from a distance of 3 or 4 inches as usual; during the same period, she brought loads of substrate from time to time from inside the burrow, carrying them also to a distance before dropping them.

### RANGE

East coast of Asia from the Gulf of Tonkin north to Korea; Hong Kong; Taiwan; Japan north to Fukuoka, on Kyushu; formerly extending at least to the Kii Peninsula on Honshu.

### BIOTOPES

On mud flats and low banks near mouths of large rivers; immature specimens occur on tidal flats well to the sides of actual river mouths. (Biotopes 12, 13, 16.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Judging by collections from the north China mainland on deposit in museums, *arcuata*'s regular associates in the area are *dussumieri spinata* and *acuta acuta*. In Hong Kong I saw no mature *arcuata*; the young collected were mingled with mature *a. acuta* on a sheltered tidal flat; others were seen on a higher flat above the zone frequented by *vocans*; it was not possible to travel upriver, beyond the borders of the colony, to seek populations of large individuals. At Tamsui in Taiwan the young occurred in a location similar to that at Hong Kong; displaying and large adults were found only upstream from the river mouth, although still in strongly brackish water; here they were the only *Uca*. Adults lived in a similar situation close to Ariake Bay, Kyushu, Japan; no other species of *Deltuca* reaches as far north as Kyushu.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 594.)

*Observations and Collections.* Hong Kong: young only; May. Tamsui, Taiwan: young and displaying adults, including one ovigerous female; late April. Ariake Bay, Kyushu, Japan: no display seen, but weather rainy; late May. Living males and females brought from Ariake Bay to Trinidad, West Indies.

*Film.* Hong Kong; Tamsui.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca arcuata* (de Haan, 1835)

LECTOTYPE. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. One male, selected by J. Crane from a group of 4 males, one female, numbered "243" and labeled: "*Uca arcuata* (de Haan) (= *Gelasimus arcuatus* de Hn. Type) v. Siebold 4 m., 1 f. Japon."

*Associated Material.* Above specimens, carapace lengths 14-22 mm; propodus of largest, 64 mm. Material in alcohol, in excellent condition. (!)

In the same collection: no. 244 with label "*Uca arcuata* de Haan Japon m. v. Siebold," consisting of a jar of medium to large specimens. No. 245 with label "*Uca arcuata* (de Haan) v. Siebold F. Japon": 1 female. Finally, dried specimens, designated "Types." (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus brevipes* Milne-Edwards, 1852. Examined in Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Listed by Museum as "types non spécifiés," all dried. One 15 mm male relaxed for study. The relative size and form of the major cheliped agree with some of those of similar size of *arcuata* from Hong Kong and elsewhere, while the gonopod and other specific characters are indistinguishable from those of *arcuata*. *G. brevipes* is therefore here synonymized with *U. arcuata*. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Deltuca) arcuata* (de Haan, 1835)

*Gelasimus arcuatus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. De Haan, 1835: 53; Pl. 7, Fig. 2. Japan. (Leiden !)

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 146. Taxonomy (brief).

Kingsley, 1880.1: 143. Taxonomy. Refs. to date.

Miers, 1880: 309. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1891: 28. Japan. Taxonomy.

Ortmann, 1894.2: 755. Japan.

Ono, 1959. Japan: Fukuoka, in estuary of Tatara River. Ecology.

*Gelasimus brevipes*

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 146. China. Type description. (Paris !)

Stimpson, 1907: 106. Comparison with *G. acutus*.

Gee, 1925: 165. China.

*Gelasimus arcuatus* var. *forcipatus*

Miers, 1880: 309. Taxonomy.

*Uca arcuata*

Parisi, 1918: 93. Japan: Wakanoura, Hondo, Tamsui on Formosa.

Kellogg, 1928: 354. China: Foochow.

Gordon, 1931: 528. China: Amoy.

Shen, 1932: 273; figs. N. China: Shantung Peninsula. Taxonomy (brief), color, habitat.

Sakai, 1934: 320. Japan: Nagasaki.

Takahasi, 1935: 78. Formosa. Habits.

Kamita, 1935: 61, 69. W. Korea: Yellow Sea.

Serène, 1937: 76. Indochina: Tonkin.

Shen, 1937.1: 184. North China: southern coast of Shantung Peninsula, salt marshes. Taxonomy.

Shen, 1937.2: 309. North China. Check list only.

Sakai, 1939: 619 (part). Japan: Kii Peninsula, Nagasaki, Ariake Bay.

Sakai, 1940: 42. Japan. Distribution.

Shen, 1940: 231. Hong Kong: Repulse Bay, Wong Chuk Hang, Kowloon (Shatin, Ts'ue, Wan).

Lin, 1949: 26. Formosa.

Miyake, 1961: 175. Japan: Kyushu: Ariake Bay. Local use, salted, for food.

Ono, 1965. Japan: Kyushu: Fukuoka, in Tatara-Umi River estuary. Ecology; feeding in relation to morphology of mouthparts.

## 6. *UCA (DELTUCA) [COARCTATA] FORCIPATA* (ADAMS & WHITE, 1848)

(Tropical west-central Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 5 *G-H*; 6 *A-D*; 46 *A*.  
FIGURES 26 *B*; 38 *A-D*; 61 *K*; 98.

MAP 19.  
TABLES 8, 10, 19, 20, 23.

### INTRODUCTION

A crab characteristic of the backwaters of river deltas, *forcipata* extends upstream a little beyond the limits of the mangroves.

In living crabs the large, spherical eyes and their stalks are sometimes bright scarlet. This characteristic, along with other markings of red or purple, is helpful in distinguishing *forcipata* from *dussumieri spinata*, its frequent sympatric associate among the mangroves near shore; on *dussumieri* red and purplish shades are absent while blue is prevalent. An additional difference among females is *forcipata*'s habit of building chimneys around their burrows.

Prompt identification of living crabs is necessary, since so much remains to be learned of their social patterns, which, unlike those of most other subgenera, usually unfold at uncertain intervals that try human patience. When at last *forcipata* suddenly waves or undertakes a brief, lethargic courtship, the protagonists are usually hard to catch. Although slow to rouse to social actions they show the speed of all fiddlers in dropping down their burrows when alarmed; in adult *forcipata* the holes are often deep and lead through a tangle of mangrove roots. When there is time to focus, binoculars can contribute reliably to field identification. In particular they show whether the major dactyl has the single long groove of *forcipata* or the two grooves of *dussumieri*. Another character observable in the field is *forcipata*'s strong "forceps" at the end of the claw. This effect is formed by a large, hook-like, tuberculate projection into the gape that arises just before the tips of dactyl and pollex. We do not yet know how this elaborate specialization is used, although presumably it functions during certain components of combat, still to be observed.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

Major chela with a strong, tuberculate, hook-like projection distally on both dactyl and pollex, giving a forceps-like appearance. A single groove running most of length of major dactyl. Tubercles behind margin on orbit's floor altogether absent. Gonopod with flanges obsolescent, the posterior slightly more

distinct than anterior, widest basally, practically absent distally; pore much wider than either flange where they adjoin it distally; inner process flattened but distally pointed. Carapace with orbits distinctly oblique and with its sides converging strongly posteriorly. Eyes notably larger in diameter than stalks even in preserved specimens. Merus of 4th ambulatory moderately expanded. Female gonopore triangular, partially rimmed, with the highest point at postero-inner angle.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal groove of variable width, widest distally; never so narrow that its sides are almost in contact. Fronto-orbital margins oblique; antero-lateral angles moderately to strongly acute and produced; antero-lateral margins short to absent, being convergent immediately behind antero-lateral angle, and, where distinct at all, soon curving into the more strongly converging dorso-laterals; entire margin from tip of antero-lateral angle to end of dorso-laterals at level of mid-cardiac region, strongly ridged and with small projections; these range in decreasing size from small separate serrations near the angle to beading posteriorly. Vertical lateral margin well developed and beaded throughout, ending just below dorsal surface. Eyebrow vertical, well marked, its upper margin marked by small tubercles continuing full width of orbit; lower margin formed of minute granules in a single or compound row, usually in two distinct rows internally, the continuing row ending just external to middle of orbit. Suborbital crenellations low, rounded or flattened, close-set, increasing regularly in size toward orbit's outer angle; latter projects little or not at all; decreasing slightly, the crenellations continue around the angle along entire outer, lower edge of orbit. No trace of tubercles or granules on floor of orbit; blunt ridge in same locality scarcely developed.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with a single row of tubercles on antero-dorsal margin, increasing somewhat

in size toward distal end, where the last one or two tubercles are sometimes bicuspid; an irregular cluster of tubercles, highly variable in location and extent, on antero-distal surface; ventral margin with an irregular row of tubercles; adjacent, submarginally on posterior surface, are several other rows of smaller tubercles. Center of palm with minute, scattered granules. Depression at pollex base clearly trifid. Pollex and dactyl marginally and externally with tubercles and fine granules extending practically to their tips; included are pollex tubercles in a regular row along proximal third of ventral margin, and just below gape. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal furrow very short. Outer side of pollex also with a short furrow proximally, below regular outer furrow and above ventral margin. In gape, an enlarged submedian tooth, often compound, on pollex; at least one enlarged tooth on dactyl's proximal half. Forceps-like tip of chela strongly developed, the proximal tooth of the forceps series in both pollex and dactyl notably enlarged. No submarginal carina on outer distal part of pollex.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with dorsal and postero-ventral margins with well developed, separated serrations; carpal ridge faintly discernible; dactyl groove and ridges absent. Palmar setae in a row.

*Ambulatories.* Merus: All notably expanded. Antero-ventral and postero-ventral ridges well developed in usual relative strengths; serrations on antero-ventrals relatively strong and close-set except on 1st leg where they are wide apart; serrations on postero-ventrals well separated on 1st, regular and scarcely separated on 2nd and 3rd, minute on 4th. *Carpus*: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs with well developed anterior and posterior ridges, 4th leg with anterior only; all ridges serrated; strongest ridges and serrations are the posterior on 1st and 2nd and anterior on 3rd; area between ridges definitely rugose. Posterior ridge strong and tuberculate on 2nd and 3rd legs, major and minor sides.

*Gonopod.* Inner process flat and moderately broad but with tip pointed; both flanges virtually absent distally beside pore; proximally they are traceable, the posterior being the broader; both are in the form of thickened struts. Pore very wide, its overlapped margins distinguishable.

#### FEMALE

No bumps, clustered tubercles or tuberculate striae on carapace behind postero-dorsal margins. No tubercles or granules on floor of orbit. Gape of minor cheliped with a pair of enlarged teeth at least on one side and usually on both. Merus of 4th ambulatory moderately enlarged, its dorsal margin clearly convex throughout; no pile along the segment's pos-

tero-ventral margin. Gonopore triangular, the angles being directed internally, posteriorly and antero-externally. Rim present except on each side of inner apex; highest part at posterior angle; a secondary peak at antero-outer angle. Gonopore depression in sternum shallow.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Singapore)	20.0	33.0	54.0	37.0
Moderate male				
(Penang) leptochelous	14.0	23.0	34.0	23.0
(Penang) brachychelous	17.0	26.0	34.5	20.0
Largest female				
(Negri Sembilan)	15.0	24.0	—	—
Ovigerous female				
(Negri Sembilan)	13.0	20.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. forcipata* shares a complete forceps-like development on the chela only with *rosea*, its frequent sympatric associate on the west coast of Malaya. From *rosea*, as well as from *acuta*, *dussumieri*, and *demani*, it is easily distinguished by its gonopod, which has the flanges vestigial and the genital opening large; it also differs from *rosea* and *dussumieri* in having one, not two, long grooves on the major dactyl, and from *demani* in lacking tubercles on the orbit's floor. The meri of the last ambulatories are much broader than in *dussumieri*. It differs from 2 members of its superspecies, *coarctata* and *urvillei*, in having vestigial flanges on the gonopod, instead of none, and a corresponding absence of a tubular distal canal, and in having the inner process flat, not spinous; also, there is a complete absence of tubercles on the orbit's floor. The female's gonopore, which lacks a rim on its outer side, differs distinctly enough from those of the species named above. *U. forcipata* differs from the remaining member of the superspecies, *arcuata*, its neighbor to the north, in the wide genital opening combined with vestigial flanges, *arcuata* having a narrower opening and a broad posterior flange; *forcipata* also has narrower ambulatories than *arcuata*.

The length of the antero-lateral margins as usual in this group varies considerably within populations. In *forcipata* a slight geographical trend is apparent. The individuals with these margins best developed were taken in the northern part of the species range, closest to that of *arcuata*, on the west coast of Palawan; those with the shortest margins occurred in western Malaya.

Another somewhat variable characteristic is the width of the vestigial posterior flange on the gonopod; fortunately, the amount of variation is never such that *forcipata* can be confused with any other species.

## Color

The outstanding color characteristics of this species are as follows: a sporadic distribution of bright red, except on large males; the occasional prevalence of bright red eyestalks and eyes; the reliable presence of a purplish spot on lower, outer part of major manus in mature males; the occasional marbling of the carapace with yellowish.

Adults of both sexes with carapace ranging from plain dark to solidly and finely mottled or marbled with yellow, cream, or pale yellowish gray, especially antero-dorsally. Mature females sometimes additionally with a wide border of bright scarlet or rusty red across full width of antero-dorsal part of carapace, while some or all of the following regions may also be partly or wholly bright red: pterygostomian regions, ischium of 3rd maxilliped, both chelipeds, all ambulatories; the latter appendages sometimes pale. Mature male with a spot or patch on lower outer manus, often extending onto pollex, ranging from clear purple to dull purplish red or bluish brown; upper part of manus usually pale brownish; chela yellowish or white, at least distally. Both sexes and all ages with eyestalks, or the globular eyes, or both, often bright red; whether this coloration is restricted to certain populations, or to individuals at certain seasons, is not known. Young crabs of both sexes have more red than do adult females, in varying and irregular amounts and positions, including often a red spot on major merus. Early post-megalopal stages are entirely red.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Only a few individuals were observed while they were performing courtship displays at high intensity. Wave vertical; chela reaching at most scarcely beyond level of eye; 3 jerks on upstroke, 1 on downstroke. In between these jerking displays were single, short waves of small amplitude, characteristic of lower intensities; unlike their equivalents in the high intensity displays of *coarctata*, these short waves did not diminish successively in height; instead, they were very similar to those found in *arcuata* (p. 46). During low intensity and during a filmed example of moderately intense threat, the carapace was raised in a leg-stretch of intermediate height, while the cheliped was slightly raised and lowered, without jerks, 3 to 4 times in a series; during each series the manus did not touch the ground. Upstrokes in both kinds of waves longer than downstrokes. In the very young the cheliped appeared to bounce against the ground in very fast, short displays; since no films were secured showing whether the ground was actually hit, these juvenile

displays are not included in the table of acoustic components. Waving rate: high intensity, jerking waves, more than 0.5 wave per second; moderate intensity, simple waves, more than 1 wave per second. (Waving components: 1, 2, and, at low intensity, 11; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

### Precopulatory Behavior

A number of incomplete courtships were observed, most of them not preceded by waving display. Instead, each time a male simply stopped feeding and moved toward a nearby female, attempting to climb on her as usual as she sat beside her own burrow, and stroking her carapace with his ambulatories; no tapping or plucking motions were seen. Twice the female was on top of a chimney surrounding her hole. Courtships were not confined to females with chimneys.

### Chimney Construction

Chimneys, about the height of mature females, occurred sporadically, and were apparently confined to females' burrows, although the evidence is scanty. One female while excavating placed some of the substrate on the chimney's already high rim, then carried the rest of the load 6 inches away.

## RANGE

*U. forcipata* is the characteristic representative of its superspecies only in the western part of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore, Sarawak, and Thailand. South, east, and north of that area it occurs sporadically in a general range otherwise inhabited by *U. coarctata coarctata*; these localities are in Borneo, Sumatra, Java, Celebes, and the Philippines. Two specimens (USNM 93283, part), labeled "Tuan Atoll, Tuamotu Archipelago," were probably taken in the Philippines (see p. 41).

## BIOTOPES

Muddy banks, sloping or steep, near mouths of streams and rivers, and associated protected flats and swamps. Always near vegetation and sometimes partly shaded. Characteristically the species extends farther upstream or in mangroves back from the shore than any other *Deltuca* within its range, with the exception of its conspecific *coarctata* and, sometimes, *rosea*; it is not, however, confined to those less saline regions. (Biotopes 12, 13, 14.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The most common associate of *forcipata* in Malaysia is *dussumieri spinata*; in Indonesia, beyond this heartland of its range, *d. spinata* also is found with it,

instead of *d. dussumieri*, in the restricted areas where *forcipata* sometimes replaces *c. coarctata*. From personal field experience I know only one place, the neighborhood of Surabaya in Java, where both forms occur in this fashion, outside their regular ranges; there I saw and collected only *d. spinata* and *forcipata*; other localities have come to light in museum collections. I have not yet found evidence, except perhaps in the central Philippines, that both *forcipata* and *coarctata* occur in actual close sympatry; a field study of the populations in Negros Occidentalis, Samar, and Panay should yield most interesting results. The odd distribution pattern seems certainly to be connected with the geological history of the Sunda Shelf area and orogenic activity in adjacent regions.

*U. forcipata* is also sometimes closely sympatric with *rosea* on the west coast of the Malay Peninsula, as well as, in Sarawak and Singapore, with *acuta rhizophorae*.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 594.)

*Observations and Collections.* Malaysia: Penang and Negri Sembilan; observations but no collections in Sarawak. Singapore. Indonesia: Near Surabaya. Philippines: Palawan.

*Film.* Singapore.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca forcipata* (Adams & White, 1848)

HOLOTYPE. In British Museum (Natural History), London. One male, labeled: "*Gelasimus forcipatus* Adams & White, 1848 Holotype Borneo 44.106 447b Note: Specimen 447a having disappeared I select this as holotype. (W. T. Calman 15/12/11)." Specimen dried, in good condition. Relaxed for study. Measurements in mm: length 10.5, breadth 17, propodus 23.

In spite of its rather small size, the specimen is characteristic of *forcipata* as described in this contribution. Although the locality "Borneo" could apply equally well either to *forcipata* or to *coarctata*, the gonopod, orbital floor, tuberculation of the outer major manus, and armature of the major chela's gape all agree with specimens from Penang and Singapore rather than with populations of *coarctata* from Fiji, Australia, and parts of the Philippines where the two species do not adjoin.

Type material of *Uca manii* Rathbun, 1909: Lem Ngob, Thailand. The series deposited in both Copenhagen and the USNM (no. 39714) were examined, including a male of the latter species compared by Calman with the holotype of *forcipata*. I agree with Calman on the synonymy of the type series of *manii* with *forcipata*.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Deltuca) forcipata* (Adams & White, 1848)

*Gelasimus forcipatus*

NAME ONLY. White, 1847: 36. Borneo.

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Adams & White, 1848: 50. (BM !)

? de Man, 1892: 306. Sumbawa. Taxonomy.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 147. Copy of type description.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 142 (part). Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus acutus* (not of Stimpson, 1858)

de Man, 1891: 21, 30 (part); no locality given. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1892: 306. ? Sumatra & Celebes. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1895: 573. Part of queries. (Amsterdam !)

Lanchester, 1900.1: 753. Singapore. Habits. Color.

*Uca acuta* (not *Gelasimus acutus* of Stimpson)

Nobili, 1903.1: 21. Borneo: Samarinda. Taxonomy. (Torino !)

Maccagno, 1928: 19. Nobili specimen. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus rubripes*

Estampador, 1937: 545 (part). Philippines: Zamboanga. Questionable locality; see Appendix A: Material Examined. (BM 84.31 !) No new material.

*Uca manii*

Rathbun, 1909: 114. Siam: Lem Ngob. Mangroves. Type description. (Copenhagen !; USNM !)

Rathbun, 1910: 322. Siam. Mangroves.

Tweedie, 1937: 143. Pleopod fig. Malaya.

Suvatti, 1938: 74. Siam: Lem Ngob.

Tweedie, 1950.1: 356. Labuan & Sarawak. Taxonomy and Ecology.

Crane, 1957. Singapore. Preliminary classification of waving display.

## 7. *UCA (DELTUCA) [COARCTATA] COARCTATA* (MILNE-EDWARDS, 1852)

(Tropical central and eastern Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 6 *E-H*; 7; 8; 46 *C-D*.

FIGURES 6, 9 *B*; 26 *A*; 29 *A*; 31 *A*; 36 *B*; 37 *C*; 38 *M-T*;  
46 *C*; 62 *A-D*; 81 *D*; 82 *H*; 92; 98.

MAP 19.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23.

### INTRODUCTION

Wherever it occurs, this species is the most colorful crab in sight. It is usually marked conspicuously with scarlet and often with white and blue as well, the combination being set off by a black carapace.

In *coarctata*, a conspecific of *forcipata*, the chela is equipped only on the dactyl with a hook-like projection, the upper half of the forceps-like specialization found in complete form in *forcipata*. In the eastern subspecies of *coarctata* the dactyl's projection is especially strong, with the pollex end always clearly slender. This combination distinguishes the crab at once from *forcipata*, an occasional inhabitant of the same general region. As far as we yet know, these species are never actual sympatric associates. The point needs particular attention in the central Philippines, where the two species have been taken on the adjacent islands of Panay and Negros, the populations almost facing each other across a narrow strait.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Major chela with a tuberculate, hook-like projection distally on dactyl only, strong or weak; any tuberculate projection on pollex is submedian, not distal. A single groove running most of length of major dactyl. On orbit's floor is a short line of tubercles or of granules which in one subspecies are sometimes missing. Gonopod with flanges altogether absent, the pore being at the end of a short to moderate tube; inner process spinous. Carapace with orbits distinctly oblique and with its sides converging strongly posteriorly. Eyes notably larger in diameter than stalks even in preserved specimens. Merus of 4th ambulatory moderately expanded. Female gonopore with a large tubercle on postero-outer margin.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal groove of variable width and length; always narrow but never so narrow that its sides are almost in contact; sides always parallel or subparallel; fronto-orbital margins moderately to strongly oblique; antero-lateral angles moderately to strongly acute and produced; antero-lateral margins practically or completely absent, being convergent immediately behind antero-lateral angle, the dorso-lateral margins in effect starting at the angle; the margin has several fine serrations starting immediately behind angle; behind these the margin, never strongly ridged, is armed only by minute beads, well separated and decreasing in size posteriorly to its end at level of mid-cardiac region. Vertical lateral margin weak but distinct and finely beaded through about three-fourths of way to dorsal surface. Eyebrow very narrow in depth, vertical or even directed posteriorly to form part of orbit's ceiling; well marked, its upper margin with small tubercles continuing almost to antero-lateral angle; lower margin short, ending slightly but variably beyond middle of orbit; formed of minute granules, in a double or irregularly compound row internally, regularly single beyond. Suborbital crenellations low, flattened, and indistinct except externally, where they are somewhat larger, rounded and separated; orbit's outer angle projects slightly as a right or obtuse angle; several weak crenellations or irregularities present beyond angle along outer, lower edge of orbit. A short row of granules or small tubercles present or absent on floor of orbit just behind margin; their distribution, size, and number highly variable, both within and among populations; a short, low, blunt ridge distinguishable in same region.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with a row of tubercles on antero-dorsal margin all small except distally, where several are enlarged, the distal being sometimes bi- or tricuspid; two or more tubercles, highly variable in number, size and arrangement, on antero-distal surface; ventral margin with a row of small tubercles; adjacent, submarginally on posterior surface, are several other rows, less regular, of smaller tubercles,



while the entire posterior surface is covered more densely than usual in the subgenus with small tubercles. Tubercles of outer manus smaller, especially in *c. coarctata*, than in the other species of the super-species, and are scarcely larger at base of pollex than elsewhere on manus. Center of palm with minute scattered granules. Depression at pollex base clearly trifold. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal furrow very short, indistinct. Pollex and dactyl externally practically smooth except proximally. In gape, pollex of brachychelous individuals with an enlarged submedian tooth; dactyl with one enlarged tooth proximal to middle. Forceps-like tip of chela always strongly developed on dactyl, sometimes on pollex as well; pollex, however, usually tapers to its upturned tip without any enlarged teeth subdistally. No submarginal carina on outer distal part of pollex.

*Minor Cheliped.* As in *forcipata* (p. 49), except that dactyl groove and ridges are sometimes distinguishable.

*Ambulatories.* *Merus:* As in *forcipata*, except that serrations are much smaller on both antero-ventral and postero-ventral margins. *Carpus:* 1st leg with postero-dorsal ridge only; 2nd with antero- and postero-dorsal; 3rd and 4th with antero-dorsal only; all ridges weakly serrate, the dorsal surfaces slightly rugose. Posterior ridge present on 2nd leg only, or absent.

*Gonopod.* Inner process spinous, either not appressed closely to tubular end of shaft or bent anteriorly and closely appressed; pore wide, its overlapped margins distinguishable; thumb of moderate length, subdistal or with tube extending well beyond it; flanges absent.

#### FEMALE

Carapace usually with a few slightly enlarged tubercles, more or less in linear formation, extending posteriorly between end of postero-dorsal margins and base of last ambulatory. A short row of tubercles always present on floor of orbit in one subspecies, represented if at all by granules in the other; their number and variability about as in males. Gape of minor cheliped with a pair of enlarged teeth at least on one side and usually on both. Merus of 4th ambulatory moderately enlarged, its dorsal margin clearly convex throughout; no pile along the segment's postero-ventral margin. Gonopore marked conspicuously with a large tubercle that takes up the entire postero-outer margin and overhangs the orifice; remainder of pore without sharp angles, either rimless or with a low rim at least anteriorly and antero-internally. Gonopore depression in sternum small, ranging from slight to moderate in depth.

#### Measurements (in mm)

The two subspecies usually differ in size, *c. coarctata* being smaller in the best known populations, in the Philippines and Fiji, although large individuals were taken in Cairn, northeast Australia. The following examples illustrate more typical differences:

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>coarctata coarctata</i>				
Largest male (Zamboanga)	14.0	26.0	43.0	31.0
Moderate male (Zamboanga)	12.0	20.5	27.0	19.0
Large female (Zamboanga)	13.0	20.0	—	—
Large ovigerous female (Fiji)	11.0	17.0	—	—
Holotype female of <i>U. mearnsi</i> (see p. 55) (Davao)	14.2	21.2	—	—
<i>coarctata flammula</i>				
Large male (longest claw) (Broome)	21.0	34.5	69.0	54.0
Longest male (Broome)	23.5	36.5	67.0	49.0
Moderate male (holotype) (Darwin)	16.0	26.0	40.5	27.0
Largest female (Broome)	25.0	38.0	—	—
Moderate female (Darwin)	14.5	22.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*Uca coarctata* differs as follows from the species with which it associates sympatrically, or with which its range may sometimes coincide: from *dussumieri* and *demani* by the tubular gonopod, without flanges, and by the concave, hook-like structure on the dactyl; additionally from *dussumieri* by always having tubercles or at least granules on the orbital floor and one, not two, long grooves on the major dactyl; additionally from *demani* by the relatively poor development of tubercles on orbital floor; from *forcipata* by having the hook-like structure developed on the dactyl alone, by the absence of vestigial flanges on the gonopod and by the reliable presence of tubercles on the orbit's floor in all parts of the general range of both species where their distributions approach each other. The female's gonopore in *coarctata* differs from that of all other *Deltuca* in having a large tubercle on the postero-outer margin.

*U. coarctata's* shorter gonopod tube and shorter row of tubercles on orbital floor set it off from *urvillei* in the west; its lack of flanges distinguish it at once from the remaining members of *Deltuca*—*acuta*, *rosea*, and *arcuata*—all of which have other ranges, as well as from species of the subgenus *Thalassuca*.

Possible confusion with species of the subgenus *Australuca* is avoided through the shortness of the

gonopod tube, the relatively poor development of tubercles on the orbital floor, the different shape of both front and minor chelae, the lack of a large tuberculate projection on the major pollex, and the presence of strong grooves on both dactyl and pollex.

The eyes, even in preservative, are notably large in comparison with the stalk, as in other members of the superspecies *coarctata* and in *rosea*.

### Color

A vivid species, notable for striking markings that always include red and often one or more additional colors ranging from white to yellow and blue. Carapace basically black; lower major manus red. Aside from these two characteristics, variation is extensive among individuals in single populations. Unlike some other *Deltuca*, males, females, and immature crabs are similarly colored, with little tendency for the male to be less strikingly marked. Details of color ranges are given in the subspecies descriptions.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

Wave vertical, with some tendency toward a semi-unflexed wave. Upper edge of dactyl reaching at most, and rarely, scarcely above tip of eye. Jerks present on upstroke only and only at high intensities. The waves are then in series, a relatively high, jerking wave being followed by one or more lower waves of diminishing height, with jerks weak or absent. Upstrokes always longer and more variable in duration than downstrokes. At highest intensity the body is sometimes raised slightly in front on the ambulatories and tilted down posteriorly, through bending of the last pair of legs. Waving rate: 0.3 to 1.2 per second. (Waving components: 1, 2, 3 and, weakly, 10; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

#### Precopulatory Behavior

Male approaches female, with or without waving. For the single observed exception, where, between normal copulations by her burrow, the female approached the male, see the section on unusual behavior, p. 506. Stroking of female's carapace by male ambulatories, and plucking motions from it by his minor cheliped, usual in both subspecies.

#### Chimney Construction

Occurrence of chimneys sporadic, most examples being very small, and their inhabitants juveniles of either sex measuring less than 10 mm in length. Only one chimney was seen in *c. flammula*, the Western Australian subspecies, and one in Fiji, the eastern

boundary of *c. coarctata*. In the Philippines, on the contrary, chimneys were fairly common.

### Acoustic Behavior

Leg-wagging (component 5) is the only component noted at the surface. Films only. Underground sounds were recorded on tape in Fiji.

### Combat

Manus-pushes and manus-rubbing (component 1) filmed.

### RANGE

*U. coarctata* ranges from Sumatra to the Fiji Islands and from northwest Australia to the northern Philippines. It is absent from the Asian mainland. The two subspecies are distributed as follows. *U. c. coarctata*: Sumatra and other parts of Indonesia; Philippines; parts of western New Guinea; eastern New Guinea; northeast Australia south to Moreton Bay; New Caledonia; Fiji. *U. coarctata flammula*: northwest Australia and parts of western New Guinea. One male (USNM 19662), labeled "Tahiti," was almost certainly collected elsewhere. Two other locality records are undoubtedly erroneous: Odessa (see p. 55) and near Lissa, in the Adriatic (Stossich, 1877: 190).

### BIOTOPES

As in *forcipata* (p. 50). (Biotopes 12, 13, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In rich localities in the Philippines, *c. coarctata* occurs often in close sympatry with *d. dussumieri* and *d. demani*, although it occupies in general higher levels of the shore. Elsewhere it is either the only *Deltuca*, as in Fiji, or else all the large populations occupy stream banks in the more inland reaches of the mangroves, as does *c. flammula* near Darwin and Broome, where no other *Deltuca* is found. As usual in *Uca*, however, there are sympatric zones of coincidence close to shore, particularly with *d. dussumieri* or *d. capricornis*, depending on the subspecies of *coarctata* involved. For the possible close association of *c. coarctata* with *forcipata*, and their patchwork distribution in Indonesia and the Philippines, see under *forcipata*, p. 51. The known distribution of *c. coarctata* and *c. flammula* in the western part of New Guinea indicates a similar situation.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 594.)

*Observations and Collections.* *U. c. coarctata*: Australia: Queensland: Gladstone. New Caledonia: neighborhood of Dumbéa River, near Nouméa. Fiji: Viti Levu. Territory of Papua and New Guinea: near Madang. Philippines: Mindanao: Zamboanga; west coast, Gulf of Davao; Luzon: near Manila. *U. c. flammula*: Australia: Darwin; Broome.

*Film.* Fiji; Philippines: Zamboanga and neighborhood of Sasa. Australia: Darwin.

*Sound Recordings.* Fiji.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca coarctata* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

**LECTOTYPE and Associated Material.** In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. One male, selected by J. Crane from a group listed by the museum as "types non spécifiés," with the following label: "*Gelasimus coarctatus*, Edw. M. Nordmann. Odessa." The box contained 2 males and one female, all dried; they were relaxed for study. The individual designated the lectotype has the following measurements in mm: length 13; breadth 23; propodus 35; dactyl 21. The gonopod drawn (Fig. 9 B) is from the lectotype; the cheliped photographed (Pl. 7, I and J) is from the 2nd male, with a carapace measuring 11 mm. All 3 specimens are in poor condition, and at least one was apparently caught when newly molted. Some of the lectotype's legs are wired on. The locality given, Odessa, is clearly an impossible habitat for this or any other *Uca*, because of the early date at which the Black Sea region was blocked off from Tethys. Yet the specific characters of the species and even of the subspecies are intact, and, whatever the explanation of the label's error, it occurred before Milne-Edwards published his description.

The identity of the small female associated with the 2 males, and of a 2nd small female, legless, mounted upside down in another box, and similarly labeled, should remain unsettled.

*Uca coarctata flammula* subsp. nov.

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137676. Australia: Darwin. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on p. 53.

Named in reference to its striking red markings. (From the Latin noun *flammula*, "a little flame.")

Type Material of *Uca rathbunae* Pearse, 1912.1. Apparently not extant. Two males (no. 43040) from Manila, Philippine Islands, the type-locality, are deposited in the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, collected and

identified by Dr. Pearse and presented by him to the museum. I have found no trustworthy characters by which this Philippines form of the superspecies *coarctata* can be distinguished from examples of *c. coarctata* occurring elsewhere, either from examination of these and other specimens from the Philippines, or from the type description and figures. (!)

Holotype of *Uca mearnsi* Rathbun, 1913. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. A large female, the unique specimen (no. 43383) from Davao, Philippine Islands. This specimen is only questionably referred to *U. coarctata*, since the gonopore is apparently distorted by a large spermatophore and the orbits are practically straight. In making the tentative identification, the sex and size of the specimen were taken into account in disregarding the unusual direction of the orbits. More material in an adequate size range will be needed for certainty in synonymizing *U. mearnsi*. Measurements on p. 53. (!)

Type Material of *Uca ischnodactylus* Nemec, 1939. In Field Museum, Chicago, from the Fiji Islands. Type not seen. Paratype (no. 99261) in Smithsonian Institution, Washington. (!) I am also familiar through field work and collections with the Fijian representative of the superspecies *coarctata*. There appears to be no reason for distinguishing it by any formal designation from more western populations of *coarctata coarctata*.

## *Uca (Deltuca) [coarctata] coarctata coarctata* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

(Indonesia and the Philippines south to New Caledonia and east to the Fiji Islands)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Differs as follows from *coarctata flammula*. Carapace with orbits distinctly oblique. Tubercles always present on floor of orbit. Major dactyl with tuberculate, hook-like, distal projection large and well formed. Genital pore at end of a short tube, the inner process not bent anteriorly.

## Color

In spite of complex patterns and great variability, the general impression given by this subspecies compresses to a dark crab with light spots, red claw, and scattered accents of red, white, blue, and sometimes yellow.

Mature crabs of both sexes are similar and differ little from the young, except that as usual in *Deltuca* the female tends to retain more spots longer than does the male; unlike *forcipata* and *dussumieri*, however, adult males are about as brightly colored as females and young. The most frequently occurring patterns are as follows.

Carapace antero-dorsally sometimes with a broad band across its entire width, ranging from shining white through pale yellow to orange or scarlet; sometimes a white spot occurs behind the band. More often there is no band, but only one or more spots, ranging from polished, pure white to cerulean blue; when at their maximum development one spot occurs on each large region of the carapace except the hepatic—namely, at base of antero-lateral angle and on gastric, branchial, cardiac, and intestinal regions. A frequent arrangement shows one spot each on gastric and cardiac regions plus the branchial pair, giving a diamond formation. Any or all of the following anterior regions of the carapace may be white, blue, or scarlet: around antero-lateral angle, orbits, sub-orbital and pterygostomian regions, and 3rd maxillipeds. Major and minor chelipeds sometimes both largely orange red, inside and out; outer, lower, major manus and at least base of pollex always bright scarlet; upper manus, dactyl, and distal pollex usually polished white. Ambulatories usually brownish, sometimes bluish; white spots present or absent in a variety of combinations, but frequently with a single, large spot on posterior side of each 4th merus.

Post-megalopal young, up to a length of about 6 mm, in Zamboanga translucent yellow with orange legs; since a male was reared to the point where mature characters were developed in the Trinidad crabbery, there was no question of identity, in spite of the wealth of related species in the Philippines; young of similar color filmed among adults of the species near Davao. In Fiji corresponding stages were entirely white; identification in the latter locality, where the young were locally abundant, was also reliable since the only other narrow-fronts reaching the islands are *Thalassuca*; at corresponding sizes their fronts and orbital margins are unmistakable.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

During high-intensity courtship, in both the Philippines and in Fiji, 2 to 4 jerks occurred on the up-stroke of the primary wave in a wave complex, followed by the usual series of several secondary waves, each of which diminished in height. In the Philippines the secondary waves were much stronger than in Fiji, with the 1st, or the 1st and 2nd, sometimes

also showing jerks. In the Philippines the entire series of secondary, diminishing waves was always a conspicuous part of the display; several of these wave complexes were usually included in a series.

At low and moderate intensities jerks were absent, the waves then being more or less equal in height and very low. At intermediate intensities a jerking, primary wave was sometimes followed by several of these low waves of equal height, rather than by diminishing waves.

Waving rate from 0.3 to 1.2 waves per second; jerking waves about 1 per second (Table 19, p. 656.)

## *Uca (Deltuca) [coarctata]* *coarctata flammula* subsp. nov.

(Northwest Australia; parts of west New Guinea)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Differs as follows from *coarctata* c. Carapace with orbits less oblique. Tubercles on orbit's floor represented, if at all, by scattered minute granules. Major dactyl with tuberculate, hook-like distal projection weak, sometimes indistinct except by contrast with other species. Distal tube of gonopod longer, the inner process bent anteriorly.

## *Color*

General color strikingly black and scarlet orange.

Both sexes with carapace black, sometimes with a pair of spots, round or oval, white to pale orange, located on branchial regions or nearer the center of dorsal area; sometimes the spots are narrow, in the form of two short, longitudinal stripes. Orbits, 3rd maxillipeds, most of underparts and, in particular, both chelipeds and all ambulatories brilliant scarlet orange, except for white tips of major chela; even they are sometimes washed with pale orange.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Waves regularly serial, each combining a relatively high jerking wave with subsequent waves of diminishing height in which jerks are questionable or clearly absent. Each series with 3 of the high, always jerking waves, combined with 2 or 3 diminishing low waves. The high waves all have 3 to 5 jerks on up-stroke only; the low waves may have up to 3 indistinct upward jerks. Waving rate of highest jerking waves from 0.4 to 0.7 wave per second.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Deltuca) coarctata*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (D.) coarctata coarctata*, below.

*Uca (Deltuca) coarctata coarctata*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

? "A small *Luzone Crab* with a large fight claw."

Petiver, 1767: Pl. 78, Fig. 5. Philippines. [See p. 326.]

*Gelasimus coarctatus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1852: 146. "Odessa"; see p. 55. (Paris !)

Heller, 1863: 100. Copy of type description.

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Haswell, 1882: 93. Listed in catalogue of Australian Crustacea, but no localities given. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1891: 21, 31. Moluccas; Ponape. Taxonomy.

? de Man, 1892: 308. Celebes. Taxonomy.

Nobili, 1899.2: 273. Andai, Borepata.

Nobili, 1899.3: 517. Lelemboli. Taxonomy.

Tweedie, 1937: 143. Sumatra: Simaloe I. Brief taxonomy. (BM !)

*Uca arcuata* (not *Gelasimus arcuatus* de Haan)

? Grant and McCulloch, 1906: 20. Northeastern Australia: Port Curtis. (This synonymy is suggested only on the basis of locality.)

*Uca rathbunae*

Pearse, 1912.1: 91. Philippines. Type description.

Pearse, 1912.2: 113ff. Philippines. Habits.

Ward, 1941.3. Philippines: Mindanao: west coast, Gulf of Davao.

Crane, 1957. Philippines. Preliminary classification of waving display.

? *Uca mearnsi*

Rathbun, 1913: 616, Pl. 75. Philippines: Minda-

nao: Davao. Type description. (USNM !)  
Estampador, 1959: 102. Listing of type.

*Uca coarctata*

Gordon, 1934: 11. Arroe Is. (Strait of Manoembaii). Taxonomy. (BM !)

Macnae, 1966: 85, 89. Australia: Queensland (south to Moreton Bay). Color; ecology.

*Uca ischnodactylus*

Nemec, 1939: 107; Fig. 1. Fiji: Suva. Type description.

Crane, 1957. Fiji. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca (Deltuca) coarctata flammula*  
subsp. nov.*Gelasimus arcuatus* (not of de Haan)

Haswell, 1882: 92. Northwestern Australia: Port Darwin. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus dussumieri* (not of Milne-Edwards)

Haswell, 1882: 93 (at least part). Northwestern Australia: Port Darwin.

*Uca forcipata* (not *Gelasimus forcipatus* Adams & White)

Rathbun, 1914.1: 661 (part). Western Australia: Monte Bello Is. Taxonomy. (USNM 46348 !; BM 713.1.2 !)

? Miyake, 1939: 222, 241. Micronesia: Palau Is.; Caroline Is. (Ponape).

*Uca dussumieri* (not *Gelasimus dussumieri* Milne-Edwards)

Rathbun, 1924.2: 8. Western Australia: Broome. Taxonomy. (USNM 56419 !, 56420 !)

*Uca coarctata flammula*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. P. 56.

## 8. *UCA (DELTUCA) [COARCTATA] URVILLEI* (MILNE-EDWARDS, 1852)

(Tropical and subtropical western Indo-Pacific)

PLATE 9.

FIGURES 7; 8 *B, D*; 9 *D, E*; 27 *G, H*; 38 *U-X*;  
62 *E*; 75; 98.

MAP 19.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23.

### INTRODUCTION

This large blue fiddler is almost certainly the only *Deltuca* that reaches Africa. It lives characteristically in mangroves along streams well back from the shore, as do all the other members of its superspecies. In *urvillei*, however, its niche lies close to low-tide levels.

In Natal and in Cape Province *urvillei* is exposed seasonally to chilly weather, although not to the extent of that tolerated, through hibernation, by its northern consuperspecific, *arcuata*, in Japan. Since both species, without apparent morphological differences, occur also in much warmer climates, comparative study of their range of physiological adaptations to temperature would be of special interest.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

A single groove running most of length of major dactyl. On orbit's floor is a long line of well-developed tubercles. Genital opening at end of a long tube. Carapace with anterior margin practically straight; antero-lateral angles acute and produced. Female gonopore without tubercle on rim, which is low but distinct on three sides and absent internally.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Deltuca* (p. 21).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal groove of variable width, always short and narrow; sides parallel or converging distally, never almost in contact. Fronto-orbital margins practically straight; antero-lateral angles strongly produced and acute; antero-lateral margins moderately long in larger specimens, convergent throughout their variable length before curving into the more strongly convergent dorso-laterals; antero-laterals with separated serrations throughout; dorso-laterals with ridge distinct, finely beaded, the beads diminishing in size posteriorly. Vertical lateral margin well

developed, minutely beaded throughout, ending just below dorsal surface. Eyebrow vertical except internally, where it is obliquely horizontal; upper margin marked by tubercles, smaller and set farther apart than serrations of antero-lateral margin, dying out near antero-lateral angle, absent close to front; lower margin formed of small, distinct, close-set tubercles, in two rows internally, the continuing row ending slightly external to middle of orbit. Suborbital crenellations are abruptly larger, sometimes shallowly bifid or flattened; angle somewhat projecting, almost rectangular; minute crenellations or irregularities continuing around angle along most of outer, lower edge of orbit. A long row of distinct tubercles always present on floor of orbit behind margin; although highly variable in number, size and extent, they generally occupy about the middle half or two-thirds of orbital breadth, and total about 9 to 16; they arise from an irregular blunt ridge.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with a row of tubercles on antero-dorsal margin, all small except distally, where several are enlarged, one or more of them sometimes bicuspid; one to a cluster of smaller tubercles, highly variable, on antero-distal surface; ventral margin with up to several irregular rows of small tubercles; additional rows of smaller ones adjacent on posterior surface which, more dorsally, has irregular, oblique, curving, compound rows of granules or incipient rugosities. Center of palm with minute scattered granules. Depression at pollex base relatively broad and shallow, but trifid character apparent. Outer side of dactyl with subdorsal furrow very short, indistinct; on pollex in larger specimens a short, proximal groove sometimes present below regular lateral groove. Pollex and dactyl externally practically smooth except proximally. In gape, pollex of brachychelous individuals with an enlarged, submedian tooth; dactyl with enlarged teeth submedially in brachychelous, subdistally in leptochelous individuals. Forceps-like tip of chela scarcely or not at all indicated. No submarginal carina on outer distal part of pollex.

*Minor Cheliped.* As in *forcipata* (p. 49), except that lower dactyl ridge is always distinct, although

upper ridge and intervening groove are weak or absent.

*Ambulatories.* As in *coarctata*.

*Gonopod.* Inner process very short, moderately flat and narrow but not notably spinous, not reaching free base of external tube of shaft; flanges absent, the pore at tip of an elongate, strongly calcified tube, its overlapped margins distinguishable throughout its length; thumb usually of moderate length, reaching base of tube, but sometimes reduced or vestigial and sometimes much enlarged, reaching halfway to tip of tube.

#### FEMALE

Carapace with an irregular band of enlarged tubercles extending posteriorly between end of postero-dorsal margin and base of last ambulatory, often including one or two tuberculate striae or lumps. A long row of tubercles on floor of orbit, in general more numerous than in male and often more regular. Gape of minor cheliped with a pair of slightly enlarged teeth at least on one side. Merus of 4th ambulatory very wide, its dorsal margin clearly convex throughout; no pile along the segment's postero-ventral margin. Gonopore without a tubercle on the rim, although a sharp, tubercle-like projection protrudes from the pore to varying extents in all the females at hand; all are from an actively breeding population in Pemba, and almost certainly the projections are spermatophores; the necessary precise dissections have not been made; rim of gonopore low but definite, present on posterior, outer and anterior margins but absent along the internal edge of the rounded pore. Gonopore depression in sternum small, ranging from slight to moderate in depth.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All specimens from Pemba)				
Largest male	21.0	34.0	61.0	46.0
Moderate male	15.5	25.5	36.5	23.0
Largest female				
(ovigerous)	16.5	27.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	11.5	19.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. urvillei* differs notably from *dussumieri*, with which it has been most frequently confused, in having a long, slender, flangeless tube forming the distal end of the gonopod, instead of distinct flanges and no projecting tube; in having one, not two, long grooves on major dactyl; in the row of tubercles on

floor of orbit; in the broad ambulatory meri; and in the absence of a rim on the gonopore's inner margin. It differs clearly from *coarctata* and *forcipata*, its nearest conspecifics to the east, in the much longer gonopod tube, in the long row of strong tubercles on floor of orbit, and in the straight antero-lateral margin, the orbits being scarcely or not at all oblique; in addition the female's gonopore lacks the large marginal tubercle of *coarctata*, but has a distinct outer rim that is absent in *forcipata*.

The form of the gonopod tube alone sets it off strongly from all other species of *Deltuca*. The parallel sides to the frontal groove, strongly tuberculate manus, lack of a triangular tooth on distal part of pollex, form of the minor chelae, and presence of a groove on major dactyl distinguish it easily from any member of the subgenus *Australuca* with which it might be confused, their gonopods being similar. Differs from species in *Thalassuca* in having long grooves on both dactyl and pollex, expanded meri on the ambulatories, and a tubular gonopod.

#### Color

Males and young largely a characteristic blue, ranging from soft, clear, violet blue to steel blue, quite different from the vivid cobalt found particularly in Malayan *dussumieri*, or of the greenish blue in African *chlorophthalmus*.

Mature males with carapace, buccal region, dorsal parts of ambulatory meri and visible underparts entirely blue except that postorbital and antero-lateral margins of carapace are sometimes white. Major cheliped largely ochraceous to apricot brown, with a patch of clearer, brighter apricot usually present on outer, lower manus, sometimes extending onto pollex; major dactyl often white, the distal pollex less frequently. Females darker than males, unmarked, except for chelipeds which in small individuals are sometimes entirely bright red. Young males often with pale and dark blotches on the blue. Post-megalopal stages of both sexes white.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Display among the simplest. Wave vertical, low, the upper edge of dactyl at maximum reaching to or barely above tip of eye. Jerks absent. Waves in series of 3, uncommonly 4, the manus not touching the ground between waves; series unpredictably far apart. Crabs often walk during displays. Waving at rate of slightly more to slightly less than 1 wave per second. (Waving component 1; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

### Precopulatory Behavior

Numerous coverings of female by male were seen, the large majority not preceded by waving. Several males followed females briefly partway down the latter's burrows. No copulations observed.

### Chimney Construction

Chimneys plentiful, apparently only around female burrows. Twice, however, when a male had reached the precopulatory stage and followed a female partly down her burrow, he added substrate from below to the chimney's rim; several times a female behaved similarly, though construction was usually with material brought from a distance. Both sexes, in excavating, otherwise took the material from underground a few inches from the burrow, as usual, slinging it in a single direction.

### Acoustic Behavior

A major-merus-rub (acoustic component 1) occurred just before a combat. A major-merus-drum (component 7) accompanied an attempt by a male to dig out another male, the appendages of the minor side being thrust down a neighboring burrow. Leg-wags (component 5) were common in females; twice they took place when unreceptive females stood in high-rise positions (threat component 13) on their chimneys during the approach of males. Females, also during high-rises, apparently performed leg-stamps (component 11) in confronting other females. Films only; no data on sound production.

### Combat

The following components were filmed: manus-rub, dactyl-slide, heel-and-hollow (components 1, 6, 11).

### RANGE

East coast of Africa from Gumbo, Somalia, to Cape Province, South Africa (mouth of Umtata R.); Madagascar; Karachi, Pakistan; western India.

### BIOTOPES

In mangrove mud, sometimes partly shaded; well back from the sea but near low tide levels. (Biotopes 8, 12.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Since no other *Deltuca* are known to share the range, *urvillei* has no sympatric associates in the strict sense of the term. Two species of other subgenera, *chlor-*

*ophthalmus* and *lactea*, characteristically occur within sight of *urvillei*, but on slightly higher ground; *chlorophthalmus* and *urvillei* often mingle along their lower and upper borders respectively.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 595.)

*Observations and Collections.* Tanzania: Pemba, Zanzibar, and Dar-es-Salaam; August. Seen but not collected in Mozambique: Inhaca I.; September.

*Film.* Pemba.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca urvillei* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

**LECTOTYPE.** In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Listed by the museum as a "type non spécifié." Male, selected by J. Crane from a box containing this specimen and 2 females. Label inside box: "*Gelasimus urvillei* Edw. M. M. Quoy & Gaimard Vanikoro"; label on box: "MM. Quoy & Gaimard." Specimens dried; in poor condition. Male alone relaxed for study. Measurements in mm: length 11, breadth 18.5, propodus 17, dactyl 11.5.

Although the specimen is small, with the proportions of the major cheliped indicating immaturity, the specific characters, including the unmistakable gonopod, are all clearly those of the *Deltuca* characteristic of East Africa. Yet "Vanikoro," the locality given on the label and in Milne-Edwards' type description, was a stop in the New Hebrides on the *Astrolabe* expedition under Dumont d'Urville. It seems clear that labels were confused before completion of Milne-Edwards' manuscript.

*Associated Material.* The identity of the 2 females associated with the lectotype is unsettled.

**Type Material of *Gelasimus dussumieri*** Milne-Edwards, 1852. The Malabar specimen listed by Milne-Edwards in his description of *G. dussumieri* is another specimen of *U. urvillei* as defined in the present contribution. His Semarang specimen was designated on p. 35 as the lectotype of *U. dussumieri*. The gonopod of the dried Malabar specimen, when the latter was relaxed, again is unmistakable; although the thumb is short, it is apparently broken. It is possible that in western India the thumb is shorter than in African populations; specimens in the British Museum from Karachi, however, show thumbs of standard length. The left gonopod is more damaged than the right, except for the spinous inner process which shows well only on the left. Carapace length 17 mm.



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## II. **AUSTRALUCA** SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus*: *Gelasimus bellator* Adams & White, 1848

(Tropical Indo-Pacific: West Java to New Guinea; Philippines to Queensland and Western Australia)

PLATES 10-12.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURE 62 (part).

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 97.

MAPS 3, 4.

TABLES 1, 8, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

*Uca* with front narrow, differing most clearly from the related subgenus *Deltuca* as follows. One postero-lateral stria always represented at least by a protuberance, instead of occurring only rarely in males and occasionally in females; a ridge, often with tubercles or granules, always, not sometimes, present on orbit's floor. Major cheliped with merus having an antero-dorsal crest, but no distal enlarged tooth; manus outside moderately to very smooth, never roughened by large, well-separated tubercles; its largest tubercles near dorsal margin, never around pollex base; pollex without a long lateral furrow and, in distal half, with a large, triangular projection or a single large tubercle; major dactyl never with a subdistal hook or projection, so that the chela never has a forceps-like tip. Minor cheliped in both sexes with teeth almost always unusually large for the genus, with one or more on each finger further enlarged. Gonopod tip always, not sometimes, a produced tube. (Table 1.)

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15), and with the following differences from *Deltuca*.

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Tip of front pointed, or only minutely excavate, instead of clearly bifid; front's central depression starting farther back from tip, the margins diverging moderately to widely, instead of being sometimes parallel or nearly so. Fronto-orbital margins moderately oblique, never strongly or scarcely. Antero-lateral margins always distinct, instead of sometimes; a single postero-lateral stria always present, represented variously by a short, raised line, a tubercle surmounting a small protuberance or only

by a protuberance; in *Deltuca* the homologous structure rarely occurs at all.

Eye-brow extremely narrow to practically absent, in general less well marked than in *Deltuca*, although longer; always strongly vertical. Floor of orbit always, not sometimes, with a ridge, often tuberculate or granulate. Suborbital crenellations weak to absent except near outer angle, where they are almost always at least present, sometimes fairly strong.

*Major Cheliped*. Merus with antero-dorsal margin always with a strong distal crest, never found in *Deltuca*, with or without tubercles or serrations. Carpus with dorsal margin strongly bent over, with three or more, not one or two distinct tubercles; sometimes, instead, with a crest; dorsal surface sometimes almost smooth, at other times tuberculate almost as in *Deltuca*. Outer manus always smoother than in *Deltuca*, with tubercles small and close-set or, in some *bellator*, of moderate size but never large and well separated; in comparison with *Deltuca*, therefore, the surface appears almost or strikingly smooth; tubercles near pollex base little or not at all larger than those in the vicinity, in contrast to *Deltuca*, while those near dorsal margin are always the largest on the manus. Tuberculate carina of ventral margin of manus sometimes continued distally almost entire length of pollex, where it is marked by an external crease along its upper margin. Oblique ridge inside palm almost lacking in *polita*, otherwise strong, as throughout *Deltuca*; depression on lower distal part of palm large, but more shallow than in *Deltuca* and never clearly trifid. Pollex externally never with the long lateral furrow characteristic of *Deltuca*. Dactyl externally always with 1 long furrow, sometimes shallow, running almost its entire length, never with 2 long ones as sometimes found in *Deltuca*; proximal subdorsal furrow present or absent, the tubercles of the area continuing partway along dactyl. In gape near or beyond middle of pollex the middle row of teeth follows the edge of a triangular projection, large

except in *polita*, that culminates in an enlarged tubercle; distal to the tooth the projection's margin is straight or concave, ending in the slender, rounded, curved-up pollex tip. A short, subdistal keel sometimes present close to gape inside pollex and, less often and weaker, a corresponding keel inside dactyl; keel continuous or discontinuous with inner row of gape tubercles; unlike *Deltuca* such a keel is never found outside pollex tip. Unlike *Deltuca*, subdistal part of dactyl never has a hook-like structure or other projection.

*Minor Cheliped.* Propodus large, equal in length at least to distance from antero-lateral angle to outer base of antenna; fingers long; gape narrow to moderate; teeth always well developed, usually stronger than elsewhere in the genus, 1 pair of opposing teeth always enlarged except in one subspecies of *bellator* (Brisbane area).

*Ambulatories.* Meri of first 3 pairs sometimes moderately wide, with dorsal margins strongly convex; those of 4th legs scarcely or not at all enlarged. Spinules on posterior surfaces few and weak to absent.

*Gonopod.* End of shaft always projecting, tubular; pore large, terminal; flanges absent. Inner process various, ranging from spinous and closely applied to shaft, to projecting, curved and even broad and somewhat thickened. Thumb usually a vestigial shelf or nubbin, arising well below base of projecting shaft; rarely short, thick, reaching just above shaft's base.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of the females in the genus (p. 17). A pair of enlarged teeth in gape of cheliped except in some individuals of 2 subspecies of *U. Australuca bellator*. The larger teeth in the gape and more slender meri of the 4th ambulatories distinguish females most easily from sympatric members of *Deltuca*. Other distinctions between the subgenera, in characters showing little sexual dimorphism, are given above, in the subgeneric description of the male.

#### Size

Small to medium.

#### Color

Display lightening almost or entirely absent. Red brown, dark red, and pink occur on major cheliped. Yellow phase, blue and green absent.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Waving display moderately prevalent during waving periods and at moderate rates. Wave vertical but sometimes tending to semi-lateral. No jerks. No high-intensity courtship components. Copulation usually at the surface with male approaching female, but infrequently female is pushed down male's burrow and he follows. Waving display usually precedes copulation. No construction activities. Combat components unknown. Acoustic components unknown except leg-wagging observed and filmed.

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 18 in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram. Within the subgenus both *seismella* and *polita* in morphology are further removed from the general pattern found in *Deltuca* than is *bellator*. The differences, in different directions, are apparent in the smoother cheliped of *polita*, along with its overall pale color, and in the shape of the major cheliped in *seismella*. In addition, *seismella*'s waving display is far more active than any other known in the Indo-Pacific, being analogous to those of some *Celuca*, such as *batuenta* and *saltitanta*.

#### NAME

*Australuca*: From the Latin adjective *australis*, "southern." The proposed name therefore signifies "southern fiddlers," since this subgenus is largely confined to that hemisphere.

## 9. *UCA (AUSTRALUCA) BELLATOR* (ADAMS & WHITE, 1848)

(Central Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 10; 11.

FIGURES 11; 29 *B*; 46 *D*; 62 *G-J*; 81 *N*; 90 *C, D*; 97.

MAP 3.

TABLES 2, 8, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

Four closely related forms of *Uca*, described in the past under various specific names, are here considered as subspecies of the single species, *bellator*. Only one of them occurs outside Australia, where it is probably restricted to a triangle with angles formed by the Philippines, Borneo, and western New Guinea. The several forms show very minor morphological differences, principally in the armature of the major cheliped and lower orbit. Unlike *vocans* and *lactea*, the subspecies are not known to intermingle. Material, however, remains scanty.

In the form of its waving display, *bellator* shows clearly one aspect of the intermediate character of the subgenus. The wave ranges in form from strictly vertical, especially at low intensities, through a usual semi-unflexed movement, to a complete, lateral-straight wave, uncommonly at high intensities. Lateral-circular waves, however, characteristic only of the socially most advanced subgenera, apparently do not occur.

In one subspecies the male sometimes pushes the female ahead of him down his own burrow, instead of following her and mounting on the surface, in the manner characteristic of Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts. This courtship behavior appears broadly intermediate between surface mating and the pattern characteristic of socially advanced subgenera, where the male almost always attracts the female to his burrow and precedes her below ground.

None of the waving displays has been observed in more than one or two populations except in *b. bellator*, while in all the subspecies combat and threat behavior remain practically unknown. A comparative study of social behavior throughout the range of the species would certainly be rewarding.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

*Australuca* with a projection on gape of major cheliped beyond middle of pollex, almost always triangular and denticulate, rarely merely an enlarged tuber-

cle. Major merus with crest tuberculate (except in *b. minima*); palm with oblique ridge and its tubercles strong. Small cheliped in both sexes without enlarged distal teeth in gape. Female without patches of pile on carpus and manus of 4th ambulatory; gonopore always with some structure on rim.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 62).

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Front slightly wider than basal breadth of erected eyestalk. Antero-lateral angle acute, slightly produced; antero-lateral margins short to moderate, always converging, forming dorso-lateral margins with a gradual turn; these margins distinct or obsolescent, but never tuberculate. Postero-lateral stria weak, short, direction variable. Eyebrow very narrow, vertical or nearly so, variable. Floor of orbit strongly rolled out, always with a mound but with or without tubercles or granules; suborbital crenellations present or absent, except near external angle where they are always apparent.

*Major Cheliped*. Antero-dorsal crest on merus always tuberculate (except in *b. minima*). Outer surface of carpus and manus with tubercles well developed for the subgenus except in *longidigita*; palm with oblique ridge strong, its tubercles more or less regular; distal ridge at dactyl base always with distinct tubercles. Pollex with or without a ventral marginal carina and associated crease. Subdorsal furrow of dactyl present or absent. Subdistal carina inside pollex long; except in *b. minima*, clearly marked by tubercles or beading except at tip. Fingers long, slender, compressed. Base of pollex slightly if at all deeper than corresponding part of dactyl; a triangular projection strongly marked, its apex always beyond middle of gape and usually surmounted by an enlarged tubercle. An enlarged tooth on dactyl often present opposite apex of pollex projection. Gape narrow throughout, almost or entirely lacking distal to the projection apex.

*Minor Cheliped*. Gape narrow; teeth regular or slightly irregular, not graduate; a single pair of opposed, enlarged teeth present or absent.

*Gonopod.* All elements varying slightly with the subspecies.

*Measurements.* Small to moderately small *Uca*, the largest (*b. bellator*) attaining a known maximum length of 12 mm, the smallest (*b. minima*) less than 7 mm, the smallest Indo-Pacific form known in the genus.

#### FEMALE

Carapace without tubercles on dorso-lateral margin, although this marginal line is always strong and rarely minutely beaded. Tubercles on orbital floor present or absent. Minor cheliped with or without a pair of enlarged, opposing teeth in gape, but never with an enlarged tooth distally; dentition as a whole closely similar to that of male. Manus and carpus of 2nd, 3rd and 4th ambulatories with or without posterior spinules, never with a marked, close-set patch on proximal part of segment; no patches of pile in these areas on 4th ambulatory. Rim of gonopore always with some form of structure, always either externally or postero-externally.

#### *Morphological Comparison and Comment*

The key on p. 624 distinguishes *bellator* from the other two members of the subgenus *Australuca*. The combination of a large projection on the major pollex and a long, tubular tip on the gonopod should quickly distinguish this species from Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts of other subgenera.

#### *Color*

Displaying males: Display whitening usually partly developed, never enveloping entire crab. Carapace dark with pale markings or vice versa. Major cheliped often with shades of red or orange on proximal segments; manus characteristically brown to orange brown; fingers white. Crab's anterior aspect usually marked with white, or it is wholly white, including minor cheliped; ambulatories dark, with or without white markings on posterior surfaces of last two legs, rarely with anterior white on first legs. Females similar to males; uncommonly with red on cheliped and first legs.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical, semi-unflexed or lateral straight. Jerks absent. Tips of chela reach well above eyes during displays of moderate intensity, at least during all waves in a series except the last two or three; these final motions are sometimes diminishing waves of low amplitude. Minor cheliped sometimes makes

synchronous motion. Body raised slightly or not at all with each wave. Legs not raised during display, except to take occasional steps to one side or the other. Display at rate of about 1 wave per second, with or without a pause between waves. (Component nos. 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 14; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

#### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Apparently principally on the surface, prefaced by stroking, as in *Deltuca*. Herding, however, is better developed than in any other species where it is known, since the male sometimes actually nudges a partly responsive female toward the mouth of his burrow and pushes her down the hole, after which he follows at once (p. 498).

#### *Acoustic Behavior*

Three components so far known, all in one subspecies (p. 67).

#### RANGE

Labuan; Indonesia; Philippines; western New Guinea; tropical and subtropical Australia; 1 record from Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean.

#### BIOTOPES

Sheltered flats of mud or muddy sand inside mouths of streams and rivers, sometimes close to the sea and sometimes upstream as far as the limits of mangroves. (Biotope nos. 12, 14, 15.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The more seaward populations are sometimes mingled with stray individuals of the other *Australuca*, *seismella* and *polita*. Other subgenera are represented chiefly by *coarctata*, although most of each population of this *Deltuca* are assembled nearby and mingle only marginally. Both (*Thalassuca*) *vocans* and (*Celuca*) *lactea* are concentrated in more marine habitats and occur with *bellator* only marginally if at all, or through adventitious individuals. Farther upstream the known populations of *bellator* are pure cultures.

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 595.)

*Observations and Collections.* *U. b. bellator*: Indonesia: Djawa: Semarang and near Surabaya. Philip-

pines: Mindanao: Zamboanga; west coast, Gulf of Davao; Palawan: Puerto Princesa; Luzon: near Manila. *U. b. signata*: Australia: Queensland: in and near Gladstone. *U. b. longidigita*: Australia: Queensland: near mouth of Brisbane R. *U. b. minima*: Australia: Darwin.

*Film.* Indonesia: Semarang; Philippines: west coast, Gulf of Davao and near Manila. Australia: near Gladstone; mouth of Brisbane R.; Darwin.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca bellator* (Adams & White, 1848)

HOLOTYPE. In British Museum (Natural History), London. Label: "*Gelasimus bellator*. Holotype. Philippine Ids. 43.6. Cuming Coll." Measurements in mm: length 12.5; breadth 21; propodus 41. Specimen in good condition. (!)

*Uca bellator signata* (Hess, 1865)

TYPE-SPECIMEN. Zoologisch Institut, Göttingen. Label: "53b. *Gelasimus signatus* Hess. 1889. Pöhl. Australien." Inner label (tied on ambulatories): "3665." Measurements in mm: length 12; propodus 29. Specimen in good condition. (!). Data in catalogue: "a. Sydney. 1864. Schütte. b. Australien. 1889. Capt. Pöhl Ibry." Specimen "a" is missing; Sydney highly improbable as the site of capture.

*Uca bellator longidigita* (Kingsley, 1880)

HOLOTYPE of subspecies. Not present in Academy of Natural Sciences at Philadelphia or found elsewhere.

*Uca bellator minima* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, no. 137668. Australia: Darwin. Collected by J. Crane.

Named in allusion to its being the smallest of the subspecies in the species. (*L. minimus*, adj.: least.)

*Gelasimus signatus* var. *angustifrons* de Man, 1892. A good series was deposited by de Man at various times in Leiden, collected in several parts of Java. Cat. no. 1538 refers to a single male, with the following label, written (*fide* Holthuis) in de Man's handwriting: "*Uca signata* Hess var. *angustifrons* de Man. Dr. J. Semmelink. Batavia. 1882." Measurements in mm: length 10; propodus 25. If this form were not, as in this study, synonymized with *U. bellator bellator*, this specimen could have served well as neotype, no designated type having been found.

Ortmann (1897: 350) included both *Gelasimus bellator* and *G. signatus* in the synonymy of *G. forceps* (see p. 323).

## *Uca (Australuca) bellator bellator* (Adams & White, 1848)

(Philippines; Labuan; Indonesia; western New Guinea; one record from Nicobar Islands)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod: Inner process straight and tumid except for flattened tip, extending only partway to tip of tube against which it is appressed; thumb thick and short but well formed and reaching slightly beyond exposed base of tube. Gonopore with a well-developed postero-external tubercle, neither high nor sharp but extensive. Orbital floor with strong tubercles on at least one side in both sexes. Suborbital crenellations in male small but distinct and regular, variable in size and extent. Major cheliped: merus with antero-dorsal crest low, straight except for slight distal expansion, tuberculate throughout; pollex with ventral marginal carina and crease well developed; subdistal carina inside pollex long and minutely beaded; dactyl without subdorsal furrow. Minor cheliped: in both sexes teeth are similar, being unequal, moderate sized, largest near middle, serrate; in females and some males a single pair, further enlarged and opposed, occurs at or just beyond middle. Female ambulatories: no patches of close-set spinules on 3rd and 4th carpus and manus, but often a sparse scattering on 3rd manus.

## Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All specimens from Semarang material)				
Largest male	12.0	19.0	33.5	23.0
Moderate male	10.0	15.5	26.5	16.5
Largest female				
(ovigerous)	10.0	14.5	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	6.5	10.0	—	—

## Color

Displaying males: carapace brown with extremely variable markings of white, blue or both; very rarely white with dark markings. Within single populations the range extends from a single, white, transverse band across anterior third of dorsal surface to white speckles mixed with blue spots that are distributed both dorsally and laterally. Major cheliped: merus often red to orange brown or dull yellow; carpus sometimes similar; lower manus brown to orange brown, orange, or white; upper manus and fingers white. Eyestalks sometimes yellowish green. Orbits

uncommonly rimmed with greenish or blue; maxillipeds, suborbital and pterygostomian regions, minor chelipeds, and ambulatories all dark with highly variable white spots; of these the most common and constant in position is a single large spot on posterior merus of 4th leg; similar spots only uncommonly found on posterior merus, or on carpus and manus, of 3rd leg; apparently never occurring on 1st or 2nd; anterior surface of 1st legs, however, are sometimes wholly white. Females with carapace and appendages similar to those of male, except that eyestalks and anterior surface of merus on 1st ambulatory are infrequently bright red.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical, ranging to a semi-unflexed wave at high intensities. In each series 2 to 8 relatively high waves, usually about 3, are followed by about 2 diminishing waves of low amplitude. Body raised and lowered with each wave.

Although, as stated already in the description of waving display in the species, the ambulatories are not raised as a part of the waving display, in wholly agonistic situations the 4th legs, with the meri often spotted with white, are sometimes kicked out, either toward the opponent in males, or toward a male by an unreceptive female. At these times no contact of the 4th legs with either the 3rd or with the carapace is made. Functional herding of female by male occasional (see below).

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

The usual final phases of courtship seem to consist, as in *Deltuca*, of approaching female with or without waving, followed by stroking and then mating at the surface. However two examples were seen, one in the Philippines and the other in Java, where the male, after display to a somewhat inattentive female and an attempt to stroke her at a distance of some inches from his burrow, ended the visible courtship by nudging her toward his burrow using chiefly the legs of his minor side, and literally pushing her below. He then, with his minor side already partly inside the burrow's mouth, in one of the two examples, vibrated his major cheliped in a major-merus-rub that shows distinctly in the filmed sequence, before he too vanished beneath the surface.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

The following components have been observed in the field and in films: major-merus-rub (component no.

1; see also above description of its use in courtship); leg-wagging (5); leg-side-rub (6).

## *Uca (Australuca) bellator signata* (Hess, 1865)

(Eastern Australia: Tropical Queensland)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod: Inner process not tumid, curving, ending far below tip of tube to which it is closely appressed throughout; thumb represented only by a shelf, its edge transverse, not slanting. Gonopore with a small, distinct tubercle located clearly on outer side of rim, not near its posterior part. Orbital floor in both sexes with granules or tubercles. Suborbital crenellations in male small but distinct and regular. Major cheliped: merus with antero-dorsal crest low, thick, practically straight, with irregular tubercles; pollex with ventral carina and crease present; subdistal carina inside pollex beaded; dactyl with a short subdorsal furrow. Minor cheliped: teeth in both sexes small, mostly erect; a distinctly enlarged pair opposed near middle absent in males, at least sometimes present in females (chelae in material missing or detached). Female ambulatories: no patches of spinules on 3rd and 4th carpus and manus, or weakly present on entire upper half of 3rd manus.

### *Measurements (in mm)*

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(Both from Gladstone)				
Largest male	9.5	15.5	21.0	13.5
Largest female	8.5	11.5	—	—

### *Color*

Displaying males: Carapace rarely fully white; usually dark with or without paler mottlings or with white spots on branchial regions only. Major cheliped: merus red, pink or reddish orange; carpus dull; outer manus brown to reddish orange; fingers white. Minor cheliped similar to major. Ambulatories dark, not spotted.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical to semi-unflexed, sometimes a full lateral-straight wave, the cheliped being completely

unflexed. Diminishing waves present. Body raised and lowered with each wave, which last more than 1 second each, with a pause of equal length or more between waves of a series.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

Leg-wagging (component no. 5).

### *Uca (Australuca) bellator longidigita* (Kingsley, 1880)

(Eastern Australia: known only from neighborhood of Brisbane)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod: inner process not tumid, slightly curved, tip reaching variably close to end of tube to which it is closely appressed throughout; thumb small but distinct, ending below exposed base of tube. Gonopore with no trace of a tubercle, but with external half of rim very slightly raised, its edge smooth. Orbital floor in both sexes smooth, without tubercles or granules. Suborbital crenellations absent in male, or, near external angle, with vestiges. Major cheliped: merus with antero-dorsal crest weakly tuberculate or serrate, the extreme distal portion slightly expanded and convex; outer manus smoother than in other subspecies; pollex with ventral carina and crease absent; pollex long, minutely tuberculate; dactyl with subdorsal furrow absent. Minor cheliped: teeth are clearly larger in female, but in both sexes of moderate size, somewhat serrate, and with a single pair enlarged and opposed slightly distal to middle. Female ambulatories: patches of weak spinules present or absent on 3rd and 4th carpus and manus.

### *Measurements (in mm)*

	<i>Length</i>	<i>Breadth</i>	<i>Propodus</i>	<i>Dactyl</i>
(All specimens from near Sandgate, near Brisbane)				
Largest male	10.5	18.0	31.5	23.5
Largest female (ovigerous)	9.5	19.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	8.0	12.0	—	—

### *Color*

Displaying males: carapace dull, inconspicuously marbled with paler. Appendages dull except for major manus and chela, which are usually white, with the manus, instead, being sometimes pale blue green.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

(Observed briefly; not filmed.) Wave semi-flexed, sometimes almost unflexing fully in a lateral-straight wave. Diminishing waves apparently absent. Waving at the rate of about 1 wave per second; no perceptible pause between waves; a large number forming each series.

### *Uca (Australuca) bellator minima* subsp. nov.

(Northwest Australia: known only from Darwin)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod: inner process long, slender, straight, not appressed to terminal tube; thumb absent, represented by a slanting shelf. Gonopore: about as in *bellator*, with an extensive postero-external tubercle. Orbital floor with the usual mound merging in external half into a linearly narrow ridge, its edge in male either smooth or with a few minute granules, in female always with tubercles. Suborbital crenellations in male minute, even near external angle.

Major cheliped: merus with antero-dorsal crest large and convex, but smooth; pollex with ventral marginal carina and weak associated crease; subdistal carina inside pollex without tubercles; dactyl without subdorsal furrow. Minor cheliped: with a pair of enlarged, opposed teeth absent in male, sometimes present near middle in female; teeth small, mostly erect. Female ambulatories: no patches of spinules on 3rd and 4th carpus and manus.

### *Measurements (in mm)*

	<i>Length</i>	<i>Breadth</i>	<i>Propodus</i>	<i>Dactyl</i>
Largest male (holotype)	6.8	10.0	15.5	9.5
Moderate male	5.0	8.0	9.5	5.5
Largest female	5.5	11.0	—	—

### *Color*

Displaying males: Carapace in some individuals wholly white. Major cheliped: Outer merus and carpus reddish brown; inner merus orange red; manus, pale orange to white; fingers white. Maxillipeds, suborbital area, and pterygostomian regions white. Ambulatories dark.



## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

*Waving Display*

Wave vertical, apparently not attaining the unflexed,

lateral-straight form. Cheliped raised slowly, brought down rapidly. Diminishing waves absent. Waving at rate of about 1 per second; waves usually occur singly, but sometimes several are grouped in a series.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Australuca) bellator*  
(Adams & White, 1848)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (A.) bellator bellator*, below.

*Uca (Australuca) bellator bellator*  
(Adams & White, 1848)

*Gelasimus bellator*

NAME ONLY. White, 1847: 36. Philippines.

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Adams & White, 1848: 49. (BM !)

White, 1848: 85. No new material.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 146. Taxonomy. No new material.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 138 (part). Mention of White's specimen.

*Gelasimus signatus* var. *angustifrons*

de Man, 1891: 38. Type description. (Leiden: part !)

Gordon, 1934: 12. Dutch East Indies. Taxonomy. (BM !)

*Uca signata*

Roux, 1917: 614. Western New Guinea: Merauke. Record.

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Verwey, 1930: 172ff.; 199ff. Java. Ecology. Mouthparts. Behavior.

Crane, 1957. Philippines. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca signata* var. *angustifrons*

Maccagno, 1928: 25. Western New Guinea: Merauke. Taxonomy. (Torino !)

*Uca angustifrons*

Tweedie, 1950.1: 357. Borneo: Labuan. Taxonomy.

Tweedie, 1954: 118. Note on restricted local distribution in relation to Sunda Shelf.

*Uca (Australuca) bellator signata*  
(Hess, 1865)

*Gelasimus signatus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Hess, 1865: 146; fig. Australia: Sydney; "Australien." (Göttingen, part !)

? Kingsley, 1880.1: 138 (part). Specimen listed from Australia (not extant).

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de Man, 1891: 35. Eastern Australia. Taxonomy. (Leiden !)

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*Uca signata*

Crane, 1957. Australia: Gladstone. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca bellator*

Macnae, 1966: 77, 79. Australia: Queensland (Thursday I. to Port Curtis). Ecology.

*Uca (Australuca) bellator longidigita*  
(Kingsley, 1880)

*Gelasimus longidigitum*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Kingsley, 1880.1: 144. Australia: near Brisbane: Moreton Bay.

*Uca longidigitum*

Macnae, 1966: 79, 80. Australia: Queensland (Moreton Bay). Ecology.

## 10. *UCA (AUSTRALUCA) SEISMELLA* SP. NOV.

(Australia)

PLATES 12 *A-D*; 46 *E*.

MAP 4.

FIGURES 12; 46 *E*; 62 *K*; 97.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

This Australian *Uca* is perhaps the most unmistakable of all fiddler crabs, whether watched in action on a mudbank or examined briefly with a lens. During its waving display the small crab shakes all over as the large claw waggles up and down. Only the neotropical *saltitanta* gives a similar impression. It seems fitting to give the proposed new species a name signifying "little earthquake."

In both sexes the teeth of the small cheliped, always large and serrate, are characteristic, as described below. Unfortunately we have no clue to the uses of this formidable armature, whether in feeding, in stridulation, or in both.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

*Australuca* with large, triangular teeth in gape of small cheliped, always with the two opposing distal teeth much larger than the rest; characteristic of both sexes. Major pollex with a long, low, triangular projection on upper edge; ventral marginal pollex ridge present; palm with oblique ridge strong; major merus with a large crest, its edge smooth or nearly so. Suborbital margin smooth except occasionally near outer angle. Female with dorso-lateral margin tuberculate; carpus and manus of last ambulatory each with a patch of pile posteriorly.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 62).

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Front little or not at all wider than basal breadth of erected eyestalk. Antero-lateral angle rectangular, not produced; antero-lateral margins scarcely or not at all converging, forming dorso-lateral margins in a sharply angular turn; these margins, although variable, are sometimes marked by raised lines scarcely longer than antero-lateral margins, continuing posteriorly as a blunt ridge, sometimes interrupted and thus forming a series of widely spaced, blunt tubercles. Postero-lateral stria strong and longitudinal. Eyebrow very narrow, vertical. Floor of orbit strongly rolled out and with a blunt

ridge, but without tubercles or granules; no crenellations on suborbital margin except for several small irregularities, sometimes present near one or both outer angles at level of eyeball tip.

*Major Cheliped*. Antero-dorsal crest on merus high and convex in portion beyond level of antero-lateral angle but without tubercles, the edge being either smooth, slightly uneven, or with a few minute serrations. Outer surface of carpus and manus almost smooth, although less so than in *polita*; the tubercles or granules are very distinct, but low and well separated. Palm with oblique ridge strong, its tubercles nearly regular; distal ridge at dactyl base weak, variable. Pollex with a strong, ventral, marginal carina and associated crease; subdorsal furrow of dactyl absent; both fingers compressed, covered by minute granules externally and near margins on inner side. Pollex in general deeper than dactyl because of a long, triangular projection on gape, its base occupying entire pollex edge except tip; its apex at middle of pollex low but marked by a tubercle. Subdistal carina inside pollex tip weak, its proximal portion represented by a regular row of close-set, minute tubercles that are never continuous with inner row of gape tubercles; dactyl with a similar carina, usually weaker and with a shorter row of tubercles. Dactyl gape usually with two enlarged teeth, one near base, the other beyond level of tubercle surmounting pollex projection.

*Minor Cheliped*. Manus and base of pollex notably deep, fingers longer than manus, gape practically absent. About 8 (range 7 to 10) teeth in each finger, occupying entire gape, triangular, usually directed obliquely distad, sometimes almost upright, smallest proximally. After the sometimes irregular proximal one or two minute teeth, the size in each finger increases in a regular gradation at least to the 2nd tooth before the distal, the predistal pair being sometimes reduced. Each tooth of the distal pair is invariably much larger than any others in the series and forms the crab's most useful diagnostic character.

*Ambulatories*. Merus of first 3 pairs moderately enlarged.

*Gonopod*. Inner process long, strong, spinous, closely appressed to tube and extending to level of pore;

tube itself moderately long, its terminal diameter large; thumb a vestigial shelf near base of projecting tube.

#### FEMALE

Minor cheliped about as in male. Carpus and manus of 2nd, 3rd and 4th ambulatories each strongly spinulose posteriorly, those of the fourth having in addition a patch of pile overlaying part of the spinules. Gonopore without marginal structures.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male	9.5	14.5	22.5	15.5
Holotype male	7.5	13.0	18.0	12.0
Largest female				
(ovigerous)	9.0	13.5	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	7.0	10.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

This very distinct species lacks close relations. Through its possessing characters regarded here as of subgeneric rank, however, it clearly belongs in the subgenus *Australuca*. These characters combine a narrow front with a tubular gonopod tip, a strong postero-lateral stria, strong dentition on minor chela, absence of a groove on the major pollex and presence of a large protuberance on its prehensile edge.

#### Color

Display whitening absent. Carapace dark brown to mottled gray. Major cheliped: merus brown to dull yellow. Manus at least on distal half and entire chela shiny white, conspicuous against the usually dark background of both the crab's body and the mud. The palm, never visible during display, was grayish in freshly caught specimens. Ambulatories dark, sometimes faintly banded. Females with carapace and appendages often pale gray except in many individuals for white markings on chelipeds and on anterior surfaces of 1st and 2nd ambulatories.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave partly vertical, partly semi-unflexed. Major cheliped at beginning of a series is raised wholly flexed almost as far as base of eyestalks, then partly unflexed and flexed again, in the same plane, obliquely up and out, in an arc of narrow amplitude. At most each wave extends slightly above eye. The usual rate of the upper-level, vibrating waves is about 5 per second, but unusually and briefly 8; the range in a series is from 4 to 6; at no time during a series

does the manus or pollex touch the ground. At the end of each series, however, the claw is brought fully down into rest position and at least several seconds usually elapse between series. During display the minor cheliped apparently is held motionless and the body is not raised. (Component nos. 1, 3; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

#### Acoustic Behavior

Three components are known: the minor-merus-rub in both sexes (component no. 2), leg wag (5), and major-merus-drum (7). Contrary to its appearances in the field, film analysis shows that the major manus does not come in contact with the ground during waving display.

#### RANGE

Known only from 3 localities in Australia: Broome, on the northwest coast, Darwin in the Northern Territory, and Gladstone, Queensland.

#### BIOTOPES

Muddy banks near mouths of streams, often steep and usually near mangroves. (Biotope nos. 12, 13.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Very rarely marginally mingled with *bellator* or, more often, with populations of this species of *Australuca* concentrated nearby. Usually associated on the same mudbank with (*Deltuca*) *coarctata* the appropriate subspecies of which usually occupies more upper levels of the bank while *seismella* occurs typically somewhat lower.

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 596.)

*Observations and Collections.* Australia: Broome; Darwin; Gladstone.

*Film.* Darwin.

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca (Australuca) seismella* sp. nov.

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137666. Type-locality: Australia: Northern Territory: Darwin. Measurements above.

Named in allusion to its shaking during waving display. (From the Greek noun for "earthquake" from verb for "to shake," plus diminutive.)

# 11. *UCA (AUSTRALUCA) POLITA* SP. NOV.

(Australia)

PLATE 12 E-H.

MAP 4.

FIGURES 10; 31 B; 62 F; 92; 97.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

This species, for which the name *Uca polita* is proposed, shows the active, semi-unflexed wave characteristic of *Australuca*. It has, however, none of the speed of *seismella*, or the more complete lateral-straight wave-form attained by some *bellator*. The largest species in the subgenus, *polita* is conspicuous among all Australian fiddlers for the rose pink that often suffuses the claw.

Except for *seismella*, it is the only *Uca* found on both the eastern and western coasts of Australia that does not appear to warrant the erection of subspecies.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

*Australuca* with outer carpus and manus notably smooth even for the subgenus; pollex near middle of gape with a single enlarged tooth, but no triangular projection and no ventral marginal ridge; base of pollex not notably wider than base of dactyl; oblique ridge inside palm low, blunt with weak tuberculation. Ridge on floor of orbit blunt, without tubercles or denticles. Minor cheliped in both sexes with an opposing pair of enlarged teeth beyond middle of gape, followed distally by small teeth. Female without tubercles on dorso-lateral margins, without patches of pile on carpus and manus of last ambulatories, without generally distributed spinules on these segments of last 3 ambulatories, and without any structure on gonopore rim.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 62).

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Front slightly wider than basal breadth of erected eyestalk. Antero-lateral angle rectangular or acute and slightly projecting; antero-lateral margins scarcely to moderately convergent; dorso-lateral margins marked by raised lines of variable length. Postero-lateral stria a weak protuberance. Eyebrow not distinct. Floor of orbit, in inner half only, with a blunt ridge, without denticles or tubercles; weak crenellations or irregularities present to a variable ex-

tent in external half of suborbital margin, never extending to extreme outer angle and usually confined to region below non-erected eyeball.

**Major Cheliped.** Merus with antero-dorsal crest distally minutely serrate; outer carpus and manus, except near dorsal margin of manus, unusually smooth. A large, indistinct, shallow depression outside base of pollex, notable only in comparison with its absence elsewhere in the subgenus. Palm with oblique ridge low, its tubercles small and irregular; distal ridge at base of dactyl weak and highly variable. Pollex without a ventral, marginal carina and crease in adult, but the structure is indicated proximally in young; depth of pollex at base scarcely or not at all deeper than base of dactyl except in young. Dactyl with sub-dorsal furrow absent. Pollex without a triangular projection near middle of gape in adult, but with a strong tooth in that area even in leptochelous examples; in the young a broad, low, triangular structure is usually present instead of the tooth, as in adult *Australuca* of other species. Subdistal keel inside pollex weakly indicated if at all. Dactyl with a similarly enlarged tooth opposite that of pollex, as well as several smaller ones in proximal region.

**Minor Cheliped.** Pollex proximally clearly much deeper than corresponding part of dactyl. Gape beyond middle with two large, opposing teeth; rest of gape both proximally and distally with minute denticles and serrations, irregular and variable, but with several in proximal part of dactyl usually slightly enlarged.

**Ambulatories.** Meri of first 3 pairs moderately wide, their dorsal margins strongly convex; spinules on posterior surfaces few and weak to absent.

**Gonopod.** Inner process slim, spine-like, closely appressed to tube and ending below pore; thumb represented by a round nubbin well below base of projecting tube.

#### FEMALE

Carapace without tubercles on dorso-lateral marginal lines. Cheliped with gape armed about as minor in male, but dentition often stronger and pollex base deeper, at least on one side. Second, 3rd, and 4th ambulatories without a generally distributed covering

of spinules on posterior surface of each carpus and manus; no pile on same segments of 4th ambulatory. Gonopore without tubercles or other structures on margin.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male	16.5	25.0	41.0	27.0
Holotype male	14.5	22.5	35.0	21.0
Largest female (ovigerous)	19.0	21.5	—	—

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

This moderately large *Uca* is easily distinguished from the several subspecies of *bellator*, its closest relation, by at least two of the following characters: the lack of a triangular, tuberculate tooth in distal half of major pollex; lack of tubercles or denticles on floor of orbit in both sexes; female without any structure on gonopore rim. The dentition of the male's minor chela and of both in the female, each being equipped with only one enlarged tooth, not at its distal end, bears no resemblance to the strong, serial serrations of *seismella*, the last species in *Australuca*. The smoothness of the major carpus and manus differentiates *polita* at once from the remaining Australian narrow-fronts.

The dorso-lateral surface of the manus appears smoother in specimens from Broome than in those from Gladstone, the tubercles in the former examples being fewer and smaller.

### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening partial. Carapace ranging from uniformly dark to, rarely, white. The usual phases are dull bluish with white marblings or mottlings, especially anteriorly, or yellowish with dark to white markings. Major cheliped: Merus and carpus, inside and out, reddish rufous to pale orange. Outer manus and chela largely or completely rose pink in most specimens; in some individuals, especially larger males in Broome, both manus and chela pale partly or wholly to white. Third maxillipeds, suborbital areas, and pterygostomian regions often variously marked with white. Minor cheliped with manus and chela usually pink. Ambulatories banded light and dark, sometimes with white spots on posterior meri.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

Wave semi-unflexed, ranging almost to a full lateral-straight. Jerks absent. At beginning of each wave,

mero-carpal joint is raised, the chela tips then touching or almost touching ground; from this position they are unflexed, partly or wholly, up and out, the chela tips at most reaching clearly above eyes. At high intensities the cheliped is not fully flexed between waves. Minor cheliped usually does not make a corresponding motion. Carapace little or not at all raised between waves, and legs are not raised, except in making steps during a wave to one side or the other. Waving is at the rate of less than 1 display per second, and displays continue without pauses between up to a maximum of about 12 in a series (component nos. 3, 4, ?9, ?10).

### Precopulatory Behavior

Several males were observed stroking females in the usual fashion. In each example the male approached the female without waving.

### Acoustic Behavior

The sole component known was observed only in a filmed sequence. It is a major-merus-rub (component no. 1).

### RANGE

Known in Australia from Nicol Bay and Broome in Western Australia and, in Queensland, from Thursday Island south to Moreton Bay.

### BIOTOPES

Bayshores on flats of muddy sand or mud, the substrate being characteristically in a thin layer over a bed of conglomerate, usually near or among shoots of pioneer mangroves; uncommon on muddy banks of streams bordered with mangroves. (Biotope nos. 4, 5, 13.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Uncommonly individuals were observed among populations of (*Australuca*) *seismella* and (*Deltuca*) *coarctata*. The more marine groups occur among (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri* and near (*Thalassuca*) *vocans* which frequents levels nearer low tide.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 596.)

*Observations and Collections.* Australia: Broome; Gladstone.

*Film.* Broome.

TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca (Australuca) polita* sp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no.

137667. Type-locality: Australia: Queensland: Gladstone. Measurements on p. 73.

Named in reference to the exceptionally smooth surface of the major cheliped's outer manus. (From Latin *polire*, "to polish.")

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REFERENCE AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Australuca) polita* sp. nov.

*Uca* unnamed sp. (pink claw)

Macnae, 1966: 85, 89. Australia: Queensland (south to Moreton Bay). Color; ecology.

### III. *THALASSUCA* SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus: Cancer tetragonon* Herbst, 1790

(Tropical and subtropical Indo-Pacific: East Africa to the Tuamotus; Red Sea to Natal; Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands to northern New South Wales and central Western Australia)

PLATES 13, 14.

MAPS 4, 20.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURES 63, 64.

TABLES 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 99.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

*Uca* with front narrow, antero-lateral margins short to absent; eyestalks slender; postero-lateral striae absent; no tubercles or other irregularities on orbital floor; suborbital margin erect, not rolled out, its crenellations always distinct and usually strong. Major manus outside rough with moderate to large tubercles; oblique ridge on palm never continued upward around carpal cavity; a long, lateral furrow sometimes present outside pollex, never on major dactyl. Serrations of minor cheliped absent or few and weak. Gonopod always with at least one flange well developed, without a projecting, distal tube; entire terminal portion often twisted. Gill on 3rd maxilliped with up to about 11 books in some individuals of each species. Female never with an enlarged tooth in cheliped gape.

##### *Description*

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15).

##### MALE

*Carapace.* Front as in *Deltuca*, but margins of central depression never parallel, always diverging posteriorly. Antero-lateral margins absent to moderately short; dorso-lateral margins well-marked to absent, neither margin serrate or beaded, posteriorly moderately to slightly converging; postero-lateral striae absent; sides of carapace little converging, practically straight in posterior two-thirds; vertical lateral margins ranging from distinct throughout to dorsally absent. Carapace profile in lateral view little arched, except in *formosensis*. Suborbital and pterygostomial regions nearly naked to moderately setose; scarcely tuberculate.

Eye-brow when present vertical or oblique, always narrow. Lower margin of orbit not rolled outward but erect, variously sinuous, never with tubercles, granules, ridge, or mound on its floor; suborbital

margin always with strong, close-set, truncate crenellations that extend across entire orbit, rarely excepting the extreme inner angle. Eyestalks slender; diameter of eyes little or not at all greater than that of stalks.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped setae numerous.

*Third Maxilliped.* Ischium nearly flat to slightly convex, with or without a slight distal depression; little setose. Gill with up to 11 distinct books but sometimes vestigial.

*Major Cheliped.* Similar to *Deltuca*, except as follows: oblique ridge inside palm sometimes weak; a large, shallow depression with tubercles reduced in number outside base of pollex; the depression sometimes continued along outer pollex as a lateral furrow; major dactyl without a long outer furrow; row of tubercles on ventral margin of manus continued onto pollex; as in *Deltuca*, however, there is no carina on pollex. Shape of chela and tuberculation of gape widely various, even within subspecies and when among leptochelous or brachychelous individuals of the same population.

*Minor Cheliped.* Similar to *Deltuca* except that serrations are almost or wholly absent. Gape moderate.

*Ambulatories.* Meri wide to narrow; armature weak; postero-dorsal tubercles when present always small, usually scattered, sometimes on vertical striae.

*Gonopod.* At least one flange always well developed; inner process always broad, distinct, sometimes thickened; gonopod tip never, therefore, appears simple and tubular to a casual inspection; thumb well developed, nearly distal but always ending clearly below flange base. Torsion sometimes strong.

##### FEMALE

With the characteristics of the females in the genus (p. 17).

### Size

Medium to large.

### Color

The résumé below applies only to *tetragonon* and *vocans*, the color of *formosensis* in life being unknown.

Display lightening sometimes extreme, sometimes absent. Young never more vividly colored than adults. At least lower distal part of outer major manus always distinctively colored, ranging from ochraceous through orange to red. Carapace, where display whitening is not attained, ranging from dull gray to bright blue, often spotted, sometimes passing through a yellow, predisplay phase before whitening. Ambulatories various, ranging from dull gray or brown to bright red.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Waving display basically of vertical type; serial characteristics present or absent; at high intensities semi-lateral elements sometimes present accompanied by elevation of carapace. Special high intensity movements lacking. Male usually but not always displays when approaching female. Copulation on surface near female's burrow.

Subsurface vibration has been recorded and surface stridulation observed and recorded in one species (*vocans*). Some combat components are fairly well known in *vocans*.

No construction activities by males have been observed. Some females may erect chimneys.

### RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 18, in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram. Within the subgenus, *tetragonon* is clearly closer to the less specialized species in *Del-tuca* than is *vocans*, judging by the morphology of the major cheliped and gonopod, as well as by the more restricted time spent in waving display. Morphologically, at least, *formosensis* occupies an intermediate position.

### NAME

*Thalassuca*: From the Greek noun *thalassa*, "the sea"; the entire name therefore signifies "sea fiddlers," in reference to the fact that members of this subgenus often live on less sheltered shores than is usual among *Uca*, sometimes thrive on oceanic islands, and always burrow close to low-tide levels.



## 12. *UCA (THALASSUCA) TETRAGONON* (HERBST, 1790)

(Tropical Indo-Pacific)

PLATE 13.

MAP 4.

FIGURES 37 D; 63 A, B; 81 F; 82 E; 99. TABLES 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

A striking red and blue species, *tetragonon* is the most marine of all the genus and has the widest range. From Africa to Tahiti, it often thrives on shores with no more protection than a barrier reef and never lives near muddy river mouths. Although *chlorophthalmus* shares a similar range, that species shows geographical distinctions and the subspecies occur in different biotopes.

In contrast, the populations of *tetragonon* show no differences in the material at hand that encourage either the proposal of subspecies or the discernment of clines.

The populations are locally uncommon, the ecological requirements being obviously more restricted than in many other species. The most likely places to search are islands, either offshore or in mid-ocean, and always in regions rich in living coral. The burrows, always near low-tide level, often end deep in a layer of dead coral covered by silt and sand; sometimes they slant beneath encrusted shells and stones. I have never found these crabs, nor have they been reported, on small atolls such as the Cook Islands; they probably need in their substrate the debris from a rather rich onshore vegetation, and perhaps variations from a wholly marine salinity. Good examples of islands that characteristically support *tetragonon* are Raiatea in the Societies and Green Island, off Massawa in the Red Sea.

A physiological study of the zoeae would doubtless be illuminating. It seems likely that this species will prove to have the ability to delay metamorphosis for a long time, further development being triggered by stimuli near more or less suitable shores.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

*Thalassuca* with major pollex and dactyl normally rounded, with furrows absent or, if faintly traceable, not visible distal to middle of length; oblique ridge inside palm indistinct, without enlarged tubercles; major merus with a large, sharp tooth at distal end of its antero-dorsal margin. Gonopod with no noteworthy torsion of tip or inner process; posterior

flange slightly larger than anterior; pore large and easily seen. Carapace with orbits oblique, antero-lateral margins short, ill-defined. Minor cheliped with gape scarcely longer than manus. Female: gonopore without marginal tubercles or ridges; an oblong patch of pile on postero-lateral part of carapace.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 75).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal groove of variable width anteriorly even in same population, but usually moderately wide, with the sides diverging rapidly posteriorly, and continuing to form upper margin of eyebrows; fronto-orbital margins with orbits moderately oblique, little sinuous; antero-lateral angles slightly produced, acute; antero-lateral margins short, converging from the angles, usually distinguished from dorso-lateral margins by a slight bend in the line of granules demarcating the margins. Carapace not highly arched, the branchial chambers not notably elevated. Eyebrow narrow, almost vertical, usually traceable to near outer angle of orbit. Suborbital crenellations strong, distinct, extending from extreme outer angle of orbit to its inner boundary; crenellations in outer half well separated from each other; near inner boundary they are smaller and close-set but well formed; lower side of antero-lateral angle with apex sometimes serrate beneath.

*Major Cheliped.* Antero-dorsal margin of merus without a crest, but with an irregular row of tubercles and a large, sharp tooth subdistally; ventral margin with several irregular rows of fine granules; postero-dorsal margin rounded with transverse rugosities of similar fine granules, extending slightly postero-laterally; merus otherwise smooth. Carpus externally with granules so small that the segment is almost smooth; its dorsal margin with a small proximal crest marked by one to several small tubercles. Tubercles of outer manus larger than those of carpus but small compared with those of *vocans* or the subgenus *Deltuca*; they are slightly enlarged around base of pollex, and absent both from a submarginal region

along base of gape and lower part of dactyl base, and to various degrees from center of the large, shallow depression at base of pollex. This depression is of variable extent, even within the same population; always triangular, it extends along the pollex itself ending with its attenuated acute angle more than one-third the distance to pollex tip; hence it lies in the usual position of the pollex groove found in *Deltuca* and *Australuca*. Oblique ridge inside palm low and blunt, not marked with enlarged tubercles; at base of gape the proximal of the two ridges has large, distinct tubercles; opposite dactyl base however it diverges widely from the vertical and proceeds up and back as small tubercles merging with those covering the palm; distal ridge at dactyl base represented only by numerous similar small tubercles, not in rows. Palm with a moderate depression at pollex base. Pollex and dactyl normally rounded, slender and tapering, rather short in proportion to manus, when compared with *vocans* or many other *Uca*. Lower margin of pollex and upper margin of dactyl normally variable, often arched, never straight. Pollex and dactyl practically always without a trace of grooves externally, except for the forward extension of the triangle at base of pollex; very rarely in an oblique light a trace shows of one or two faint, very shallow depressions, subdorsally or both subdorsally and laterally, near dactyl's base; the tubercles are never interrupted here and the surface unevenness is not apparent except in a detailed inspection. Pollex and dactyl both covered externally with small tubercles about as large as those on upper half of manus; smaller tubercles or granules usually almost cover the inner surfaces as well. Gape often with two slightly enlarged tubercles on pollex at middle and beyond; and with several similar or smaller enlarged tubercles scattered along middle section of dactyl; no trace of a forceps-like tip to chela.

*Minor Cheliped.* Fingers short, scarcely longer than manus; base of pollex unusually broad; serrations feeble, few, variable; gape slight. No continuous fringes of setae except for subdistal tuft.

*Ambulatories.* Meri slightly expanded, about midway between the very broad segments of *formosensis* and their slenderness in *vocans*; tuberculate striae well developed in comparison with *vocans*.

*Gonopod.* Inner process broad, not swollen, not twisted, lying against distal end of shaft in normal position; anterior flange slightly narrower than posterior, which itself is narrower than diameter of the conspicuous pore. Thumb of moderate size, not nearly reaching base of flange.

#### FEMALE

Except for the usual secondary sexual differences, the carapace and appendages closely resemble those

of the male. Carapace with a small, oblong patch of pile above base of last ambulatory; firmly attached, it is rarely missing and develops before maturity. Margin of gonopore smooth.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Zanzibar)	21.0	34.0	49.0	36.0
Largest male (Tahiti)	21.5	33.5	55.0	36.0
Moderate male (Massawa)	15.5	23.0	31.0	17.5
Largest female (Massawa)	23.0	32.0	—	—
Largest female (ovigerous) (Zanzibar)	17.5	25.0	—	—
Largest female (ovigerous) (Bora Bora)	22.0	30.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Massawa)	12.5	18.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Tahiti)	14.5	20.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. tetragonon* differs markedly from the other species in the subgenus, *formosensis* and *vocans*, in the lack of unusual compression of pollex and dactyl, in the lack of a strong groove on pollex; in the absence of a pronounced, tuberculate ridge inside palm; and in the short fingers of minor cheliped. It differs additionally from *formosensis* in the uncontorted inner process of gonopod, with larger anterior flange; in having a single large tooth antero-dorsally on distal end of major merus; in the oblique orbits and short, indistinct antero-lateral margins. It differs additionally from *vocans* in the less converging carapace sides and slightly expanded ambulatory meri. The relatively simple gonopod tip, lacking torsion, differs sharply from that of all subspecies of *vocans* except *v. borealis* and *v. pacificensis*. The female is easily distinguished from that of *formosensis* and *vocans* by the distinctive patch of pile on postero-lateral carapace and by the gonopore's smooth edge; additional differences are given in the discussion of *vocans* (p. 86).

*U. tetragonon* differs from all species of the subgenus *Deltuca* in the strong crenellations throughout lower margin of orbit, in the virtual absence of grooves on dactyl and pollex, and the form and position of the female's patch of pile.

It differs from most species of the subgenus *Australuca* in the absence of tubercles on orbital floor and absence of an enlarged tooth in minor chela, and from all in the lack of a produced tubular tip to the gonopod.

The species differs from *chlorophthalmus* in the much narrower front, which is expanded anteriorly, in the rough cheliped, in the presence of a large tooth distally on major merus, and in the wholly different gonopod, with subterminal thumb and distinct

flanges, the terminal end of the shaft not being produced.

As indicated in the introduction, any subdivisions of the species do not seem to be warranted on the basis of the available material. The species, as usual in widely ranging forms, is variable; allometry causes the inevitable complications; gonopods show minimal differences; collections from all localities are small.

### Color

The brilliant coloration of this crab is characteristic in at least two regions almost half a world apart: the Red Sea and the Society Islands. Here display coloration shows a turquoise blue carapace with white spots and coral red appendages.

In more detail the color is as follows: Carapace often dark, finely marbled at least in male and especially anteriorly with buffy, yellow, green or green blue. Large females often have a posterior pair of large, round, blue spots, one just above the base of each posterior ambulatory; middle-sized females are often marked with bluish reticulations on gray backs. As display lightening develops, the carapace shows a ground color of marine blue to turquoise, with transverse markings or spots of pale blue to white; pale buffy anterior markings may persist. All-white carapaces are not attained. No red ever appears on dorsal part of carapace.

Pterygostomian regions and 3rd maxillipeds blue or red; sides of carapace, sternum, and abdomen usually with red markings. Eyestalks dark to mottled pink to yellowish. Both chelipeds and all ambulatories bright red, usually orange red, at least in larger displaying males, and usually in an entire population at an active time of the day. Outer surface of major cheliped sometimes paler than inner surface. Lower outer manus sometimes with a red spot distinct from the surrounding paler color, but sometimes not standing out from the suffusing red of the appendage; this spot has been mentioned in old descriptions as persisting in preserved specimens. Major chela pink to white.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical, but with cheliped held consistently, and brought to rest between waves of a series, at an acute angle to the front. Wave low, the tip of chela rarely reaching tip of eye; at this height the cheliped is unflexed, the mero-carpal joint being held low. Jerks absent. Waves strongly serial, 3 to 10 waves in each series in both western and eastern parts of Indo-Pacific region. Body very slightly raised during each wave so that it is at most level with mero-carpal joints

of ambulatories. Walking during waving is usual, and males without territories sometimes wave. Waving rate: more than 2 waves per second. (Waving components: 1, 3, 9, 10; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

#### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Males on Bora Bora and at Massawa seen to approach females, with or without waving, and cover them on the surface.

#### *Chimney Construction*

Some females in east Africa inhabited chimneys, to which they at least added material, brought as usual from some distance away. Once in Zanzibar a male followed such a female through the chimney into her burrow.

#### *Acoustic Behavior*

At the surface major-merus-rubs and leg-wags were observed and filmed (components 1 and 5). Underground sounds were recorded on tape in Massawa (biotope no. 4).

#### *Combat*

A single brief combat was filmed in Zanzibar. A heel-and-hollow (component 11) preceded the forceful end.

### RANGE

*U. tetragonon* ranges throughout the Indo-Pacific from East Africa to the Tuamotus, from the Sinai Peninsula to Madagascar, and from Wake Island to subtropical Australia.

### BIOTOPES

Lowest tidal levels, often barely protected by a strait or reef from open ocean. Often among conglomerates of mixed coral and shell, on mud or muddy sand, sometimes with underlying dead coral. Further comment in the introduction to this species. (Biotope nos. 4, 5.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In Massawa and Zanzibar *U. tetragonon* and *vocans* were found mingling, as described on p. 88. On islands of the tropical Pacific *chlorophthalmus crassipes* (subgenus *Amphiuca*), the only other *Uca* found east of Samoa, often lives adjacent to *tetragonon* on the next higher biotope; the two populations sometimes overlap.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens is given in Appendix A, p. 596.)

*Observations and Collections.* Ethiopia: Eritrea: Massawa. Zanzibar. Philippines: Tawi Tawi. British Samoa: Apia. Society Islands: Bora Bora; Raiatea; Tahiti.

*Film.* Ethiopia: Massawa. Zanzibar. Tahiti.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca tetragonon* (Herbst, 1790)

TYPE of *Cancer tetragonon* Herbst. Apparently not extant. Originally in Herbst collection, Berlin.

NEOTYPE. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. One male, selected by J. Crane from a group of 3 males and 3 females, all dried and in good condition; they were distributed among 3 boxes, 1 male and 1 female in each, from 3 localities; each box was marked "Type," both on the inside label and on the bottom of the box. The specimen selected is from Box 1 and labeled, both inside and on the bottom, in full, as follows: "*Gelasimus tetragonon* Herbst. Type. Egypte."

The other specimens are labeled as follows: Box 2: "*Gelasimus tetragonon* Herbst. Type. A. Milne Edwards det. Collection A.M. Edwards 1903. Nouvelle Calédonie." Box 3: "*Gelasimus tetragonon* Herbst. Type male, female. 792.66. Iles Sandwich."

All the specimens are characteristic examples of *U. tetragonon*.

The handwriting on the inside labels of all the boxes is the same, and different from that on the boxes' undersides, which were obviously labeled by another person. Herbst (1790) ends his type description with the words: "Das Vaterland ist mir unbekannt." It seems that A. Milne-Edwards probably selected the above 6 specimens in the Paris museum to stand in place of Herbst's presumably missing type. H. Milne-Edwards does not comment on these specimens in his account of *tetragonon* (1852: 147). Since no designation was made of a single neotype, the male from Egypt is now suggested for this role.

The Hawaiian ("Iles Sandwich") locality on the label in the third box may well be an error for Bora Bora, as is apparently the case with similarly labeled specimens of *chlorophthalmus*. While it is of course possible that both these species formerly occurred in Hawaii, it seems more likely that a substitution of place names has occurred (see p. 597 and Edmondson, 1933: 270).

Type Material of *Gelasimus duperreyi* Guérin, 1826. Not found in Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, or in Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. Synonymy of this name with *tetragonon* based on type illustration (Pl. 1) and my complete lack of success in finding any specimens throughout *tetragonon*'s wide range which are not referable to the single form, *tetragonon*. Milne-Edwards (1852), Kingsley (1880.1), and Alcock (1900) also synonymized them.

Type Material of *Gelasimus variatus* Hess, 1865. Examined in museum at Göttingen. Three males in 2 vials, each with outer label on red paper, indicating type material. Cat. no. 52a. Outer label: "*Gelasimus variatus*. Schütte 1864. Sydney." Inner label: "*Gelasimus variatus* identisch mid *Gelasimus tetragonon* (Herbst) Rüpp. Teste Dr. J. G. De Man 12/4 1886." Contents: 2 males; measurements in mm: length 15, propodus 31; length 15, propodus 28. Cat. no. 52b. Outer label: "*Gelasimus variatus*. Hess. Schütte 1876. Australien." (No inner label.) Measurements in mm: length 17; propodus 41. My examination of the specimens leads me wholly to agree with de Man's conclusion on no. 52a; *G. variatus* is therefore here synonymized with *U. tetragonon*. Milne-Edwards (1837: 52) in a footnote to his account of *G. tetragonon* ends the list of references with the entry: "*Gelasima variegata*, Latr. Coll. du Mus. (fem.)." This specimen was not found in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle at Paris when I examined the collection in 1959.

Type Material of *Gelasimus tetragonon* var. *spini-carpa* Kossmann, 1877. Red Sea. In the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden, under cat. no. 1493, is a single male with the following label: "*Uca tetragonon* (Herbst) var. *spini-carpus* Kossm. Kossmann 1880. Roode Zee." Measurements in mm: length 12; propodus 23. Examination shows this crab to be a young example of *Uca vocans*, leptochelous, with the claw probably regenerated. On the basis of this specimen, apparently identified by Kossmann and presented by him to the museum, the variety is here referred to the synonymy of *U. vocans*.

Type Material of *Gelasimus desjardinii* Guérin, MS. Mauritius: Not found in Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Identification of this unpublished form made on the basis of dried specimens from Mauritius in the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. Kingsley (1880) also referred this material to *tetragonon*.

Note on the spelling of *tetragonon*. Several of the authors cited below under References and Synonymy used the spelling *tetragonum*. No distinction is made

in the references between the two endings, there being no apparent justification for the *-um* termination. Some other authors listed under *Uca tetragonon* give the species name the feminine ending *a*, treating it

as an adjective. This practice is also disregarded in the list, the original name, *tetragonon*, being considered a substantive in apposition, not an adjective in agreement.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Thalassuca) tetragonon* (Herbst, 1790)

#### *Cancer marinus, minor, vociferans*

Seba, 1758 and 1761. Vol. 3: 48; Pl. 19, Fig. 15 (a female).

#### *Cancer tetragonon\**

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Herbst, 1790: 257; atlas, Pl. 20, Fig. 110 (after Seba).

#### *Ocypode tetragona\*\**

Olivier, 1811: Vol. 8: 418. East Indies. No new material.

#### *Goneplax tetragonon*

Latreille, 1817.1: 17. Reference to illustration of type of *Cancer tetragonon*.

#### *Gelasimus duperreyi*

Guérin, 1829: Pl. 1, Figs. 2, 2 A. Bora Bora. Illustrations in lieu of type description.

Dana, 1852: 317. Tongatabu; Upolu. Taxonomy.

#### *Gelasimus tetragonon*

Rüppell, 1830: 25; Pl. 5, Fig. 5; Pl. 6, Fig. 20. Red Sea: near Massawa. Taxonomy; color; brief habitat and habits.

Milne-Edwards, 1837: Vol. 2: 52. Red Sea; Mauritius. Taxonomy.

Guérin, 1838: 10 (part). Synonymizes *G. duperreyi*, represented in Guérin, 1829, by Pl. 1, Figs. 2 and 2 A, with *G. tetragonon*. He also synonymizes with *G. tetragonon* another species, *G. affinis*, which is represented by Fig. 3 on the same plate and illustrates a major claw. For comments on the claw's identity and the taxonomic status of *G. affinis*, see p. 322.

White, 1847: 36.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 147. Red Sea; Tongatabou. Taxonomy.

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Taxonomy.

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First use of spelling *tetragonum*.

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Habitat; color.

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#### *Gelasimus tetragonon* var. *spinicarpa*

Kossmann, 1877: 52.

#### *Uca tetragonon*

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Lanchester, 1900.1: 754. Singapore.

Lanchester, 1902: 549. Malaya: Trengganu.

Rathbun, 1902.2: 123. Maldive Is.

Nobili, 1906.2: 151. Red Sea: Ilot Ente Ara. Taxonomy; color.

Nobili, 1906.3: 313. Red Sea. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1907: 26. Society Is.: Bora Bora. Friendly Is.: Tongatabou. Gilbert Is.: Tarawa.

Borradaile, 1907: 66. Seychelles: Mahé. Chagos Arch.: Barachbis, Diego Garcia, Chagos. Specimens in mangrove swamp at Mahé. [This atypical habitat for the species needs checking.]

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Laurie, 1915: 416. Red Sea.

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 Ward, 1939: 14. Tongareva (Penryn). Taxonomy.

### 13. *UCA (THALASSUCA) FORMOSENSIS* RATHBUN, 1921

(Subtropical Indo-Pacific: northwest Taiwan)

PLATE 14 A-D.  
FIGURES 63 C; 99.

MAP 4.  
TABLE 8.

#### INTRODUCTION

This elusive species appears to be known from less than a dozen preserved specimens. I was unable to find it in northwest Taiwan at the type-locality in its only known habitat. According to Takahasi (1935), it lives on muddy shores near low tide level in the neighborhood of a river.

The species obviously belongs with *tetragonon* and *vocans* in the subgenus *Thalassuca*; its differences from both, equally obviously, are of specific rank. It seems likely that *formosensis* is the northern, allopatric representative of *tetragonon*, a species that has not been recorded in this latitude. Because of the scanty material, it is not listed here as an allopatric species under a superspecies, *tetragonon*.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

*Thalassuca* with major pollex and dactyl flattened, furrows very faint or absent; oblique ridge inside palm low but with its tubercles moderately large and fairly regular; major merus with a cluster or row of small, sharp tubercles at distal end of antero-dorsal margin. Gonopod with anterior flange rudimentary, posterior flange large; inner process broad, thickened, strongly curved forward. Carapace with orbits almost straight; antero-lateral margins well developed. Minor cheliped with fingers much longer than manus. Merus of first 3 ambulatories broad; that of 4th moderate but in male dorsally almost straight. Female: dorso-lateral margins strongly beaded; gonopore with outer, posterior quarter of margin raised; no pile on postero-lateral part of carapace; 4th ambulatory with merus convex.

##### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 75).

##### MALE

*Carapace.* Tip of front expanded; groove with anterior margin narrowly U-shaped. Fronto-orbital margin practically straight; antero-lateral angles little produced, almost rectangular; antero-lateral margins

strongly developed, scarcely converging, sometimes even diverging slightly on major side; then curving in to form convergent, well-marked, dorso-lateral margins. Carapace highly arched, the branchial chambers strongly tumid. Eyebrow broad internally, narrow externally, almost vertical, traceable to middle of orbit or beyond. Suborbital crenellations low; distinct, except sometimes at internal angles.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with a low, sharply tuberculate, antero-dorsal crest, highest distally, where it sometimes ends in a cluster of small, sharp, unequal tubercles; in one of the type specimens the distal tubercles remain in a single line surmounting the crest; ventral margin of merus with two rows, almost regular, of similar tubercles; postero-dorsal margin rounded and indistinct, rugose with irregular small, blunt tubercles. Carpus with dorsal margin proximally crested, its tubercles continuing those on outer surface. Tubercles of outer manus not larger than those on carpus, low, well separated; those on lower half sometimes in a faintly reticulate pattern; at pollex base a large, slightly depressed, non-triangular area with its tubercles much smaller than those nearby. Oblique ridge inside palm low but definite with distinct tubercles in an almost regular row; proximal ridge at base of dactyl well developed and tuberculate; distal ridge variable, with the tubercles strong or weak, sometimes irregular. Central palm almost smooth, the granules being minute and well-separated. A moderate depression inside palm at pollex base. Fingers flattened, moderately slender, pollex lower margin and dactyl's upper one practically straight, not arched. Pollex smooth except for a low ridge near outer lower margin, marked proximally by tubercles that start on lower manus and die out before end of pollex; against upper side of this ridge runs a slight crease; both crease and ridge essentially form a submarginal rim along pollex edge, unlike the lateral furrow of *vocans* and *Deltuca*, and are not continuous with the depression at pollex base. Dactyl smooth inside and out except for tubercles proximally and dorsally; subdorsal furrow moderate; laterally a faint furrow is traceable only in middle region. Tubercles of gape very small except for an enlarged tooth in pollex and one or two in dactyl, all proximal

to middle; distal to this point gape is almost lacking, its edges meeting through most of its length; no trace of a forceps-like tip to chela.

*Minor Cheliped.* Fingers much longer than manus. Gape extremely narrow, practically absent in distal two-thirds where alone minute serrations occur; horny tip broad, obliquely spatulate.

*Ambulatories.* All meri wide compared with other *Thalassuca*, the 2nd and 3rd notably so; nevertheless dorsal margin of 4th is almost straight.

*Gonopod.* Inner process long, broad, thick; almost its entire visible portion is bent obliquely forward, at right angles, so that its tip lies across base of pore; anterior flange very narrow; posterior flange broad and truncate, little curved, much wider than pore which, however, has a moderately large diameter. Thumb of moderate length, not nearly reaching base of flange.

#### FEMALE

Antero-lateral and, especially, dorso-lateral margins strongly beaded. No pile on postero-lateral carapace. All ambulatory meri broad, more or less convex dorsally, including 4th. Gonopore with entire postero-external quarter of rim elevated but not tubercular in form.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length (Rathbun)	Breadth (Rathbun)	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male	18.4	28.8	61.0	47.5
Smaller type specimen, male	17.0	27.6	56.0	40.0
Moderate male	15.5	25.0	39.0	26.5
Largest female	18.0	28.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. formosensis* differs clearly from the other two species in the subgenus in having small, spinous tubercles, not a single large spine or tooth, antero-dorsally on distal end of major merus, in the broader merus of all ambulatories in both sexes and in the thickened and twisted inner process of the gonopod. Differs additionally from *tetragonon* in the flattened major pollex and dactyl and in having distinct and regular

tubercles on oblique ridge inside palm, while the female lacks pile on posterior part of carapace, and has a beaded dorso-lateral margin. Differs additionally from the sympatric *vocans borealis* in having posterior, not anterior, flange of gonopod the larger. Differs from *arcuata*, also found in the same locality, in the flattened major pollex and dactyl, virtually without furrows, in the small size of tubercles on outer manus, in the thick and twisted inner process of gonopod, and in the form of lower orbital margins, which lacks a blunt ridge behind edge, this margin being erect, as in all *Thalassuca*, not rolled out as is usual in *Deltuca*.

With its straight orbits, distinct antero-lateral margins, arched profile, and tumid branchial regions the carapace is similar to that of *arcuata* and other species subjected to periodic desiccation (p. 451).

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Combat

"In those species which are small in population the fighting habits are generally well developed and this is most remarkable in *Uca formosensis*" (Takahasi, 1935).

#### RANGE

Northern Taiwan from central part of west coast to extreme northeast.

#### BIOTOPES

According to Takahasi (1935), *formosensis* occurs on muddy beaches near the mouth of the Tamsui River, both in clayey mud with *arcuata* and in the "vegetation" zone, associating with *vocans* and *arcuata*.

#### TYPE MATERIAL

*Uca formosensis* Rathbun, 1921

TYPE MATERIAL. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Holotype, cat. no. 54472. Formosa: Taichu: Rokko. One additional male marked "type" from the type-locality. Measurements in mm above. (!)

#### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

##### *Uca formosensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1921.3: 155. Formosa. (!)

Takahasi, 1935: 78. Formosa. Habits.

##### *Gelasimus formosensis*

Sakai, 1939: 620. Formosa. Taxonomy; habitat.

Sakai, 1940: 58. Distribution (Formosa only).

Lin, 1949: 26. Formosa.



## 14. *UCA (THALASSUCA) VOCANS* (LINNAEUS, 1758)

(Tropical Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 14 *E-H*; 47 *A*.

FIGURES 38 *I-L*; 56 *B*; 60 *C-E*; 64 *A-FF*; 92; 99.

MAP 20.

TABLES 3, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 22.

### INTRODUCTION

This Indo-Pacific fiddler is undoubtedly one of the most abundant in the world. Because of its exposed habitat, *vocans* is also one of the easiest to find and observe. Populations thrive in the sandy mud along the edges of protected bays. Although the crabs are most numerous near river mouths, freely surging tides seem essential. This species lives closer to low-tide levels than does *lactea*, its usual associate, although the populations are often mixed in the middle levels.

Throughout most of its wide range *vocans* can be recognized promptly by the yellow to orange red color on the lower manus and pollex. Displaying crabs in some populations change color strikingly and completely, shifting from gray to yellow to pure white in a fashion similar to some species in the American subgenus *Uca*.

For many years *vocans* was best known as *mario-nis* and its variety, *m. nitida*. These two forms, fully sympatric, represent merely strong examples of a claw dimorphism common in the genus. Holthuis (1959) resurrected the appropriate older name used by Linnaeus, who in turn was preserving the name given by Rumphius in 1705.

The species divides readily into six subspecies, which occasionally show the usual signs of mingling in the Sunda region. The forms are distinguished primarily by morphological details of gonopods and gonopores, by visual display rhythms, and, sometimes, as mentioned above, by cheliped color. As in the subspecies of *dussumieri* and *lactea*, the most specialized form morphologically and behaviorally is the one occurring in the crowded Philippines-Java axis. The least specialized morphologically is the subspecies found in subtropical Hong Kong and west Taiwan; behaviorally, the least specialized is the subspecies in northwest Australia, in which the waving display is strongly serial. These forms, especially in places where they seem to hybridize, offer superb opportunities for further study.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

*Thalassuca* with major pollex and dactyl flattened, the dactyl especially notably broad, without furrows except for basal traces subdorsally; pollex with deep outer furrow in basal two-thirds; ridge inside palm high, its tubercles strong; tubercles on outer margin of palm large, particularly near depression at pollex base; major merus with a large, sharp tooth at distal end of its antero-dorsal margin. Gonopod usually with entire tip, or some of its elements, twisted; in subspecies without twisting anterior flange is wider than posterior. Carapace in male with orbits oblique, antero-lateral as well as dorso-lateral margins absent or nearly so. Minor cheliped with gape much longer than manus. Merus of all ambulatories slender. Female: gonopore with marginal tubercle or other structures; no pile on postero-lateral part of carapace; dorso-lateral margin strongly beaded.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 75).

#### MALE

*Carapace*. As in *tetragonon* (p. 77), except for the more converging carapace sides in most subspecies and frequent absence both of an antero-lateral margin and of any line of granules demarcating a dorso-lateral margin.

*Major cheliped*. Merus as in *tetragonon*, except that the postero-dorsal ridge distally often is distinctly crested, with or without tubercles; a second, small tooth, or short low crest, sometimes present at base of large subdistal tooth on antero-dorsal margin. Carpus dorsally with a single medium-sized small tooth or low crest culminating in the tooth; outer surface of carpus completely smooth except in dorsal and distal parts, where there are granules or small tubercles, strongly developed only in the most northern and eastern subspecies. Tubercles of outer manus large, but varying with the subspecies, largest on

lower half of manus, absent from shallow, triangular depression at pollex base. In *vocans* this depression is extremely large in all subspecies, one angle reaching proximal to middle of manus, another almost to the lower edge of dactyl, and the third, as in *tetragonon*, well out on pollex, whence in *vocans* it continues still further as a groove, usually pronounced and always distinguishable; depression and groove sometimes with pile, easily detached. Oblique ridge inside palm high, thin, sharp, except in *borealis* where it is neither thin nor especially high; in all subspecies it is usually crowned with close-set tubercles; proximal ridge at dactyl base lower but similar, highest opposite ventral margin of dactyl; distal ridge obsolescent or absent. A moderately deep depression inside palm at pollex base. Palm between and on ridges covered with small to fine tubercles or granules. Pollex and dactyl strongly compressed and notably broad, even in the most leptochelous specimens; base of dactyl particularly broad. Except in *borealis* and, weakly, in *vomeris*, no trace of grooves on dactyl except for one or two short subdorsal depressions among the tubercles; pollex groove described above in connection with depression at pollex base. Pollex and dactyl practically smooth externally except for minute granules near gape and for small tubercles, proximally and dorsally, on dactyl. Both edges of gape notably sinuous and uneven, the pollex often having two large triangular projections margined with fine tubercles, one occurring near gape's middle, the other subdistally. These projections, characteristic of Milne-Edwards' *marionis nitidus*, occur in all populations known to me except in the subspecies *dampieri* and *vomeris*, where the median projection seems never to appear; in all others this striking pollex represents merely the broad form of chela characteristic of all *Uca*, but especially notable in Indo-Pacific narrow-fronted species, including *vocans* (see p. 459 and Fig. 38). No trace of a forceps-like tip on chela.

**Minor Cheliped.** Fingers clearly longer than palm, serrations absent or nearly so, gape varying with the subspecies from moderate to broad.

**Ambulatories.** Fifth merus always slender; others slender to slightly expanded. Armature weak even for this subgenus, with marginal serrations small, subdorsal spinules minute and posterior surfaces almost or wholly unarmed.

**Gonopod.** Highly various among the subspecies, but scarcely variable within them. These intraspecific differences appear to be confined to minute details of proportion, as in individual flanges or thumb shape. Inner process always broad and distally flat; sometimes its base is greatly swollen and overhangs the

flanges and pore; sometimes the entire structure twists toward outer side of shaft. Flanges always present, sometimes also showing torsion, but toward the inner side, opposite from the direction of twist by inner process; either anterior or posterior flange the broader, depending on subspecies. Pore with diameter small, always smaller than breadth of the wider flange. Thumb various, ranging from short and not reaching base of flange, to long and reaching beyond its base; often twisted in accordance with the torsion of the inner process.

#### FEMALE

Except for the usual secondary sexual differences, the carapace and appendages closely resemble those of the male. No pile on postero-lateral region of carapace. Gonopore margin always with one or more tubercles or thickened ridges.

#### Measurements (in mm)

Maximum length about 16; additional data included in descriptions of subspecies.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. vocans* differs markedly from the other species in the subgenus, *formosensis* and *tetragonon*, in the distinct furrow extending along most of pollex, in the high, usually thin, oblique ridge inside manus, and in the notably slender meri of the ambulatories. Differs additionally from *formosensis* in having a single large tooth antero-dorsally on distal end of major merus, in the more oblique orbits, and in the lack of marked antero-lateral margins. Differs additionally from *tetragonon* in the more converging carapace and, in most of its subspecies, in the twisted tip of the gonopod.

Differs from all species of the subgenus *Deltuca* in the presence of strong crenellations across entire breadth of suborbital margin and in the absence of a distinct groove running most of dactyl's length.

Differs from *Australuca* and *Amphiuca* in ways exactly similar to the differences listed under *tetragonon* (p. 78).

Female *vocans* differ clearly from some females of the subgenus *Deltuca* and all *Australuca* in lacking a large tooth in the cheliped. Differ from females of *tetragonon* in having marginal structures along the edge of the gonopore. Differ additionally from *tetragonon* as follows: no pile on postero-lateral region of carapace; orbits less oblique; cheliped manus and chela less deep with fingers longer, their dorsal and ventral margins always regularly fringed with long setae.

*Morphological Bases of Subspecies* (pp. 90ff.; Table 3; Fig. 62). The subspecies are characterized distinctly by differences in gonopods and gonopores; no differences between or within populations have been found of a kind to make questionable the subspecific identification of an individual through its gonopod alone; these characters remain distinct even in zones of apparent hybridization.

Secondary distinctions that set off one or more subspecies consist of tubercle size on outer manus, height of oblique ridge on palm, shape and grooving of dactyl, absence in all individuals of median *nitida* projection, and presence of dorso-lateral carapace margin in male. Other differences occur principally in males, but are too variable to be of much taxonomic use; they include eyebrow width, shape of frontal groove, and development of antero-lateral margins. In all subspecies the females and young males have eyebrows and dorso-lateral margins well developed, while antero-lateral margins are distinct.

In contrast to the form of the gonopod, the most distinct of the secondary subspecific characters, and sometimes also the female's gonopore, show strongly mixed characteristics in zones of subspecific overlap. In both New Guinea and the South Philippines, where *pacificensis* extends westward to mingle rarely with *vomeris* and *vocans*, respectively, the gonopod remains clearly *pacificensis*, a relatively simple structure, and the gonopore usually also as in *pacificensis*. The dactyl's breadth, markedly wide in *pacificensis*, appears intermediate, and the dorso-lateral marginal line, wholly absent in males of *vomeris* and *vocans*, is always distinct as in *pacificensis*, though almost always shorter than farther east. In the rare specimens with gonopods like *hesperiae* that have been taken in Malaya and Singapore, secondary differences are too slight and the material too rare to make comment desirable at this time.

Female gonopores are not oriented in conformity with the torsion of the gonopod but rather are adapted to it through the varying development and location of marginal ridges and tubercles (p. 465).

### Color

Characteristic of all subspecies in all phases is an orangeish patch on the lower manus and base of pollex. The only exceptions are rare specimens attaining complete display white. The spot ranges from dull ochre in individuals not in full display color through bright orange or flaming orange red to pale yellow in specimens otherwise brilliantly white. Display white of at least the carapace and usually the underparts is developed throughout the range in both sexes, but in most populations many non-white individuals display. The buccal and pterygostomial re-

gions often whiten before the rest of the carapace. During the whitening process the major cheliped is usually yellow except for the deeper colored manus and pollex base. The ambulatories whiten only rarely, often brightening only from chocolate to purple; in females the anterior faces of the meri often are bright purplish red, as are the minor chelipeds in both sexes. On Inhaca Island, Mozambique, yellow carapaces and chelipeds were first reported by Gordon (1958); this yellow phase also occurs occasionally in Fiji. There is a clear similarity in all these display and pre-display colors to those of *stylifera* among the members of the American subgenus *Uca*, and in cheliped characteristics to *heteropleura* in the same group.

In contrast, in northwest Australia pre-display color is characterized by a carapace blue with white spots, shifting to white with blue and turquoise spots, and finally, as usual, to white. The pre-display phase in Zanzibar is dull with pale gray spots. In Singapore the lightening commonly commences with horizontal pale streaks. Throughout the geographical range of the species the non-displaying phase varies from dull gray to dark brown and is often mottled.

In the observed populations of Fiji, New Caledonia, eastern Australia, northwest Australia, and, rarely, of Zanzibar, the proximal major dactyl, regardless of the degree of display white attained, ranges from violet to pale pink, rarely continuing to white; in contrast, in all observed populations in Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, northern New Guinea, Malaysia, west India, and east Africa, save for the noted Zanzibar exceptions, the major dactyl is clear yellow, often continuing to white. In Zanzibar and New Guinea this violet pink versus yellow distinction does not coincide with the prevailing dactyl color of the local subspecies.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Wave vertical, often tending toward a semi-unflexed wave, depending on intensity and on subspecies. Upper edge of dactyl reaching at most slightly above the tip of eye. Jerks absent. Waves non-serial except at middle and high intensities in northwest Australia (*v. dampieri*) and, in at least the New Caledonia population of *v. vomeris*, at middle intensity only. Upstrokes ranging from much longer than downstroke to an equal duration. Carapace with each wave markedly raised at least anteriorly being simultaneously depressed behind; at highest intensity the entire body is sometimes raised. Walking during waving is usual, and males without territories sometimes wave. Waving rate ranges widely from more than 2 waves

per second to 1 wave every 2 seconds. (Waving components: 1, 3, 9, 10, 14; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Male approaches female, with or without waving, and the usual stroking and plucking motions follow. In both Zanzibar and New Guinea I have observed copulations with ovigerous females, while the prevalence of spermatophores in the gonopores of these egg-bearing individuals indicates that it is a usual type of behavior. See also p. 504. Herding of immature females occurred occasionally in Fiji and New Guinea (p. 503).

### *Acoustic Behavior*

At the surface two components have been observed and filmed: major-merus-rubs, with circling motion and leg-wags (nos. 1 and 5). Underground sounds have been recorded on tape in Massawa, New Caledonia and Fiji (Pl. 47).

### *Combat*

The following components have been filmed: manus-rubs and heel-&-hollows (nos. 1 and 11), as well as forceful manus-pushes. In New Guinea, manus-rubs were more prevalent than manus-pushes, and manus-&-pollex tappings in the course of a rubbing component were prevalent. During 1969 in Fiji and New Guinea several other components were observed but not filmed; these were the interlace (no. 9), a component probably ubiquitous in the genus, and two others hitherto unknown, the dactyl-along-pollex-groove and the subdactyl-&-suprapollex saw (nos. 14, 15). Each of these last two components is of special interest since it involves morphological peculiarities of the *vocans* pollex.

### RANGE

*U. vocans* ranges from East Africa to Samoa, from the Red Sea to Natal, and from Okinawa to subtropical Australia. Although reported from Japan, it now seems to be extinct there (*vide* Sakai). The six subspecies to be distinguished are distributed as follows. *U. vocans borealis*: northeast China; northwest Taiwan; Hong Kong. *U. v. pacificensis*: islands of western Pacific north to Guam and Marshalls, east and south to Fiji and Samoa; in the west it apparently hybridizes with the local subspecies in three regions, namely New Guinea, Amboina, and the southern Philippines. *U. v. vomeris*: New Caledonia; eastern Australia regularly south to Trial Bay; also

present in a sheltered locality near Sydney; eastern New Guinea. *U. v. dampieri*: northwest Australia south to Broome. *U. v. hesperiae*: east Africa from the Red Sea to the northern part of Cape Province, western India, Ceylon, Burma, rare and perhaps hybridizing in Malaya and Singapore. *U. v. vocans*: Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Nansei (Ryukyu) Islands.

### BIOTOPES

Unshaded sandy mud to mud along lower tide levels of protected bays. (Biotopes 6 B, 8.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In Massawa and Zanzibar *U. vocans* and *tetragonon* were found mingling in restricted areas; in each of these examples *vocans* occupied its usual biotope, while *tetragonon*, its consubgeneric, was on a shore less exposed than usual. In each area of overlap, however, the substrate included or was adjacent to encrusted stones and old coral, such as are characteristic of *tetragonon*'s typical habitat.

The usual associate of *vocans* throughout its range is *lactea*, of the subgenus *Celuca*, a species typical of a slightly higher biotope (6 A). The two species frequently share a wide intermediate strip.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 597.)

*Observations and Collections.* *U. vocans borealis*: Taiwan: near Taipei. Hong Kong. *U. v. pacificensis*: Samoa. Fiji. Northeast New Guinea: near Madang (apparently hybridizing with *U. v. vomeris*). Philippines: various localities on Mindanao (apparently hybridizing with *U. v. vocans*). *U. v. dampieri*: northwest Australia: Darwin; Broome. *U. v. vomeris*: east Australia: near mouth of Brisbane R.; New Caledonia: near Nouméa; northeast New Guinea: near Madang. *U. v. hesperiae*: Ethiopia: Eritrea: Massawa. Zanzibar. Mozambique: Inhaca I. Ceylon: Negombo (near Colombo). India: Kerala: Ernakulam (not collected). Malaya: Penang. Singapore. *U. v. vocans*. Malaya: Penang. Singapore. Indonesia: Java: near Surabaya. Philippines: Tawi Tawi; Joló; Zamboanga; Gulf of Davao (Sasa and Madaum); Palawan I.; near Manila.

*Film.* Hong Kong. Fiji. Australia: Darwin; Broome. New Caledonia: near Nouméa. Ethiopia: Massawa. Zanzibar. Philippines: Zamboanga; Gulf of Davao; Palawan I.; near Manila.

*Sound Recordings.* Fiji. New Caledonia. Ethiopia.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca vocans* (Linnaeus, 1758)

TYPE. Rumphius' specimen, the basis of Linnaeus' type description of *Cancer vocans*, is not extant. See References & Synonymy, p. 93.

NEOTYPE. *Uca vocans vocans*: In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 1 male, cat. no. 137673. Type-locality: Madaum, Mindanao, Philippine Is. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on p. 92.

*Uca vocans borealis* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 1 male, cat. no. 137669. Type-locality: Hong Kong. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on p. 90.

Named in allusion to its northern distribution. (Genitive of Latin adjective from the Greek noun *Boreas*, "the north wind.")

*Uca vocans pacificensis* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 1 male, cat. no. 137670. Type-locality: Suva, Fiji Islands. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on p. 90.

Named in reference to its distribution in the Pacific Ocean.

*Uca vocans dampieri* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137671. Darwin, Australia. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on p. 91.

Named in honor of Dampier, the explorer.

*Uca vocans hesperiae* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137672. Zanzibar, Tanzania. Collected by J. Crane. Measurements on p. 92.

Named in reference to its being the most western of the subspecies. (Genitive of Greek adjective for "evening," "the west," and, later, "Hesperia," "Land of the West," then Italy and Spain.)

Type of *Gelasimus marionis* Desmarest, 1823 (1825). Philippines. Apparently not extant. Syn., on basis of the illustration (Pl. 13, Fig. 1), *fide* Holthuis, 1959. I agree.

Type of *Gelasimus cultrimanus* Adams & White, 1848. Philippines. In British Museum (Natural History). Measurements in mm: length 20; propodus 53. Examined and found identity with *U. vocans* un-

questionable. (!) Examination made before the erection of subspecies.

Type of *Gelasimus nitidus* Dana, 1851. Fiji Is. (Viti). Not in Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. The illustrations and fuller description provided by Dana in 1852 leave no doubt as to the identity of his *G. nitidus* with *U. vocans*, as the species is understood in the present study.

Dana made no reference either in the type description or in his work of 1852 to a fossil crab described by Desmarest in 1817 as *Goneplax nitidus* and in 1822 as *Gelasima nitida*; the same fossil specimen was referred to by Milne-Edwards, 1837, as *Gelasimus nitidus*. Milne-Edwards in 1852 said nothing of the fossil reference but commented on Dana's recently published description of the material from Fiji. No doubt Dana selected the name *nitidus* independently, using the phrase "carapax nitidus" in the type description, just as Desmarest earlier selected it in reference to the "carapace . . . d'un noir luisant" of his fossil crab (p. 324).

If Dana's type material (which presumably would be clearly referable to *U. vocans pacificensis*) were extant, and if Desmarest's fossil crab were also extant and proved after all not to be a member of the genus *Uca*, the name *nitidus* would have been maintained in place of the subspecies name *pacificensis* proposed here. Since neither Desmarest's fossil specimen nor Dana's material appears, however, to have survived, it seems best to avoid the use of the name *nitida* in the current nomenclature of *Uca* observed in this study. (See also p. 459.)

Type of *Uca marionis* var. *vomeris* McNeill, 1920. Rivermouth, Queensland, Australia. ? In National Museum, Sydney. In present study given subspecific rank as *Uca vocans vomeris*.

Status of name *excisa*, proposed by Nobili, 1906. In his paper on the crustaceans of the Red Sea, Nobili (1906.3: 314) suggests the use of the name *excisa* in the following paragraph, at the end of his comments on the taxonomy and synonymy of "*Uca marionis* var. *nitida* Dana [sic]: Le *G. cultrimanus* dans le sens de Kingsley et de Ortmann est identique avec le *G. nitidus* Dana. Ce dernier nom serait donc le nom de cette espèce ou variété, mais comme il y a déjà un *Gelasimus nitidus* Desmarest, espèce fossile, je propose pour cette forme le nom d'*excisa*."

For several reasons the name is here considered to have no taxonomic standing. Dana was not the author of any of the names mentioned, all of which are here regarded as synonyms of *vocans*. Furthermore, neither type material nor any locality was mentioned by Nobili, and no illustration was provided.

If the name had been based definitely on Dana's Fijian material, the name *excisa* could stand by priority as a subspecific name in place of *pacificensis*; the wording, however, does not appear to be sufficiently precise to warrant such a procedure.

*Uca (Thalassuca) vocans borealis*  
subsp. nov.

(Hong Kong to northwest Taiwan)

# MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod practically without torsion; anterior flange longer and broader than posterior; inner process not tumid. Gonopore with postero-external ridge strongly developed; anterior ridge virtually absent. Major cheliped: oblique ridge on palm lower than usual in the species, always with strong, regular tubercles; pollex with or without the two projections, median and subdistal, of a weak "*nitida*" form; dactyl with faint traces of two grooves externally near base, strongest in young; dactyl in young slightly deeper than opposite part of pollex. Carapace: dorso-lateral marginal line absent in large males, weakly present in young; frontal groove variable, sometimes shorter than distal projection of front beyond it, apex usually bluntly angled, never widely U-shaped; male eyebrow developed internally only, narrow; branchial regions notably elevated, a characteristic of this subspecies alone. Minor cheliped with gape narrower than adjacent part of pollex.

## Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male (Hong Kong)	12.5	19.0	26.0	17.0
Largest male (Taiwan)	17.0	26.0	47.0	32.0
Female (ovigerous and largest) (Hong Kong)	11.0	15.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Hong Kong)	6.5	10.0	—	—

## Color

Dull in comparison with other subspecies, even including the displaying crabs of Hong Kong; in May they appeared to be in full breeding condition, almost all the females taken having spermatophores and, in addition, egg masses. Few carapaces were white, the major manus was marked only with dull ochraceous yellow, and most legs were dark.

# SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

## Waving Display

Vertical. Non-serial. At highest intensity cheliped extends well above eye and carapace is raised on all legs during each wave. At lower intensities only anterior carapace is raised and cheliped scarcely reaches tip of eye. Rate of waving from about 0.4 to 1.4 waves per second.

*Uca (Thalassuca) vocans pacificensis*  
subsp. nov.

(Tropical west Pacific)

# MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod similar to that of *borealis* but with slight torsion; anterior flange broader than posterior; inner process broad and flat throughout. Gonopore differing from that of *borealis* in the somewhat greater development of the postero-external ridge, the anterior ridge being virtually absent in both subspecies. Major cheliped: pollex usually with the two strong projections of the "*nitida*" form; basal half of major dactyl notably broader than corresponding part of pollex, a characteristic in the adult unique to this subspecies. Carapace: dorso-lateral marginal line in male distinct; front variable but its median groove is not short, and has the tip almost always pointed, never widely U-shaped; a narrow eyebrow present in male. Minor cheliped variable but gape usually narrower than pollex.

## Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male (Fiji)	12.0	17.0	24.5	16.0
Largest male (Samoa)	14.0	22.0	37.5	25.0
Female (ovigerous and largest) (Samoa)	12.0	17.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Fiji)	8.0	11.0	—	—

## Color

Pre-display phase sometimes yellow. Major dactyl usually violet to pale pink.

# SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

## Waving Display

Vertical. Non-serial. At highest intensity cheliped extends well above eye. Waving rate highly variable; see Table 19.

*Uca (Thalassuca) vocans dampieri*  
subsp. nov.

(Northwest Australia)

# MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod with moderate torsion; posterior flange broader than anterior, but both are narrow; base of inner process strongly tumid; thumb very short, set far down on shaft, its tip not nearly reaching base of flange. Gonopore similar to *borealis* and *pacificensis*, except that anterior ridge is present as a small projection. Major cheliped: outer manus with tubercles smaller than in other subspecies; pollex with lower margin practically straight; a single triangular projection, not two, on its upper margin, always in distal half, often small and subdistal or absent, especially in specimens from Broome. Carapace: dorso-lateral marginal line of carapace absent in adult males, as is the eyebrow except, rarely, for a short, internal indication; frontal groove with sides strongly convergent, the apex curving or bluntly angled.

## Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male (Broome)	12.0	19.0	28.5	17.0
Largest male (Darwin)	15.0	22.5	41.5	27.0
Female (ovigerous and largest) (Darwin)	14.0	20.5	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Darwin)	8.0	11.0	—	—

## Color

Pre-display phase usually blue with white spots lightening to white with turquoise spots. Major dactyl sometimes pink.

# SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

## Waving Display

Vertical, to a more literal extent than any of the other subspecies, the cheliped not usually pushing outward at an acute angle, although this semi-lateral movement sometimes occurs at highest intensity. Strongly serial at middle and high intensities. In courtship body elevated with each approach wave, though cheliped reaches only slightly above eye even at high intensity, not at all during low. Five to 8 waves in each series; rate of waving 0.2 to 1.8 waves per second.

Three degrees of intensity show particularly well in this subspecies. Lowest intensity: non-serial, fast-

est, up- and downstrokes nearly equal, cheliped little raised, body not elevated. Medium intensity: serial, cheliped raised higher but still not reaching above eye, and body still not elevated. High intensity: serial, slowest, upstroke always longer than down, dactyl tip reaching above eye tip, chela directed out at a slight angle, body slightly raised with each wave.

*Uca (Thalassuca) vocans vomeris*  
McNeill, 1920

(New Caledonia, Eastern Australia, New Guinea)

# MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopore stout throughout in relation to its length, in comparison with the slenderness of other subspecies, in particular *pacificensis* and *vocans*; torsion strong, the inner process and its tumid base, subdistal part of canal, and thumb all being twisted far around to the shaft's external side, while the flanges flanking the canal's orifice are twisted somewhat in the opposite direction; the normally posterior (now external) flange is wider than the anterior. Gonopore with postero-external ridge much reduced while anterior ridge is well developed. Major cheliped: pollex usually with a single triangular projection, subdistal; dactyl with distinct traces of two grooves. Carapace: dorso-lateral marginal line absent in male; front unexpanded, frontal groove widely triangular.

## Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Sandgate, Brisbane)	17.5	27.0	46.5	32.0
Largest female (N.S.W.)	12.0	19.5	—	—

## Color

Major dactyl in New Caledonia and near Brisbane lavender to pink; in northern New Guinea, pale lemon to white (see p. 87).

# SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

## Waving Display

Vertical. Non-serial except in New Caledonia, as noted below. Wave high-reaching, the dactyl's tip reaching well above that of eye, the body elevated with each wave. At medium intensity near Nouméa, but not on New Guinea's north coast, the wave is definitely serial, similar to that found in northwest

Australia; uniquely, however, in these *vomeris* the series is made up of 1 high wave followed by about 3 diminishing waves. In both localities at lowest intensity the wave, as usual in the species, is non-serial, fast and very low. Unfortunately the subspecies was not displaying in Queensland during my September stay.

*Uca (Thalassuca) vocans hesperiae*  
subsp. nov.

(West Africa to Singapore)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod similar to that of *vomeris*, but torsion even more extreme; thumb shorter and more distally placed; anterior flange (internal through torsion) vestigial; a deep hollow bounded distally by the flange-and-orifice structure on one side and the oppositely twisted inner process on the other. Gonopore closely similar to that of *vomeris*, but anterior ridge larger. Pollex often of "nitida" form with two large, triangular projections. Carapace: dorso-lateral marginal line vestigial or absent in male; frontal groove narrowly triangular, the apex pointed; eyebrow distinct at least internally, often complete, always very narrow. Minor chela with gape notably narrow for the species.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male (Zanzibar)	14.5	23.0	36.5	25.0
Largest male (Negombo, Ceylon)	16.5	25.0	39.0	25.0
Largest claw (Zanzibar)	15.5	25.5	44.0	33.0
Female (ovigerous and largest) (Zanzibar)	15.0	22.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Zanzibar)	10.0	13.5	—	—

### Color

Pre-display phase sometimes yellow, more often gray with pale spots. Major dactyl rarely violet.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

Vertical. Non-serial. Dactyl reaches only a little above eye, although anterior part of body is raised high during each wave, the posterior part being depressed. At high intensity, when the object of display

is not straight in front of the displaying crab, the cheliped usually waves semi-laterally, at a wider acute angle than is characteristic of other subspecies. Rate of waving from about 0.3 to 2 waves per second. Upstroke sometimes only half length of downstroke, but usually 1.5 to 3 times longer; rarely the strokes are equal.

*Uca (Thalassuca) vocans vocans*  
(Linnaeus, 1758)

(Malaya to Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod similar to those of *vomeris* and particularly *hesperiae*; differs from the latter chiefly in having the homologously anterior flange (now inner) larger than the posterior, instead of vestigial; in this character alone it agrees with *borealis* and *pacificensis*; it differs additionally from *vomeris* in the much deeper anterior hollow, made through the curvature of the flange bases and of the inner process, and in the much higher anterior (now inner) flange; entire gonopod more slender than that of *vomeris*. Gonopore similar to *vomeris* and *hesperiae*, except that the anterior ridge is more curved; western populations with a more definite margin posteriorly and externally, and often with a small postero-external tubercle; a similar one also sometimes postero-internally. Pollex often of the "nitida" form, the two triangular projections being large. Carapace: dorso-lateral margins absent in male; frontal furrow narrow, tapering; tip of front often expanded; eyebrow almost always present, narrow but complete; some of suborbital teeth always bicuspid. Minor cheliped with gape usually wider than adjacent part of pollex.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Neotype (Madaum)	15.0	22.0	38.5	26.0
Moderate male (Madaum)	12.5	14.5	27.0	18.5
Largest male (Singapore)	16.0	25.0	44.0	29.0
Largest male broken claw (Zamboanga)	16.5	26.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Zamboanga)	7.0	10.0	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Singapore)	15.0	21.5	—	—
Largest female (Singapore)	15.5	22.5	—	—
Mating pair (Singapore)				
male	9.0	13.0	14.0	8.0
female	14.0	19.5	—	—



## Color

Predisplay phase sometimes yellow. Major dactyl yellow to white.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Vertical. Non-serial. Low, the upper dactyl edge

maximally reaching slightly above eye. Anterior part of body slightly elevated with each wave, while posterior is further depressed. Rate of waving from about 0.5 to 2.0 waves per second; upstrokes from 1.1 to 7 times longer than downstrokes.

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The references to this species are not distributed among the subspecies because of apparent hybridization of the forms in parts of the range (see p. 87).

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*Gelasimus marionis*

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IV. **AMPHIUCA** SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus: Gelasimus chlorophthalmus* Milne-Edwards, 1837

(Tropical and subtropical Indo-Pacific: East Africa to the Marquesas; Red Sea to Natal; Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands to Friendly Islands; apparently absent from Australia)

PLATES 15, 16.

MAPS 5, 6, 7.

GONPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURES 68 (part), 69 (part).

TABLES 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 99.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

*Uca* with front moderately wide; antero-lateral margins always distinct, short to moderate, posteriorly rounded; no ridge, mound, or tubercles on orbital floor; suborbital margin with crenellations minute or absent except near outer angle. Major manus outside with very small, close-set tubercles except dorsally; dorsal margin externally with a beaded keel; a depression with definite edges outside pollex base; tuberculate predactyl ridges on palm strongly divergent; no long furrows on pollex or dactyl. Posterior merus of minor cheliped without tubercles in vertical rows. Gill on 3rd maxilliped large, with distinct books. Female never with an enlarged tooth in cheliped gape.

### Description

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Front intermediate compared with most other subgenera, much wider than in *Deltuca* and other narrow-fronts, but not approaching the extremes found in *Minuca* and some *Celuca*; in general shape it agrees with the latter two groups, being narrowest below eyestalk bases, its breadth between them twice or more basal breadth of erected eyestalk, in front of which it tapers gradually to a broadly rounded tip; frontal breadth measured between inner eyebrow margins contained from about 3.5 to about 4.5 times in carapace width between tips of antero-lateral angles. Orbits moderately to strongly oblique. Antero-lateral angles variously acute, slightly to moderately produced on major side but scarcely or not at all on minor; antero-lateral margins short to moderate, converging, curving gradually, without sharp angles, into the moderately converging dorso-lateral margins; these margins range from strong to vestigial. One pair of postero-lateral striae present or absent. Vertical lateral margins either strong, reaching

antero-lateral margins, or dorsally absent. All carapace margins non-tuberculate, sometimes weakly beaded, usually unarmed. Carapace profile in lateral view moderately arched except in Hong Kong specimens of *chlorophthalmus*, where the arching is strong. Suborbital region at least in inner half notably flat and almost or completely naked. Pterygostomial region convex and thickly setose.

Frontal margin always raised, broad, unbroken. Eyebrows well developed, moderately broad, obliquely vertical. Lower margin of orbit rolled slightly outward, somewhat sinuous; no tubercles, distinct ridge or mound on its floor, but in some specimens of some populations a trace of elevation, with a few, irregular, minute granules, near inner corner; suborbital margin with crenellations either absent or small and close-set, except near external angle. Eyestalks moderately slender, not fitting orbits closely, their diameter scarcely less than that of eyes.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped setae moderately numerous.

*Third Maxilliped.* Ischium almost flat with a median longitudinal groove or convex without groove; setae sparse to almost absent. Gill large, but ranging in shape from that of a typical, flat, tapering gill to hand-like with dactyloid projections; number of distinct books highly variable, from vestigial to more than a dozen on each side of median vane. For more details on these structures in *Amphiuca*, see Chapter 3, p. 469.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus variously armed, in about the range found in *Deltuca*, but sometimes with a large crest distally on antero-dorsal margin, instead of a small crest or row of tubercles.

Carpus externally almost smooth with bent-over dorsal margin edged with a series of small tubercles, sometimes indistinct.

Outer manus appearing almost smooth in comparison with this segment in *Deltuca* and *Thalassuca*, although not as smooth as in many *Celuca* and *Minuca*; surface covered with very small, well separated tubercles, clearly larger on upper manus near

the slightly bent-over, thickened, dorsal margin; this roughened margin is marked along its outer edge by a row of tubercles, often bead-like, with a minute groove along their outer base; the latter is practically continuous with the wider, short, subdorsal groove among the tubercles on proximal part of dactyl. A depression, large or small, outside base of pollex. Ventral margin of manus with a tuberculate carina, with or without a groove above it and always ending at pollex base.

Palm with proximal, lower part covered by small tubercles ranging down to minute granules. Oblique ridge present or absent; when present it is moderately high, broad, blunt, with or without a few large tubercles surmounting it. No tubercles ever continue upward around the gently sloping anterior region (there is no margin) of carpal cavity; this cavity sometimes traceable distally below dorsal margin as a shallow depression; no beaded margin around cavity's upper distal part. Inner surface of palm granulate or smooth, almost flat. Proximal ridge inside dactyl base always widely separated from distal ridge in lower portion and generally diverging more from the distal as it proceeds dorsally; both ridges, but especially the proximal, with well-developed tubercles except in some large specimens.

Both pollex and dactyl lacking long grooves on outer surfaces, or, in *inversa inversa* only, with a faint trace on dactyl, clearest distally. Subdorsal furrow on proximal dactyl short but distinct, surrounded by tubercles. Dactyl slightly longer and more convex than pollex, its tip curving strongly downward slightly beyond pollex. Outer surfaces of pollex and dactyl usually covered with minute tubercles, and with their lower and upper margins, respectively, minutely spinulose; extreme tips of both spinulose. All three rows of gape tubercles represented at least proximally in both pollex and dactyl; an enlarged submedian tooth on pollex almost constant; other enlargements various. No submarginal carina on outer distal part of pollex.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with dorsal margin armed with transverse, sparse, weakly sinuous rugosities; postero-ventral margin similar or with a single line of small, strong tubercles; antero-ventral margin and anterior surface smooth or practically so; posterior surface smooth except for scattered granules occurring chiefly proximally and distally. Carpus with subdorsal ridge represented by minute tubercles and pits. Mano-pollex ridge short, starting about middle of manus or more distally and extending about two-thirds of way to dactyl tip. Dactyl much longer than manus. Gape moderately narrow to wide; a few weak serrations present or absent. Upper palmar and other setae sparse.

*Ambulatories.* Meri wide to moderately narrow; dorsal armature consisting of small tubercles, often

close-set, flattened, and slanting distad, sometimes overlapping in scale-like formation; postero-dorsal tubercles usually on vertical striae, fairly numerous and strong on first 3 legs; ventral armature very weak.

*Gonopod.* Distinct flanges present or absent; inner process flattened, spinous, thin, scarcely visible; pore at end of a moderate to long tube, or flanked by broad flanges; thumb short to absent; when present arising far down shaft.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of the females in the genus (p. 17).

Gonopores sometimes with a portion of the rim elevated, but without tubercles in the known forms (female unknown in *inversa sindensis*).

#### Size

Small to moderate.

#### Color

Display whitening poorly developed to absent. Carapace blue or green blue with white or red. Major cheliped with shades or tints of red. Ambulatories dark to red. Yellow and orange absent.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Wave semi-unflexed to almost lateral, rapid at high intensities. No special courtship components. Little time devoted to waving display, but territoriality strongly developed. Copulation at surface. Chimneys sometimes constructed in one of the two species. Combat and acoustic behavior too little known for general comment, except that ritualized combat is highly developed and, during restricted periods, prevalent.

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 19, in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram. The two species recognized seem to have reached comparable levels of specialization both in adaptation to a semi-terrestrial life and in social behavior.

#### NAME

*Amphiuca*: From the Greek prefix *amphi*, "on both sides." In combination with *Uca*, the proposed name may be translated "ambiguous fiddlers," in reference to their equivocal position between the morphologically and socially less advanced subgenera of the Indo-Pacific and those more highly developed centering in America.

## 15. *UCA (AMPHIUCA) CHLOROPHTHALMUS* (MILNE-EDWARDS, 1837)

(Tropical Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 15; 46 B.

FIGURES 13; 14; 15; 26 C; 31 C; 37 H, I; 39 A, B; 56 C; 60 L, M; 68 A, B; 81 G; 82 G; 83 A; 99.

MAPS 5, 6.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

*Uca chlorophthalmus* is one of those species, prevalent in the Indo-Pacific, that combine vivid color with persistent lethargy. Nevertheless its morphology and display both show characteristics intermediate between those of the Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts and the broad-fronts of the world.

In both males and females the colors are unfading scarlet red, blue, blue green, and white, usually in a striking mixture, although sometimes the entire crab is scarlet. An individual, either male or female, often lives in the same burrow for days or weeks. The waving periods seem regularly to be confined to two or three days of spring tides, with only a few individuals ever waving at the same time. Except in the final stages of courtship, no crab waves for more than a minute or so without a long rest period that may last until the tide comes in. Combats are not only restricted to the same brief hours as waving but seldom occur even then.

In the literature *chlorophthalmus* has been described under the additional names of *crassipes* (here kept as the name of the eastern subspecies), *gaimardi*, *latreillei*, *splendidus*, *pulchellus*, and *novae-guineae*. On the basis of the material examined and of field observations near the extremes of the range, it seems reasonable to refer all populations to a single species, dividing them among two subspecies. Of these, one occurs in East Africa and Mauritius and the other east to the Marquesas.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

*Uca* with front moderately broad, ambulatory meri broad. Major cheliped with a small triangular depression outside pollex base; no distal crest on merus and no large tooth near tip of dactyl. Dorso-lateral and vertical lateral carapace margins strong and complete; one postero-lateral stria. Lower margin of minor cheliped merus with a row of strong tubercles. Gonopod with pore arising at end of a long tube; flanges vestigial to absent. Female with meri of middle ambulatories posteriorly armed with tubercles on

vertical striae near dorsal margin and with separate tubercles on lower part of segment, an area bent abruptly forward.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 96).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Orbits strongly oblique. Antero-lateral margins short; dorso-lateral margins always distinct, ending opposite middle of cardiac region. On each side a strong postero-lateral stria below and parallel to posterior end of dorso-lateral margin, above base of fourth ambulatory. Vertical lateral margins strong, reaching antero-lateral margins.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus without a distinct crest on antero-distal margin. Depression outside pollex base small, strongly marked, roughly triangular, often pubescent. Palm with oblique ridge clearly present, its few enlarged tubercles restricted to region near the low apex, but continuing proximally along lower margin of carpal cavity almost to articulation with carpus. Upper carpal cavity not extending distally below dorsal margin as a narrow trench, but sometimes confluent with a general depression on upper palm. Center of palm little convex, finely granulate. Tip of pollex irregularly bifid through the enlargement of a subdistal tooth arising from median row. No enlarged, triangular tooth subdistally on dactyl.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with postero-ventral margin armed with a single row of strong, small tubercles. Gape narrow or moderate, with a few weak serrations.

*Ambulatories.* Merus wide or moderately so; dorsal margins of last three strongly convex.

*Gonopod.* Flanges absent; pore at end of a projecting tube, moderate to long; thumb short but always distinct; lengths of both tube and thumb highly variable, even within populations.

#### FEMALE

Meri of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories with lower, posterior surfaces near ventral margin bent forward and

conspicuously tuberculate, the tubercles in these localities separate, not set on vertical striae; remaining ambulatory armature as usual stronger than in male but closely similar.

### Measurements (in mm)

Small to moderate, attaining a maximum length of 14.5 mm. Details in descriptions of subspecies.

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The well-marked triangular depression outside the major pollex base is almost always the best single diagnostic character throughout the range; in one of the two type-specimens of *novaeguineae* alone it is absent; often, however, it is small and, if not emphasized by pile, can be inconspicuous. In Africa in both sexes the short ambulatories with broad meri distinguish *c. chlorophthalmus* easily from the other two local broad-fronted *Uca*, *i. inversa* and *lactea annulipes*, and the differences in leg breadth hold between local subspecies of *chlorophthalmus* and *lactea* throughout the Indo-Pacific. Where *chlorophthalmus* coincides in range with *triangularis*, the more slanting orbits of *triangularis* and characteristic armature of its small cheliped, again in both sexes, ensure easy identification of the two species. Details of tuberculation on the major manus, along with the morphology of gonopores and gonopods, give, as usual, unmistakable identifications, in spite of the great variability of the gonopod in *chlorophthalmus*.

The differences between the eastern and western forms of *chlorophthalmus* seem, now that fairly large samples from various populations have been compared, to show distinctions of no more than subspecific rank, being restricted to minor differences in gape and pollex breadth and of major cheliped, breadth of ambulatory meri, length of projecting distal tube and of thumb on gonopod, and details of gonopore. The differences in depth of manus and length of fingers between most specimens in the two subspecies, remarked on by several investigators in discussing under various names the western and eastern forms, would almost certainly prove to be reliable differences when investigated statistically. At present the material is wholly inadequate for that treatment, while the usual difficulties are caused by homochelous and heterochelous dimorphism, as well as by growth rate differences; it is therefore necessary to defer investigation of these characteristics. Unfortunately material from the eastern Indian Ocean, Malaysia, and Indonesia is so scanty that no light is shed on whether intermediate forms exist.

Figs. 13-14 show how the gonopod tips vary, both among and within populations. If the largest specimens available from Hong Kong had been the only

ones examined, Stimpson's name, *splendidus*, would certainly have been kept to designate at least a subspecies, since the gonopod tips were strikingly longer than in other examples and the arching and other details of the carapace were distinctive. When I collected and examined elsewhere several smaller specimens from Hong Kong, they were not distinctive and it was apparent that the usual variation was responsible; in addition, two specimens from Cocos-Keeling had the gonopod tips similarly produced.

There seems to me to be no question of the synonymy of the other specific names involved. I agree wholly with Forest & Guinot (1961) concerning the synonymy of the types in Paris, except for preferring to consider the eastern and western forms as subspecific instead of specific rank. Details are given under the headings on Type Material (p. 100) and References and Synonymy (p. 102).

### Color

Color differences are not at all correlated with the ranges of the two subspecies.

Displaying males: Display whitening absent. Color of individuals persisted unchanged throughout day and night in the field, as well as during transportation to Trinidad, and for almost a year thereafter in the crabberies. Carapace usually dark blue to bluish green, spotted with pale blue, blue green, or white; exceptions are the populations in the Philippines and Hong Kong, in which both carapace and major cheliped are entirely scarlet red. Major cheliped usually entirely scarlet red; in a few individuals red is confined to a wash of rose red on manus, while intermediate forms occur; chela pink to white. Eyestalks often pale green yellow. Maxillipeds, suborbital areas, and pterygostomian regions sometimes spotted with white, except when carapace is entirely red. Ambulatories usually scarlet red; at least on Tahiti, however, they are bright blue with pale spots. Adult females: carapace and ambulatories as in males of same population, except as follows. In New Guinea the carapace is wholly bright red, as in males in the Philippines and Hong Kong, while the corresponding New Guinea males have the spotted blue carapace found throughout the rest of the species-range. Finally, in Tahiti many females have an anterior band of red on carapace. Young with carapace and legs usually dark.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

Wave semi-unflexed to lateral-straight. Jerks absent. Tips of chela reaching scarcely or not at all above eyes. Minor cheliped makes motions, more or less in

synchrony with the major's wave. Body scarcely or not at all raised during waves, which are usually grouped in series of 3 to 7 or more. Display rate ranging from about 1 to about 2 waves per second, which within a series follow one another without pauses. (Component nos. 3, 4, 9; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

In northern New Guinea a burrow holder, which had been established for some days within several inches of the burrow of a particular female, was observed to wave as he moved toward his own hole, after an absence, from a distance of at least three feet; at the time no other male or female was at the surface within 12 feet—far beyond the range of his attention. This anecdotal observation perhaps may prove, when further supported, to be another indication of a behavioral similarity of *Amphiuca* to that of Indo-Pacific narrow-fronted crabs, rather than to members of the subgenera *Minuca* and *Celuca*.

### Precopulatory Behavior

About a dozen examples have been seen in various parts of the species' distribution, and almost as many more in the Trinidad crabberies. Males approach females, usually but not always waving. They often climb on the female's chimney. After the usual plucking and stroking of the female's carapace, copulation takes place either there or down on the ground. Several times, however, when a male climbed a chimney, the female promptly went underground and the male followed.

### Chimneys

Apparently only large females build chimneys. The structures were observed in East Africa, the Philippines, and Tahiti. As with waving display, their construction is closely associated with spring tides, but not with every one; the rhythm persisted even in individuals from the Philippines brought to Trinidad and kept on wholly different tidal schedules.

### Acoustic Behavior

Only leg-wagging has been observed in the field and filmed (component no. 5).

### Combat

Two combats only were seen, one of which was filmed. One occurred in East Africa, the other in New Guinea. Both consisted chiefly of supraheel-rubs, otherwise known only in (*Celuca*) *pugillator*. Associated taps were present in the African example, but absent in New Guinea. The New Guinea combat was preceded by a manus-rub. Both examples were fully ritualized. (Component nos. 1, 13.)

### RANGE

Indo-Pacific, from eastern Africa to the Marquesas; north to the Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands; south to Union of South Africa (Cape Province) and Friendly Islands; apparently absent from Australia. The western subspecies (*c. chlorophthalmus*) occurs in Africa and Mauritius, while the eastern form (*c. crassipes*) is found throughout the rest of the range.

### BIOTOPES

Characteristically, not close to the open sea but near high-tide levels on the muddy banks and flats of mangrove estuaries. On smaller islands in the South Pacific, however, in the absence of mangroves *chlorophthalmus* lives closer to the open shore, usually on muddy sand, again near high-tide levels and close to the mouths of streams or rivulets; often the only shelter on these islands is formed by a small indentation in the coast, with a barrier reef offshore. In all habitats spring tides alone reach some of the burrows. (Biotope nos. 5, 6, 11, 12, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In East Africa (*Deltuca*) *urvillei* is the only associate of *chlorophthalmus*; occurring on slightly lower levels of the same biotope, it mingles on its upper margins with *chlorophthalmus*. On South Pacific islands (*Thalassuca*) *tetragonon* replaces *urvillei* in its altitudinal relation to *chlorophthalmus*. In rich areas in the Philippines, as at Zamboanga, *chlorophthalmus* lives among *coarctata*, *demani*, and occasional *dussumieri*, all members of the subgenus *Deltuca*; this close association is not characteristic.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 598.)

*Observations and Collections.* *Uca chlorophthalmus crassipes*: Hong Kong; Zamboanga, Philippine Is.; near Madang, New Guinea; near Nouméa, New Caledonia; Suva, Fiji Is.; near Apia, Samoa; Bora Bora, Raiatea, and Tahiti, Society Is. *Uca chlorophthalmus* c.: Pemba I., Zanzibar I., and near Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania; Inhaca I., Mozambique.

*Film.* Zamboanga, Madang, Tahiti, and Pemba.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca chlorophthalmus* (Milne-Edwards, 1837)

TYPE. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. 1 dried male, labeled as follows: "*Gelasimus chlorophthalmus* Latr. M. Mathieu. Ile de France.



Anc. collection sèche. 1958." (This date represents the year during which D. Guinot was working on the collection; she considered it a "Type non spécifié," personal communication.) (See Forest & Guinot, 1961.) In his type description, apparently of a single specimen, Milne-Edwards gives the length as "5 lignes," the locality "l'Ile-de-France," and the information, in his customary footnote, "Latreille, Coll. du Muséum." The identity of the specimen is unmistakable as an example of *U. chlorophthalmus* as here described, even though the crab is in fragments except for the major manus and pollex, frontal and orbital regions, and a posterior ambulatory. The minor chela appears at first sight to have a wider gape than is characteristic; examination, and comparison with similar individuals in other collections, show that the breadth is an incidental effect of drying. Propodus length in mm 19.5.

*Uca chlorophthalmus crassipes*  
(Adams & White, 1848)

LECTOTYPE of the subspecies. In British Museum (Natural History), London. A single male (cat. no. 436) was selected by Calman, 1911, as holotype of *G. crassipes*—the only extant specimen of the two listed by White (1847), from same locality, given as "Philippine Ids. (Siquejor)." Label: "*Gelasimus crassipes* n.s. Holotype (selected 1911 WTC). Philippine Ids. 902. 43b." Measurements in mm: length 11; breadth 16; propodus 22; dactyl 14. The pollex was probably regenerated at an early age; only slight irregularity is shown. Although at one time the specimen was obviously dried, it has been relaxed, is in good condition, and is an excellent example of the subspecies. (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus gaimardi* (Milne-Edwards, 1852). In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Consists of a "type non spécifié," a male, dried, with the following measurements in mm: length 12; propodus 30.5. The label and Milne-Edwards both give the locality as "Tongatabou." The label in addition states "Mm. Quoy & Gaimard." The specimen is altogether characteristic of the form here referred to *c. crassipes*. The only discrepancy is that the "Blossom," the vessel on which Mm. Quoy and Gaimard traveled, never went to Tongatabou (Tonga Is.). (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus latreillei* (Milne-Edwards, 1852). In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Consists of a "type non spécifié," a male, dried, with the following measurements in mm: length 14; propodus 31. The label and Milne-Edwards both give the locality as "Bora Bora." Label also states "M. Duperrey; anc. collection sèche; 1958." This date, as in the case of *G. chlorophthal-*

*mus*, represents the year during which D. Guinot was working on the collection. (See Forest & Guinot, 1961.) (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus splendidus* Stimpson, 1858. Type, from Hong Kong, destroyed in Chicago fire. Synonymy of this species with *U. chlorophthalmus crassipes* is on the basis of the type description, the illustration in Stimpson, 1907, specimens in the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington (which were referred to it by Rathbun), and specimens I collected; all material is from Hong Kong.

Type Material of *Gelasimus pulchellus* Stimpson, 1858. Type, from Tahiti, destroyed in Chicago fire. Synonymy of this species with *U. chlorophthalmus crassipes* is based on the type description, the illustration in Stimpson, 1907, and my personal acquaintance with the *Uca* fauna of Tahiti and nearby islands.

Type of *Uca amazonensis* Doflein, 1899. 1 male, labeled in full as follows, is in the collections of the Museo di Zoologia della Università di Torino: "*Uca amazonensis*, Dofl. Tipo. Teffè—Amazoni. Da F. Doflein 1901." The specimen is a characteristic example of *U. c. chlorophthalmus*. Obviously, the type-locality as given on the label and in Doflein's description is erroneous. Carapace length 15.5 mm; propodus 45 mm. (!) See also p. 322, including note on von Hagen's recent location of type-specimens in Munich.

Type Material of *Uca novaeguineae* Rathbun, 1913. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 2 males, cat. no. 6374. New Guinea. (!)

### *Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus crassipes* (Adams & White, 1848)

(Malaya; Indonesia; Philippine Islands; western and central Pacific)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Minor cheliped with gape moderate, subequal to or scarcely narrower than adjacent part of pollex. Meri of 3rd and 4th ambulatories only moderately broad, the maximum breadth of 3rd merus on minor side being clearly less than half the length. Gonopod tube relatively long and slender in most specimens, sometimes extremely so, in comparison with that of *c. chlorophthalmus*. Gonopore set in a roughly triangular pit, without marginal elevations.

*Measurements (in mm)*

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Hong Kong)	14.5	23.0	34.0	24.0
Moderate male (Tahiti)	12.0	18.0	27.0	18.0
Largest female (Marshall's)	14.0	21.0	—	—
Largest female (ovigerous) (Tahiti)	11.0	17.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Zamboanga)	7.0	10.0	—	—

*Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus*  
*chlorophthalmus* (Milne-Edwards, 1837)  
 (East Africa; Indian Ocean)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Minor cheliped with gape clearly narrower than

adjacent part of pollex. Meri of both 3rd and 4th ambulatories notably broad, the dorsal and ventral margins of third strongly convex; maximum breadth of third merus on minor side well over half the length. Gonopod tube relatively short and broad when compared with that of *c. crassipes*. Gonopore with postero-inner margin slightly raised and uneven; other margins depressed.

*Measurements (in mm)*

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Pemba)	11.0	19.0	29.0	18.5
Moderate male (Zanzibar)	10.0	17.5	23.0	14.0
Largest female (Pemba)	12.5	19.5	—	—
Ovigerous female (unique) (Pemba)	9.0	14.0	—	—

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus*  
 (Milne-Edwards, 1837)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (A.) chlorophthalmus chlorophthalmus*, below.

*Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus*  
*crassipes* (Adams & White, 1848)

*Gelasimus crassipes*

NAME ONLY: White, 1847: 36. Philippines. (No description.)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Adams & White, 1848: 49. Philippines: Siquejar. (BM !)

White, 1848: 84. No new material.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 146. Description from Adams & White.

Cano, 1889: 92, 232. Manila. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus gaimardi*

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 114; Pl. 4, Fig. 17, 17a. Tongatabou. Type description. (The upper fig., labeled "17" on the plate, represents this subspecies; cf. Milne-Edwards, 1852, under *c. chlorophthalmus*.) (Paris !)

Heller, 1865: 38. Tahiti. (Identity checked at Munich by Forest & Guinot.)

Kingsley, 1880.1: 150. Description from Milne-Edwards.

de Man, 1891: 39. Samoa; East Indies: Banda Sea, Amboina. Taxonomy.

Thallwitz, 1892: 44. East Indies: Manado, Celebes; Ternate; Togien Is.; Philippines: Ilo-Ilo. Taxonomy.

Sakai, 1939: 617; Pl. 104, Fig. 3; Text Fig. 92. Formosa; Bonin Is.

Sakai, 1940: 47. Distribution in Japan.

Shen, 1940: 232. Hong Kong: Wong Chuk Hang.

Lin, 1949: 26. Taiwan.

*Gelasimus latreillei*

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 114; Pl. 4, Fig. 20, 20a. Bora Bora. Type description. (Paris !)

A. Milne-Edwards, 1873: 274. New Caledonia.

Brocchi, 1875: 73. No locality given. Brief statement on male appendages; fig. without details. No taxonomy.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 152; Pl. 10, Fig. 31. Philippines. Taxonomy.

Ortmann, 1894.2: 757. Samoa.

Ortmann, 1897: 353. Taxonomy.

Balss, 1922.1: 142. Annam; Ryukyu Is. (Miyako).

Estampador, 1937: 545. Philippines.

Sakai, 1939: 618. No new record.

Sakai, 1940: 47. No new record. Geographical distribution.

*Gelasimus splendidus*

Stimpson, 1858: 99. Hong Kong. Type description. Habitat.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 149. Description from Stimpson.

Stimpson, 1907: 106; Pl. 14, Fig. 2. Habitat. Taxonomy, in English, of type.

*Gelasimus pulchellus*

Stimpson, 1858: 100. Tahiti. Type description. Habitat.

Stimpson, 1907: 107; Pl. 13, Fig. 1. Color. Taxonomy, in English, of type.

*Gelasimus chlorophthalmus*

Kingsley, 1880.1: 151 (part). Moluccas: Bourou I. (one of 2 specimens from Guérin's collection at Philadelphia Academy; 2nd is a *lactea*). (!)

Cano, 1889: 92 and 234. Amoy. Taxonomy. (Identification questionable.)

de Man, 1891: 41. New Caledonia. Taxonomy.

de Man, 1902: 484; Pl. 19, Fig. 4. East Indies: Ternate. Taxonomy.

*Uca gaimardi*

Ortmann, 1897: 353. Taxonomy.

Doflein, 1899: 192. Fiji Is.: Kandavu. Taxonomy.

Nobili, 1899.2: 274. Australo-Malaysia: Pt. Moresby; Hula.

Nobili, 1907: 408. Polynesia: Apia-Samoa.

Rathbun, 1907: 26. Society Is.: Tahiti, Bora Bora. Caroline Is.: Kusaie.

Pesta, 1911: 55; Pl. 3, Fig. 3; Text Fig. 2. Samoa: Upolu. Taxonomy.

Pearse, 1912.2: 114. Philippines. Habits.

Tesch, 1918: 39, 40. West coast of Flores; Labuan, Badjo. Taxonomy.

Sendler, 1923: 22. West Carolines: Yap.

Maccagno, 1928: 30. Samoa; Kei, Jule, Hula. Taxonomy.

Gordon, 1931: 528. Hong Kong.

Miyake, 1939: 222, 241. Caroline Is.: Kusaie.

Tweedie, 1950.2: 127; Text Fig. 4c. Cocos-Keeling Is. Ecology. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1957. Society Is. Preliminary classification of display.

Forest & Guinot, 1961: 140; Text Figs. 140-145, 153, 156a, b. Tahiti. General taxonomic discussion.

Forest & Guinot, 1962: 70. Distribution.

*Uca chlorophthalmus*

Nobili, 1907: 408. Polynesia: Taravao-Tahiti. Taxonomy. (Torino !)

*Uca novaeguineae*

Rathbun, 1913: 617. New Guinea. Type description. (USNM !)

? Miyake, 1938: 110, part. Palau Is. (Part or all may be *Uca triangularis*.)

? Miyake, 1939: 223, 242. Palau Is.; Caroline Is.: Kusaie. (Part or all may be *Uca triangularis*.)

*Uca pulchella*

Parisi, 1918: 93. Bonin Is.: Misaki.

*Uca latreillei*

Balss, 1922.1: 142. Loo Choo [Ryukyu] Is.: Miyako I.

Estampador, 1959: 103. Distribution in Philippines.

*Uca splendidus*

Gee, 1925: 165. Hong Kong.

*Uca (Amphiuca)*

*chlorophthalmus chlorophthalmus*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1837)

*Gelasimus chlorophthalmus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1837: 54. Mauritius. (!)

MacLeay, 1838: 64. South Africa. [No specific localities given.]

Krauss, 1843: 40. South Africa. No new material.

Guérin, 1829-1843: Vol. 2: Pl. 4, Fig. 3. Vol. 3: 7 (caption to Pl. 4, Fig. 3). Mauritius.

White, 1847: 36. (Listed.)

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 114; Pl. 4, "Fig. 19" in text and caption, "17" on plate. Ile-de-France (Mauritius). [On plate there are 2 drawings labeled "17," the upper of an orbit, the lower of a claw; the specimen from Mauritius, if either, can be identified as the lower, the example drawn being somewhat immature, but having the proportionately higher (broader) manus and shorter fingers characteristic of the form recognized here as a subspecies. There is no indication that the illustration is intended to represent the type-specimen. Cf. under *gaimardi* Milne-Edwards, 1852, p. 102.]

Hilgendorf, 1869: 85 (part). Zanzibar; Mozambique; Mascarenes. Taxonomy.

Hilgendorf, 1879: 803 (part). Taxonomy.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 151 (part). No new records (cf. same ref. under *U. c. crassipes*).

Bouvier: 1915: 301. Mauritius: Port Louis, Grand Port, Chaland.

*Uca amazonensis*

Doflein, 1899: 193. Teffè—Amazon River. Type description. See p. 322.

Maccagno, 1929: 27; Text Fig. 14. Remarks on a type-specimen, now deposited in Torino; resemblance to *U. gaimardi* mentioned. See p. 101. (!)

*Uca chlorophthalmus*

Stebbing, 1910: 327. Annotated references.

Barnard, 1950: 95. South Africa. Taxonomy.

Fourmanoir, 1953: 89. Madagascar: near Canal de Mozambique. Color; ecology.

Day & Morgans, 1956: 277, 305. South Africa: Durban Bay. Ecology.

Macnae & Kalk, 1958: 39, 41, 67, 125. Mozambique: Inhaca I. Color; general behavior; ecology.

Forest & Guinot, 1961: 141 (part). Taxonomy.

Macnae, 1963: Mozambique (Inhaca I.) to South

Africa (mouth of Umtata River in northern part of Cape Province). Local distribution and ecology.

*Uca gaimardi*

Vatova, 1943: 24. Italian Somaliland: Giumbo. Taxonomy.

## 16. *UCA (AMPHIUCA) INVERSA* (HOFFMANN, 1874)

(Western Indo-Pacific)

PLATE 16.

FIGURES 39 G; 69 I, J; 99.

MAP 7.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

*Uca inversa*, like *chlorophthalmus*, shows characteristics of both morphology and waving display that are intermediate between those of Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts and the remaining subgenera of *Uca*.

In contrast to the situation in *chlorophthalmus*, individual *inversa* devote a relatively large amount of time to waving display, while strictly agonistic behavior also appears more prevalent. Unfortunately the social behavior of the African form is known only in outline, while the eastern subspecies has been observed in life during part of a single low tide, and then before it was recognized. The use of the large tooth at the tip of the major dactyl in *i. inversa*, doubtless in combat, is still to be learned. Perhaps it makes an efficient instrument for tapping in the combat component termed the supraheel-tap.

In East Africa *inversa* ranges from the Red Sea to Natal, through an impressive range of climates (p. 442). Although no morphological differences are apparent among the limited collections examined, it seems that physiological differences would certainly emerge with study. Furthermore, this African subspecies would be an excellent form in which to search for behavior differences among populations, particularly in droving patterns and in those of combat, both of which have given hints that they would repay attention.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

*Uca* with front moderately broad. Major cheliped with a distinct distal crest on merus and, in African specimens, with a very large tooth near tip of dactyl. Dorso-lateral and vertical lateral carapace margins weak, in part vestigial to absent; no postero-lateral striae. Lower margin of minor cheliped merus with small, weak rugosities. Gonopod with broad flanges flanking the pore. Female (in subspecies where known) without tubercles or other specializations on lower, posterior surfaces of ambulatory meri above ventral margins.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 96).

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Orbits moderately to strongly oblique. Antero-lateral margins moderate; dorso-lateral margins vestigial to absent. No postero-lateral striae. Vertical lateral margins weak, not reaching antero-lateral margins.

*Major Cheliped*. Merus with a definite crest on antero-distal margin, either minutely serrate or practically entire. Depression outside pollex base large, roughly triangular but with boundaries indistinct; not pubescent. Palm without oblique tuberculate ridge, the structure represented only by a low, broad convexity, either smooth or continuing the general distribution of minute tubercles or granules that cover lower proximal surface of palm. Upper part of carpal cavity extending distally either as a trench or represented by a distal depression somewhat separated by a convex area from the cavity itself. Center of palm smooth. A large triangular tooth present or absent subdistally on dactyl.

*Minor Cheliped*. Merus with postero-ventral margin armed only with sparse, weakly spinous, transverse rugosities. Gape moderate to wide, always equal to or wider than breadth of adjacent part of pollex; a few serrations present distally or absent.

*Ambulatories*. Merus moderately wide to narrow.

*Gonopod*. Flanges present, both broad; tube not projecting beyond them; thumb short or absent.

#### Measurements

Small to moderate crabs, attaining a known length of 13.5 mm.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The western form of *U. inversa* can be distinguished at once from the two other broad-fronted fiddlers, *chlorophthalmus* and *lactea*, by the large hook on the

tip of the major dactyl. Both the western and eastern (Karachi) subspecies have a well-developed crest on the major merus and lack postero-lateral striae. See also under *U. chlorophthalmus*, p. 99.

The small chelipeds in *inversa* are unusually large in both sexes, but this characteristic has not yet been systematically investigated. When making a preliminary sorting of mixed females, or males with the major chelipeds missing, this difference between *inversa* and *lactea* is sufficient to be a practical aid.

### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent to partial. Major cheliped marked with orange red to pink.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Wave obliquely vertical, semi-unflexed or lateral straight. Jerks absent. Tips of chela reaching scarcely or not at all above eyes. Minor cheliped makes motions, either in synchrony with the major's wave or more frequently. Body not raised, or scarcely raised, during waving except when waving accompanies walking. Ambulatories raised during display in the eastern subspecies. Herding known in the African subspecies. Display usually at rate of less than 1 second per wave, with a pause between waves ranging from short to long. (Component nos. 1, 3, 4, 9, 10 [weak], 12, 14; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

#### *Acoustic Behavior*

Leg-wagging in *i. inversa* is the only component that has been observed and filmed (component 5).

#### *Combat*

The following three components have been filmed, all only in *i. inversa* at Zanzibar. Manus-rubs which, unusually, are in rapidly vibrating series (component no. 1). Supraheel-taps, without rubs; these taps were also extremely rapid and in series (no. 13). Dactyl-along-pollex-groove; this component was unusual in that the dactyl's motion started proximally, in the hollow at pollex base, and proceeded distally in each of the several examples known, instead of proceeding proximally from the pollex tip (no. 14). Interfemale combat was observed several times in Zanzibar, the ambulatories being, as usual, interdigitated and vibrated. On Inhaca Island, in mid-September, four days after full moon during a morning low tide, wandering and fighting was at a peak I have rarely seen in other species. Waving display was also common by both aggressive wanderers and, less often, by neighboring burrow-holders; no interest was shown

in females. The nights were still cool, with temperatures around 13° C to 17° C although clear days, including the morning of the observation, maintained surface temperatures in the sun of 29° C to 31° C.

### RANGE

Western Indo-Pacific. *U. i. inversa*: East Africa from the approximate latitude of Massawa in the Red Sea to Natal; islands near the coast (in the Red Sea; Sokotra; Zanzibar; Madagascar; Inhaca); Arabia, from Aden and Mukalla. *U. i. sindensis*: Known only from Karachi, Pakistan.

### BIOTOPES

Salt flats usually at or near highest tide levels, sometimes covered only by spring tides, and always partly cut off from the open sea; sometimes on the flat banks of brackish streams, or on flats in the upper reaches of mangrove estuaries; substrate usually muddy sand. (Biotope nos. 11, 12.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

A few populations of (*Celuca*) *lactea annulipes* have been found associated with those of *inversa*. In both subspecies one or two populations mingled more than marginally.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 599.)

*Observations and Collections.* *U. i. inversa*: Massawa, Eritrea; Zanzibar; Inhaca I., Mozambique. *U. inversa sindensis*: Karachi, Pakistan.

*Films.* Motion pictures were made in Zanzibar and Karachi.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca inversa* (Hoffmann, 1874)

**LECTOTYPE.** In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. One male, selected by J. Crane from a group of 3 males, of which this is the largest, numbered 251 and labeled: "*Uca inversa* (Hoffm.) (= *Gelasimus inversus* Type Hoffm.) Nossi-Faly." Fragile condition, with major cheliped detached and most ambulatories missing. There is, however, no question of its identity, the diagnostic characteristics, except for those of the gonopod, being clearly apparent. In view of its fragility it was not removed from jar. Size typical of well-grown males in this species.

*Associated Material.* The 2 additional males are both small, with major chelipeds and some of the ambulatories missing. Their identity, since they were not

removed for gonopod examination, necessarily remains slightly questionable.

De Man (1891) reported that this material then consisted of 3 specimens in poor condition, just as is true today. He also states their indigenous name, in Madagascar, is "Cava Tangena."

Type Material of *Gelasimus smithii* Kingsley, 1880. A dried male, cat. no. 3003, in the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, is labeled under the specific name of *inversa*, from the Wilson collection, with the locality given as Natal. (!) No specimen labeled *smithii* was found. Kingsley, under the heading *Gelasimus inversus*, states that he never saw a copy of Hoffmann's description of *inversus*; his description and illustration of *smithii* show that the name has been rightly synonymized with *U. inversa* by several subsequent authors, including Barnard (1950).

#### *Uca inversa sindensis* (Alcock, 1900)

TYPE MATERIAL of the subspecies. *Gelasimus inversus* var. *sindensis* Alcock, 1900, from Karachi, is clearly described by its author. The 30 specimens were in the collections of the Indian Museum, Calcutta. I have not been able to trace their present location; they are not in the British Museum (Natural History), London.

### *Uca (Amphiuca) inversa inversa* (Hoffmann, 1874)

(Red Sea to Natal; Madagascar)

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Major cheliped with upper part of carpal cavity extending distally as a distinct trench; dactyl with a strikingly large, subdistal, triangular tooth, sometimes minutely serrate. Minor cheliped with gape much wider than breadth of adjacent part of pollex; serrations absent. Ambulatory meri narrow, the dorsal margins of 3rd and 4th relatively straight. Gonopod thumb absent. Gonopore with postero-outer margin corneous and very slightly raised, but not tuberculate.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Mozambique)	13.5	24.0	37.5	30.0
Moderate male (Zanzibar)	9.5	16.0	24.0	15.0
Largest female (Zanzibar)	9.5	15.0	—	—

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent or incomplete. Carapace black to blue with white transverse markings, often consisting of fine or coarse marblings. Frequently present and, when so, diagnostic in the field, is a posterior pair of large white spots or bars, usually oval and transverse; rarely another, similar median pair is divided in the midline by black. In Zanzibar the white was sometimes more extensive, so that the effect was of a white crab with blue markings. Major cheliped with merus, outside and in, and palm orange red; outer manus pink, the color sometimes extending onto fingers which are otherwise white. Eyestalks (Inhaca) yellowish. Anterior merus of minor cheliped and of 1st and 2nd ambulatories red (Inhaca); fingers of minor cheliped white; ambulatories otherwise dark. Females similar to males, except that white on posterior part of carapace usually is not broken by black in midline. Minor chelipeds sometimes (Inhaca) with propodus and dactyl blue in some specimens.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### *Waving Display*

Described from films made in Zanzibar and observations made in Zanzibar and on Inhaca; waving at Massawa was practically absent during the observation periods. Wave at low intensities obliquely vertical, the cheliped being only slightly raised; at high intensities, the wave can be termed a lateral straight, although the cheliped is rarely unflexed much farther than the point where the manus makes a right angle with merus and carpus, only rarely reaching level of tips of eyes, and more rarely above them. Minor cheliped often observed making 3 to 4 corresponding motions to every wave of major; this motion was not filmed; since the field work was done before the recognition of the probable stridulating component termed minor-merus-rubs (component no. 2), no definite statement is possible; the films show only an occasional, single corresponding motion by the minor. Carapace raised scarcely to not at all during display, except during walking; then, as usual, it is held well above ground during and between waves. Ambulatories not raised during display. Herding noted occasionally in Zanzibar, the male displaying, facing away from female, sometimes pushing against her with his posterior legs and carapace, and running as she ran. Only single males behaved in this fashion toward single females, and there was no attempt to urge a female toward a particular burrow. I do not know whether the females were immature (p. 503). High intensity courtship display unknown.

*Uca (Amphiuca) inversa sindensis*  
(Alcock, 1900)  
(Karachi, Pakistan)

# MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Major cheliped with a predactyl depression somewhat separated by a convexity from upper part of carpal cavity; outer manus, palm, and fingers smoother than in *i. inversa*; dactyl without a predistal triangular tooth. Minor cheliped with gape subequal to breadth of adjacent part of pollex; weak serrations present, chiefly in distal part. Ambulatory meri moderately wide, the dorsal margins of 3rd and 4th clearly convex. Gonopod thumb present. (Female unknown.)

# Measurements (in mm)

Largest male: length 8.0; breadth 16.0; propodus 16.0; dactyl 10.5.

# Color

Displaying males: display whitening well developed, except for pink or pinkish orange on major palm.

# SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

## Waving Display

Known only from a brief and unsatisfactory film strip. Wave obliquely vertical to lateral straight, the major cheliped not fully unflexed. Minor makes corresponding motion. Several ambulatories on minor side raised in turn during display.

# REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

## *Uca (Amphiuca) inversa* (Hoffmann, 1874)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (A.) inversa inversa*, below.

## *Uca (Amphiuca) inversa inversa* (Hoffmann, 1874)

*Gelasimus chlorophthalmus* (not of Milne-Edwards)

Hilgendorf, 1869: 85; 1878 (1879): 803. Mozambique. Taxonomy.

## *Gelasimus inversus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Hoffmann, 1874: 19; Pl. 4, Figs. 23-26. Madagascar: Nossy-Faly.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 155. Record of type description only.

de Man, 1891: 44. Madagascar: Nossy-Faly. Taxonomy.

Ortmann, 1894.1: 59. Tanganyika: Lindi; Dar-es-Salaam.

Alcock, 1900: 355. States that specimens in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, from Madagascar and the Red Sea are different from those from Karachi, which he then describes as a variety, *sindensis* (see below).

## *Gelasimus smithii*

Kingsley, 1880.1: 144. Natal. Type description.

## *Uca inversa*

Ortmann, 1897: 351. No new record. Taxonomy.

Pocock, 1903: 213, 216. Gulf of Aden: Sokotra I.; Hadibu and Haulaf; Abd-el-Kuri I.

Nobili, 1906.2: 151. Red Sea: Massawa. Taxonomy.

Nobili, 1906.3: 312. Red Sea. Taxonomy.

Stebbing, 1910: 328. South African records, none new.

Laurie, 1915: 416. Red Sea.

Balss, 1924: 15. Red Sea.

Colosi, 1924: 32. Somaliland.

Maccagno, 1928: 26. Specimens from Red Sea deposited in Torino museum. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1935.2: 27. Kenya: Gongoni.

Chace, 1942: 202. Tanganyika Territory: Lindi.

Vatova, 1943: 25. Lists published records; no new data.

Barnard, 1950: 94. South African records. Taxonomy.

Holthuis, 1958: 53. Sinai Peninsula: Ras Muhammed; Shora el Monpata; Abu Zabad.

Macnae & Kalk, 1958: 38, 67, 125. Mozambique: Inhaca I. Color; general behavior; ecology.

Macnae, 1963: 23. Mozambique: Inhaca I.

## *Uca (Amphiuca) inversa sindensis* (Alcock, 1900)

## *Gelasimus inversus* var. *sindensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Alcock, 1900: 356. West Pakistan: Karachi.



## V. **BOBORUCA** SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus: Uca thayeri* Rathbun, 1900 (Tropical and subtropical coasts of America)

PLATE 17.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURE 73.

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 99.

MAP 11.

TABLES 1, 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Large *Uca* with front of intermediate width; pile prevalent at least on ambulatories, often on carapace; 3rd and 4th ambulatory meri wide; major manus appearing smooth, never rough with large tubercles; fingers usually long and slender, never broad and flat; eyes never with styles; gonopods with subequal flanges, large thumb, little torsion; female gonopore without marginal tubercle.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Front barely of moderate width, narrowest below eyestalk bases, its breadth between them about twice or less width of erected eyestalk at its base, in front of which the halves of the distal margin converge to the usual slightly excavate tip; frontal breadth contained about 5 to almost 6 times in that of carapace. Orbits almost straight; antero-lateral angles approximately right angles, scarcely or not at all projecting. Antero-lateral margins of moderate length, well defined, either slightly diverging, parallel, or slightly converging, curving obliquely inward, or, occasionally, turning in at an obtuse angle to form the strong dorso-lateral margins; these margins are usually conspicuously slightly concave, stopping opposite middle of cardiac region; dorso-lateral and, usually, antero-lateral margins finely and often indistinctly, beaded. Two pairs of postero-lateral striae, paralleling dorso-lateral margins, the members of each well separated from the adjacent margin and from each other; upper stria always long, strong and clearly beaded, lower much shorter, sometimes vestigial. Vertical lateral margin strong, complete, beaded. Carapace profile in lateral view little arched. Suborbital region concave, practically naked except along its dorsal margin; pterygostomian region little convex, finely rugose, setose.

Frontal margin always raised, broad, unbroken.

Eyebrows long and wide, oblique, sharply marked both dorsally and ventrally by beaded margins, the ventral being stronger. Orbit with lower margin scarcely rolled outward, slightly sinuous; without tubercles, granules, ridge, or mound on its floor. Suborbital margin with moderate-sized crenellations throughout, only slightly larger and farther apart near and beyond outer angle, continuing laterally to postero-lateral channel. Ventral margin of antero-lateral angle usually blunt, rarely sharp, always unarmed. Diameter of eyestalks moderate, that of the eyes in life distinctly larger than stalks, though not to the extent found in *Deltuca*.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped setae few to moderate.

*Third Maxilliped.* Ischium with central portion almost flat, its central groove represented only by a small, shallow depression near anterior margin. Gill minute, without books.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with postero-dorsal margin undefined throughout, antero-dorsal blunt, armed with weak rugosities which distally are little stronger, and represent only a continuation of the general armature of postero-dorsal surface; proximo-dorsal surface smooth; ventral margin bluntly angled, with multiple, irregularly oblique rows of small tubercles; merus postero-ventrally and anteriorly practically smooth.

*Carpus* weakly rugose only postero-dorsally and dorsally. Bent-over dorsal margin slightly rugose; it and anterior surface each with or without one or more small to moderate tooth-like tubercles.

Outer manus appearing moderately smooth; surface covered with small to very small tubercles, the sizes mixed and largest on upper half, near the slightly bent-over dorsal margin. This margin, thin except distally where it is thick and tuberculate, is marked along its outer edge by a row of beads with a minute groove along their outer base; the latter is practically continuous with the short subdistal groove among the tubercles on proximal part of dactyl. No depression outside pollex base. Ventral margin of manus with a carina, beaded to tuberculate, with a narrow

groove above it on its outer side, both ending at pollex base.

*Palm* with proximal, lower part smooth or, ventrally only, minutely tuberculate. Oblique ridge of moderate height, the part distal to apex slightly higher; its tubercles distinct, of similar size, several of them continuing up beyond apex around anterior margin of carpal cavity; sometimes others, weak, occur farther up, where the carpal cavity merges gradually, without a margin, into the finely tuberculate, nearly flat, central and upper palm; a very short, variable beaded margin extending from dorsal margin down along extreme antero-dorsal part of carpal cavity. Proximal and distal ridge inside dactyl base both well developed, with tubercles distinct even on distal ridge, parallel or with the long proximal ridge diverging slightly in its dorsal portion. Hollow inside pollex base moderate, its boundaries not sharply marked.

Both *pollex* and *dactyl* lacking long grooves on outer surfaces. Subdorsal furrow on proximal dactyl well developed, surrounded by tubercles. Both fingers ranging from moderate in length and breadth to very long and slender; dactyl almost straight in proximal two-thirds, curving down distally beyond pollex tip. Gape narrow. Outer surfaces of pollex and dactyl smooth except, sometimes, for small tubercles proximally, especially on dactyl. Lower margin of pollex smooth or proximally with tubercles; upper margin of dactyl tuberculate throughout roughly proximal half. All three rows of gape tubercles represented in both pollex and dactyl, one or more rows being indistinct only distally if anywhere; no tuberculate teeth or strikingly enlarged tubercles, although the usual enlarged tubercles—one submedian on pollex and two on dactyl—are present in most individuals.

*Minor Cheliped.* *Merus* with dorsal margin and posterior surface armed with moderately large, transverse rugosities; postero-ventral margin with a single line of tubercles, small or large; antero-ventral margin and anterior surface smooth or practically so except sometimes for a row of small tubercles, proximally only, on margin.

*Carpus* with subdorsal ridge finely and usually only partially beaded; ridge and adjacent groove strong. Mano-pollex ridge strong with trace of beading, starting about middle of manus and traceable about two-thirds of way to pollex tip; upper distal half of pollex with another, submarginal ridge, faintly beaded, just below gape teeth. Dactyl much longer than manus, its proximal two-thirds subdorsally with a ridge and, below and adjacent to it, a moderate to weak groove; sometimes a second ridge, proximally only, adjacent to and below groove. Gape narrow proximally, very narrow to absent in distal half or more; this section armed with moderately strong serrations.

*Ambulatories.* Meri all wide, those of 3rd and 4th legs notably so, their dorsal margins convex; dorsal armature consisting of low, close-set, transverse, spinulous rugosities; postero-dorsal tubercles small, on striae which are vertical near margin, sometimes curved or horizontal toward middle of posterior surface and always sparse to absent lower down; these tubercles and marginal armature largely concealed in pile, particularly in the young; ventral margins distinct, the posterior usually finely tuberculate and the anterior beaded, but one or both margins sometimes smooth, especially on first 2 ambulatories and in large specimens; these margins are always free of pile. Anterior surfaces of all segments of 1st ambulatory smooth (except, on merus, for the usual short row of predistal tubercles continued down from the dorsal and postero-dorsal regions).

*Gonopod.* Flanges present, large, subequal in breadth, confluent for a slight distance beyond and external to pore; inner process flattened, spinous, thick, scarcely visible; thumb large but arising far down shaft and ending below, or scarcely reaching, base of flange; torsion slight.

*Pile.* In adult males virtually confined to armature of minor merus and of ambulatories; highly variable and easily detached. In young prevalent on carapace as a velvety pubescence.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of the females in the genus (p. 17). Plentiful velvety pubescence on carapace and dense pile on legs persists in this sex throughout life, although it is most dense in the very young; in large females it is sometimes scanty, especially on carapace regions that are subject to abrasion. Gonopore set in a small depression and lacking tubercles on margin.

#### Size

Large.

#### Color

No display whitening. Carapace and appendages dark, sometimes with dark red or dark orange red, sometimes brighter on major cheliped.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Waving display obliquely vertical with jerks. No special components during high intensity courtship. Little time devoted to waving. Male attracts female into his burrow. Chimneys constructed. Combat and threat behavior poorly known, apparently never prevalent.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 19 in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram. The subgenus is treated here as monospecific.

## NAME

*Boboruca*: From the Greek *borborus*, "mud," *borborodes*, "muddy," the first *r* being elided for euphony. The name is proposed in reference to the frequent clinging of the biotopic mud to these *Uca*, the "muddy fiddlers."

## 17. *UCA (BOBORUCA) THAYERI* RATHBUN, 1900

(Tropical eastern Pacific; tropical and subtropical western Atlantic)

PLATE 17.

FIGURES 46 K; 56 E; 60 H, I; 73 A, B; 81 I; 82 I; 99.

MAP. 11.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

As mentioned above in the description of the subgenus *Boboruca*, certain characteristics of *Uca thayeri* suggest a closer kinship with Indo-Pacific subgenera than with the American groups. Most of them are concerned with social behavior, the unusual aspects being the infrequency of *thayeri*'s waving display; the hours of waving, with their concentration near sunrise and sunset; the almost vertical wave, without special behavior during high intensity courtship; the low general level of social activity; and the female's habit of constructing chimneys. In contrast, the male's attraction of the female to his own burrow, as well as morphological details such as most of the armature of the palm, are characteristics of American *Uca*.

The two forms for which the subgenus *Boboruca* has been erected are here reduced from species rank to that of subspecies, even though they have been divided by the Isthmus of Panama for some five million years. As in (*Minuca*) *vocator*, this course seems the only logical one to take, in view of the extreme similarity of *t. thayeri* and *t. umbratila*, both in morphology and in social behavior. Bott (1954: 163) first recognized the morphological closeness of forms in the two oceans.

Although *t. umbratila* has been only briefly observed in the field during a time of its almost complete inactivity, a group of specimens brought from western Costa Rica to Trinidad lived for months in the crabberies. It is there that its display and chimney building were seen, and compared with the activities of *t. thayeri*.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

As for the subgenus *Boboruca*, p. 109.

#### *Description and Discussion*

With the characteristics of the subgenus.

As indicated in the introduction to the species, the differences between the Atlantic and Pacific forms are so slight that the maintenance of two species does

not seem warranted. In brief, the morphological distinctions consist in the Pacific chiefly of slightly stronger armature on the major cheliped and a more brachychelous claw; in the Atlantic, an exaggeratedly leptochelous form is usual among large specimens. In display, general habits, and habitat no distinctions are apparent. Because no other material is referable to this subgenus, and because of the similarity of the current forms, no characters are here singled out from the subgeneric description as of specific value, the differences being given below under the subspecies. So few adult specimens of *t. umbratila* have been taken that even most of the selected characters may prove to be unreliable.

#### *Color*

Displaying males: Display whitening absent. Carapace brown to orange brown, sometimes with faint reticulations. All appendages brown to orange, the major manus always brightest, being dull rufous to orange, with the color often extending to tip of chela.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Wave practically vertical at low intensities, otherwise semi-unflexed. Jerks present, the major cheliped usually making between 2 and 4 during elevation but none on the descent. At its highest, chela tips reach well above eyes. Minor cheliped usually makes a synchronous motion. Carapace scarcely raised during display. Legs remain on the ground. Steps are not usually taken from side to side. Waving is at the rate of about 0.5 wave per second, and single waves occur at indefinite intervals ranging from several seconds to many minutes. (Component nos. 2, 3, 9; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

As in many Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts, *thayeri*'s display period is short and its times of greatest and sometimes only activity are during the late afternoon and early morning, when low tide falls at those hours. As in all other *Uca*, however, occasional individuals in peak display phase wave at wholly atypical times of the day.

### Precopulatory Behavior

After waving that is little or not at all faster than routine display, the male attracts the female to his own burrow and precedes her below.

### Chimneys

Apparently only females that are in or approaching breeding condition build chimneys. The structures are large and usually symmetrically formed. Females dug out of them in Trinidad proved often to be ovigerous. Males often display from the wide rims, but seem never to construct their own. In southern Florida male (*Minuca*) *rapax* sometimes display in the same position on top of a *thayeri* chimney.

### Acoustic Behavior

In Trinidad sounds were heard in both field and laboratory, when the crabs were below ground and intruders had been introduced. Von Hagen (1967:2) reports having recorded sound production on that island, but details are not yet available.

### RANGE

Tropical and subtropical western Atlantic (*t. thayeri*) and tropical eastern Pacific (*t. umbratila*).

### BIOTOPES

Deep mud on sloping banks of mangrove-bordered estuaries and streams, often partly shaded. In the Pacific *t. umbratila* was collected and observed somewhat farther upstream than the Atlantic *t. thayeri*. (Biotope nos. 12, 13, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In the Atlantic *t. thayeri* often mingles closely with (*Celuca*) *cumulanta*. Marginally its usual distribution coincides with that of (*Uca*) *maracoani* on the tidal levels slightly below it and closer to open water, and, along its upper border, with that of (*Minuca*) *rapax*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 600.)

*Observations and Collections: Western Atlantic.* United States: Florida: St. Augustine, Miami. Guatemala: Puerto Barrios. Guadeloupe. Trinidad and Tobago. Venezuela: Aragua: Turiamo; Delta Amacuro: Pedernales. Brazil: Pernambuco: Recife; Bahia: São Salvador; Rio de Janeiro. *Eastern Pacific:* Costa Rica: Puntarenas; Golfito; Ballenas Bay. Panama: Near Old Panama; Balboa (Canal Zone).

*Film.* Trinidad; Recife; Rio de Janeiro.

*Sound Recordings.* Trinidad.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca thayeri* Rathbun, 1900

TYPE MATERIAL. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 7 males, 1 female, cat. no. 23753. Cabedello, mouth of Rio Parahyba do Norte, Brazil. June 20, 1899. Collected by A. W. Greeley. Received as gift from Branner-Agassiz expedition. On mangroves. Measurements in mm of largest: length 17; breadth 25; propodus 42.5; dactyl 34. (!)

See also note on *Gelasimus palustris*, p. 324.

*Uca thayeri umbratila* Crane, 1941

HOLOTYPE of *Uca umbratila*. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. 1 male, no. 138132 (formerly New York Zoological Society no. 381, 129); Puntarenas, Costa Rica. Measurements in mm: length 17.5; breadth 29; propodus 48. (!)

*Additional type material.* In same institution. Paratypes: 1 young male, 1 young female, no. 79407 (formerly New York Zoological Society no. 4118); Balboa (Canal Zone). 1 female, no. 138133 (formerly New York Zoological Society no. 381130; Puntarenas, Costa Rica. (!)

Type Material, including holotype, of *Uca thayeri zilchi* Bott, 1954. In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a. M. (!) I have compared this material with examples of *U. t. umbratila* brought with me to Frankfurt, and they are undoubtedly all representatives of the same form. The major claw of the holotype has been regenerated, certainly from an early age, since it is well formed but too short for the carapace length; its smoothness, approaching that of *t. thayeri*, has been found to be characteristic of other species when the original claw was broken off when the crab was small.

*Uca (Boboruca) thayeri umbratila*  
Crane, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific from  
El Salvador to Panama)

### MORPHOLOGY

Carapace: Front-orbital margin notably straight, even in young; adults of both sexes lacking or practically lacking dorsal pile. Major cheliped: Carpus

usually with several similar, close-set tubercles on dorsal margin and always with a single large tooth on its inner surface; manus with outer tubercles and those of center palm relatively large; short ridge curving down from dorsal margin around upper carpal cavity present or absent, when present less well marked than in *t. thayeri*, formed of separate tubercles rather than contiguous beads. Fingers shorter and wider than in *t. thayeri* and gape narrower, being less wide than adjacent part of dactyl. Gonopore of largest female only with postero-outer portion of margin slightly raised, but not enough to appear as a distinct tubercle.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Rio Abajo, Panama)	19.0	29.0	49.5	32.0
Holotype male (Costa Rica) (dactyl imperfect)	17.5	29.0	48.0	—
Largest female (paratype) (Costa Rica)	19.5	30.0	—	—

### *Uca (Boboruca) thayeri thayeri* Rathbun, 1900

(Subtropical and tropical western Atlantic from northern Florida, at Sarasota and St. Augustine, to Estado São Paulo, Brazil)

### MORPHOLOGY

Carapace: Fronto-orbital margin very slightly oblique, even in large specimens, when compared with *t. umbratila*. Some pile almost always persists dorsally on carapace in adults, especially in female. Major cheliped: Carpus with row of tubercles on dorsal margin and tooth on inner margin present or absent; the two structures appear independently, outer manus and center palm appearing relatively smooth, the tubercles being smaller than in *t. umbratila*; short ridge curving down from dorsal margin around upper carpal cavity very distinct, its crest clearly beaded as characteristic of the subgenera *Celuca* and *Minuca*; fingers in adult males always long and slender; in large specimens the dactyl is more than twice length of manus and the pollex is sinuous, its distal end curving downward; gape wider than adjacent part of dactyl.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All from Trinidad specimens)				
Large male (longest claw)	18.5	30.0	56.0	43.0
Longest male (broken claw)	19.5	31.0		
Moderate male	15.0	24.0	36.5	26.0
Largest female	19.0	27.5		
Largest ovigerous female	17.5	26.5	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	12.5	17.5	—	—

### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

#### *Uca (Boboruca) thayeri* Rathbun, 1900

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (B.) thayeri thayeri*, below.

#### *Uca (Boboruca) thayeri thayeri* Rathbun, 1900

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Marcgrave de Liebstad, 1648: 185; fig. Brazil. Color. Description.

#### *Uca thayeri*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1900.3: 134; Pl. 8, Figs. 1 and 2. Brazil: Rio Parahyba do Norte at Cabedello. (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1902.1: 7. Puerto Rico. Taxonomy.

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hyba do Norte; Plataforma (Bahia); São Matheos. Taxonomy. (USNM part !)

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*Uca (Boboruca) thayeri*  
*umbratila* Crane, 1941

*Uca umbratila*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane 1941.1: 181; Text Fig. 7;

Pl. 7, Fig. 34. Costa Rica: Puntarenas and Ballenas  
Bay; Panama (Canal Zone): Balboa. (USNM !)

*Uca thayeri thayeri*

Bott, 1954: 163; Text Fig. 5; Pl. 15, Figs. 5 a, b.  
El Salvador: El Triunfo. (Frankfurt !)

*Uca thayeri zilchi*

Bott, 1954: 164; Text Fig. 6; Pl. 15, Figs. 6a, b.  
El Salvador: La Herradura; La Union. Type descrip-  
tion. (Frankfurt !)

VI. **AFRUCA** SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus: Gelasimus tangeri* Eydoux, 1835

(Eastern Atlantic from southern Europe to Angola)

PLATE 18 A-D.

MAP 8.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURE 63 (part).

TABLES 1, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 99.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

Front moderate tending toward narrow. Carapace and pterygostomian region covered with large, well-separated tubercles; dorso-lateral margins extending back almost to posterior carapace border; a large, sharp tubercle on orbital floor near inner corner; spoon-tipped setae on 2nd maxilliped with a pointed process at base of each spoon. Major cheliped: manus rough; fingers flattened, the pollex broader.

### Description

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Front barely of moderate width, narrowest below eyestalk bases, its breadth between them about twice basal breadth of erected eyestalk, each half of distal margin obliquely converging to the usual slightly excavate tip. Orbits straight or scarcely oblique; antero-lateral angles almost right angles, scarcely projecting; antero-lateral margins short, sometimes almost absent on major side, parallel or slightly diverging, turning obliquely inward almost at once as the moderately converging, dorso-lateral margins; the latter continue almost to posterior edge of carapace; here they are stronger and curve slightly inward. Postero-lateral striae absent. Vertical lateral margins strong, complete, beaded. Carapace profile in lateral view strongly convex but not nearly semi-cylindrical. Regions all unusually deeply marked for *Uca* except for hepatic-branchial boundary, which is absent; regional central areas otherwise separately tumid and tuberculate, especially on branchial and cardiac regions. Area between dorso-lateral and lateral margins slightly tuberculate in large specimens. Suborbital region tuberculate; pterygostomian region strongly convex and tuberculate.

Dorsal margin of orbit single, only the upper (posterior) part ridged; below this ridge it is usually tuberculate, sometimes almost smooth, and always

merging without a definite lower boundary into the orbit's smooth, inner surface. Orbit with lower margin not rolled outward. Orbital floor near inner corner with a large, sharp tubercle, flattened laterally; external to the tubercle is a mound, close to it but separate, that is covered with a variable arrangement of granules and small tubercles. Suborbital crenellations strong throughout, stopping externally just before lowest part of outer, orbital trench. Diameter of eyestalks moderate, that of eyes in life not strikingly greater.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped setae numerous, each spoon with a basal pointed process.

*Third Maxilliped.* Ischium smooth, convex except for a shallow, submarginal groove along inner edge. Gill large; on ventral side a large lobe, a large, thumb-like process, and, between them 4 to 6 dactyloid books.

*Major Cheliped.* *Ischium* with a ventral tubercle. *Merus* with a large tooth distally on antero-dorsal margin; ventral margin tuberculate; postero-dorsal surface almost smooth and dorsally approximately flat, the postero-dorsal margin absent in distal half but represented by tuberculate, transverse striae. *Carpus* with dorsal margin tuberculate.

Outer *manus* rough with large tubercles, largest both near dorsal margin and in a broad, variable band starting behind gape and continuing, after an angular turn, downward to ventral margin; depression outside pollex slight and smooth. Ventral margin of manus with a tuberculate carina continuing on pollex.

*Palm* with oblique ridge strong, continuing upward along lower part of distal edge of carpal cavity; latter extending almost to upper base of dactyl, none of its margin being beaded; both ridges at base of dactyl usually irregularly tuberculate, diverging; depression inside pollex base slight; central area of palm almost smooth.

*Pollex* and *dactyl* long, flattened, moderately slender but not strongly tapering; pollex broader, somewhat concave proximally on upper edge, widest near



middle; dactyl with lower edge almost straight, the upper curving little more than pollex, not extending beyond pollex and sometimes shorter. Both fingers without long, lateral grooves, although dactyl's submarginal proximal groove is traceable for half or more of dactyl's length. Gape narrow, almost absent in distal half. Rows of tubercles on both prehensile edges complete except distally, where the median row swerves outward and displaces outer row, leaving a smooth area between it and the inner row; all tubercles low and rounded, especially proximally; none enlarged except occasionally one slightly larger near base of dactyl and, almost always, another at widest (median) part of pollex; median row giving rise to them in each finger at that point usually is slightly raised, in a weakly triangular formation.

*Minor Cheliped.* Appendage long. Merus somewhat rugose, tuberculate externally and along postero-ventral margin. Carpus and manus weakly tuberculate, sometimes pitted; smooth in small adults; a small tubercle on carpus on inner distal side below dorsal margin; manus broad, shorter than dactyl; manopollex ridge strong, starting slightly proximal to middle of manus, running moderately near ventral margin, serrate. Pollex base broad; dactyl with one subdorsal ridge well developed, flanked by a groove both above and below; second ridge weak. Gape narrow, less than breadth of adjacent part of pollex, gradually decreasing distally; serrations few and weak, sometimes absent. Upper palmar setae in a tuft.

*Ambulatories.* Meri of moderate breadth, those of the 4th leg narrow, all with dorsal margins practically straight. Marginal armature strong. Vertical, tuberculate striae present on posterior margins.

*Gonopod.* Basically of the *Thalassuca* form, with flanges, a large inner process, and a subdistal thumb, the pore not being at the end of a produced tube.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of the females in the genus (p. 17) except as follows. Carapace not more arched and scarcely narrower; carapace regions only

slightly less marked; carapace tubercles more homogenous than in male, extending all the way to the smooth posterior margin, which is bounded anteriorly by a tuberculate edge; tubercles of carapace sides usually more extensive. Orbits less oblique than in similar sized males only in smaller specimens, since the corresponding male characteristics are already extreme. Antero-lateral angles more acute; tubercles on orbital floor somewhat larger on the whole than in male but not more regular.

#### Size

Large to very large.

#### Color

Slight display lightening but never to polished white. Major cheliped largely with grayed yellowish or dull orange. All parts of the crab including ambulatories often with shades of purple, usually dull. True red, blue, and blue green absent.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Plentiful time devoted to waving display. Wave strongly lateral-straight, the circular component being usually weak. One special component, the curtsy, present in high intensity courtship. Female follows displaying male down his burrow with the usual exceptional surface copulations or attempted copulations. No construction activities. Down-pointing component included in threat postures.

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 19, in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram. Subgenus considered monospecific.

#### NAME

*Afruca*: Derived from the root of the Latin adjective, *africanus*; hence, "the African fiddler," since the group is largely confined to that continent.

18. *UCA (AFRUCA) TANGERI* (EYDOUX, 1835)

(Tropical to warm temperate eastern Atlantic)

PLATE 18 A-D.

MAP 8.

FIGURES 27 D-F; 37 E; 45 E-II; 46 F; 63 D; 81 E; 82 F; 99. TABLES 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca tangeri* holds a number of distinctions that are rare or unique among fiddlers. It is the only member of the genus found in Europe and probably the only one that lives in west Africa. Its range extends farther from north to south—a distance, measured around the bulge of the continent, of more than 9,500 kilometers—than that of any other *Uca*. In spite of the lack of competition from other fiddlers, it maintains a complex waving display unchanged from one end of this vast strip to the other; whatever the function of waving patterns in helping among sympatric populations to maintain species barriers, in *tangeri* this need obviously does not exist; hence the species provides clear-cut evidence that the intraspecific functions of waving are important.

A further interest lies in its courtship behavior. In particular, it is one of the several fiddlers, all of them in non-tropical regions, known to court females actively at night through using sound production instead of waving display.

Again, droving is apparently better developed in *tangeri* than in any other *Uca* except southern populations of *pugillator*. In Angola, during a week's observation in September, I saw large groups of both sexes of *tangeri*, none of them in territorial or display phases, surging to and fro, feeding at the tide's edge. In Spain, von Hagen (1962) observed similar droving, but here it was closely connected with tidal phases and ecological conditions. In Portugal I saw the pattern only once and the group was small. These differences are further considered in the general account of droving (p. 478).

The species is found throughout an almost full spectrum of *Uca* biotopes, with groups within the same population distributing themselves from mud to sand, and from areas exposed to air during only brief periods daily to the upper margins of beaches, the distribution being on the basis of sex, age, and physiological phase.

On both morphological and behavioral evidence, *tangeri* appears to be more closely related to American species, in particular to those of the subgenus *Uca*, than to other fiddlers. It probably holds the size record for the genus, in spite of close runners-up in

America within the related group; the largest individual *tangeri* encountered in this study measures 33 mm long, 47 mm across, and has a claw 105 mm long from the base of the manus to the pollex tip.

Two final distinctions of the species are man-made. It is the only fiddler that is regularly savored as an hors-d'œuvre and the only one which receives protection through a policy of conservation. In Portugal during the late afternoon fishermen sometimes bring large, fresh, fiddler claws to waterfront shops; there they are boiled to an attractive pink, spread in rows on trays, and sold to passersby who nibble as they stroll. The rest of each crab meanwhile continues his life back on his native flat, where he was tossed after a fisherman detached his claw. There the fiddler is expected to grow another morsel suitable for harvest. Reports vary on the effect of this practice in relation to the numbers of crabs. The species is certainly becoming rarer in Spain (Altevogt, 1959), and as early as 1939 Vilela, a concerned Portuguese zoologist, wrote a paper deploring the reduction of local populations. Fortunately, in 1959 I found the fiddler still abundant in selected areas along the Algarve coast of that country, while regenerating chelae appeared to be no more numerous than in other species. We have as yet no information on the effect of claw loss on the success of courtship—a problem that certainly deserves attention.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

As for the subgenus, p. 116.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus.

## MALE

*Carapace*. Postero-dorsal and lateral margins beaded throughout with close-set small tubercles. Carapace naked, covered except in regional grooves by well-separated, large, rounded tubercles which are largest over hepatic-branchial and cardiac regions, but absent over front and antero-lateral angles and weak to

absent on intestinal region and near posterior margin; small specimens relatively smooth. Mound on orbital floor surmounted by highly variable small tubercles and granules, none of them nearly as large as the sharp protuberance near by. The latter arises farther inside the orbit than the mound, and the depressed eyestalk, much more slender than the orbit, fits behind and against it; the mound, which lies nearer the suborbital margin, is not at all in contact with eyestalk. Tubercles of pterygostomial region similar to large ones dorsally on carapace. Pilous setae absent from suborbital, pterygostomial, and buccal areas; longer setae scanty.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped setae with about 3 pairs of large lateral lobes and a basal pointed process, short and broad, almost a right angle in profile.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with antero-dorsal margin finely granulate, the granules curving down proximally on anterior surface and ending distally in a large, blunt tooth fringed with long setae; on or slightly above ventral margin anteriorly a row of large, separated tubercles proximally curves from the edge up toward proximal end of granules from antero-dorsal margin; below or behind this row of large tubercles is a second row of smaller ones, closer together, confined to margin and submargin, sometimes irregular and compound on a thick ridge. Carpus with several enlarged marginal tubercles, variable, on bent-over dorsal edge and a very large, spinous tubercle on middle of inner surface. Dorsal manus margin double-edged, the inner with sharp, separated tubercles, the outer with smaller, rounded tubercles set closer together; ventral margin with a low carina, set with small tubercles that continue unbroken along pollex to its tip. A few additional tubercles inside pollex just above lower margin.

*Ambulatories.* Each merus with dorsal ridge armed with serrations, largest, roughest, broadest, and most irregular on 2nd leg, next on 1st, weakening and becoming regular on 3rd; finally, on 4th, the edge is thin, the serrations being both small and regular. Ventral margins with both edges of all legs equipped with moderate, well-separated, tubercular serrations, those of anterior series always somewhat smaller and more closely set. Anterior series largest on major 1st leg, decreasing in size regularly on the other 3 legs, but becoming close-set and numerous; vestigial on 4th leg. Posterior series about equally large on 1st and 2nd legs, reduced on 3rd, marked on 4th by a beaded ridge; the beads well separated, no great differences between major and minor side armatures, except on antero-ventral series of 1st leg. Posterior striae: variable but best developed on 2nd and 3rd legs, in vertical, tuberculate, long rows, numbering about 9 to 11, interspersed with shorter, less regular

striae; all confined to upper half of merus; less developed on 1st leg, absent from 4th; 1st and 2nd meri with a few striae near upper margin anteriorly.

Ambulatory carpus on major side dorsally flattened and rugose on 1st through 3rd legs, the area bounded by serrate edges anteriorly and posteriorly; on minor side carpus dorsally smoother; on 1st leg only posterior edge distinctly sharp and granulate; on 2nd, both edges; on 3rd, only the anterior.

*Gonopod.* Right flange strongly developed, extending far beyond pore, which opens at its side; left flange very low, almost lacking; inner process broad, thick except for distal tongue, which lies partly against left flange, is not curved forward, and ends just below level of pore; thumb well developed, not reaching base of flange.

#### FEMALE

*Gonopore.* Orifice slit-like, external to a large, somewhat flattened tubercle. Tubercle with apex antero-inner, the rest of its surface marked by several longitudinal creases.

#### Measurements (in mm)

(See also p. 449.)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (AMNH specimen 5933, part; Africa)	33.0	47.0	109.0	75.5
Largest male (Faro) (claw broken)	28.0	37.5		
Largest male (Loanda) (claw broken)	26.0	38.5		
Smallest displaying male (near Faro)	13.5	18.5	25.0	15.0
Largest female (Faro)	31.0	40.0	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Faro)	28.5	35.5	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Faro)	17.0	23.0	—	—

#### Color

*Displaying males.* No display whitening. Carapace dorsally and on sides purplish to neutral gray to grayed orange yellow, or pale yellowish gray. Major cheliped with merus and carpus dark to purple to dull orange; entire manus and chela ranging to pure white, but often with lower outer manus and outer pollex dull orange or yellowish. Eyestalks yellowish; maxillipeds, suborbital areas, and pterygostomial regions often reddish purple. Minor cheliped sometimes yellowish to grayish white. Ambulatories purple to dull orange except for reddish purple often on anterior surface of meri. In large specimens narrow, distal bands at segment ends of both chelipeds and of

some or all ambulatories occasionally bright orange or red.

The proportions of dull orange and purple vary greatly, without respect to size, sex, or phase. For example, within each of a number of local populations in South Portugal some displaying individuals were almost entirely dull orange and a few altogether purple, except for the white major manus and chela; these observations were made during June, at the height of the breeding season. In Angola in September the color range was the same as in Portugal, but dull gray carapaces were more prevalent and the paler orange yellow tones rare. In a geographically intermediate population in Lagos, Nigeria, during several days of rainy weather the color was dull but comparable to that in Portugal and Angola, the carapace being variable dull violet to purplish and the appendages in general dull yellowish with orange at the joints; one small group of inactive individuals had violet carapaces speckled with white.

Neither in Portugal, Nigeria, nor Angola were clear hues seen, the tones of yellow, orange, reddish purple, and purple always being strongly grayed. Nevertheless the color families and distribution were similar to those of several members of the subgenus *Uca*, particularly *styliifera* and *heteropleura* in the eastern Pacific.

Color records by Altevogt (1959) and von Hagen (1962) made in southern Spain agree well with the observations summarized above.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave lateral-circular except at highest intensity courtship, when it becomes a lateral-straight. Jerks absent. Waves in series, usually numbering no fewer than about 12, and often totalling more than 60; at low intensities there are sometimes short pauses between waves of single series, the duration of each low intensity wave being about a second or somewhat less. At high intensities the rate is faster; whether in courtship or agonistic behavior the cheliped is then not brought to the ground, the wave starting and ending with the cheliped partly unflexed, the chela pointing forward. During a series the body remains raised on the extended ambulatories, none of which is lifted from the ground during display, except in the course of high intensity courtship. At this time and only then each wave is preceded by a curtsy, through the usual flexing of the ambulatories. Sometimes, when the male is displaying toward an attentive female behind him, his posterior legs are strongly bent while the anterior ones remain extended; the carapace consequently is almost vertical, as in the display of at least several other species having the

curtsy component. (Waving components: 4, 5, 29, 11, 13; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Altevogt (1959) and von Hagen (1962) both report that in Spain *tangeri* males not only attract females down their burrows by waving display and sound production, but also, very often, mate at the surface both by day and at night. These observers were careful to count as examples only pairs that were actually in copulating position, including the arrangement of their abdominal flaps. In Portugal, Nigeria, and Angola, on the other hand, I observed or filmed a total of more than 20 apparently normal, diurnal courtships through the stage in which the female followed the male down his own burrow; each time the following was preceded by the male's high intensity waving display, as usual in American crabs. In contrast, I only rarely saw pairs in position at the surface, and of these daytime coverings of females I could see clearly in three examples that, although the female was not in an otherwise non-receptive posture, still her abdominal flap remained tightly closed, so that the male's gonopods were not in contact with her gonopores; in each of these pseudo-pairings, as well as in several others in which the abdomens were either invisible or not clearly seen, the male appeared from his general behavior, including failure to wave and lack of a burrow, to be a typical aggressive wanderer (p. 691); hence none of these males was presumably in condition for successful copulation. I did not observe *tangeri* at night. Perhaps the diurnal copulations above ground in this and other species in which the female usually follows the displaying male by day down his own burrow are characteristic of nocturnal courtships, the behavior occasionally becoming temporally displaced into daylight. The fact remains that the frequency of surface pairings in southern Spain was much higher than in the populations familiar to me, even when pseudo-copulations are counted.

Another unusual characteristic of the population in Spain was the prevalence of attraction of males as well as females down the burrows of waving males (von Hagen, 1962, p. 690). In this and other species I have observed such behavior only exceedingly rarely; in each case where I was able to identify the phase of a second male descending a burrow after the burrow-holder had already gone underground, the following male was in one of three categories. Either he had recently been dispossessed of this same burrow (usually by a wanderer when he was engaged in combat nearby) and was attempting to resume possession of the burrow, or a wandering male was investigating the burrow, or, finally, a male of any kind was startled into retreat down the nearest hole. None

of these obvious explanations would of course explain von Hagen's observations, which were apparently numerous. The behavior appears wholly atypical of the species in several other places, as does the prevalence of surface copulations. Whether the explanation of both phenomena will prove to be due to ecological, seasonal, or still other factors at present unknown, they will certainly be of special interest. The subject is further considered in the general account of precopulatory behavior on p. 500.

The sound recordings of Altevogt (1962) and von Hagen (1962) also showed that when a male entered the hole, after attracting a female close to his burrow, he produced the "long whirl" described in the next section. Judging from my own observations, this drumming during the day takes place so far within the burrow that the motion is out of sight; this is unlike the occurrence of a corresponding component in the courtships of some other species, such as *pugilator* and *cumulanta*, where the drumming occurs clearly at the burrow's entrance.

### Acoustic Behavior

Altevogt (1959, 1961, 1962) and von Hagen (1962) described and recorded two varieties of sounds that occurred both by day and at night in the courtship of *tangeri* populations in Spain. Both were made in the same way, by striking the lower margin of the major manus against the substrate; the investigators called the two sounds the *kurze Wirbel* ("short whirl") and *lange Wirbel* ("long whirl"); both are covered in the present contribution by the term major-manus-drum (sound component 9). In *tangeri* the differences consist in the number of vibrations in a series, which range from 1 to 3 in the short whirl and from 7 to 12 in the long. The investigators found that the short form serves to attract a female close to the burrow of the signaling male at night, in place of waving display; this short whirl is also used occasionally during daylight when a male and female are hidden from each other by physical obstructions; each short whirl proved to be as long as a single wave performed at the same temperature, so that there was a temporal equivalence to the visual signal. The long whirl, they found, is used in all high intensity courtships when the female is close to the burrow and the male inside it; it is also used, they report, by a male on top of an inhabited burrow, where it acts as "an irresistible signal for the occupant to emerge." If the crab is a male, combat may follow; if a female, copulation at the surface sometimes occurs.

My own records consist wholly of field observations and films, acoustic recordings not having been secured. They concerned only the long whirl and were gathered during daylight only in Portugal, Nigeria, and Angola. These data differ from the series

in Spain, summarized above, principally in the situations that elicited the whirl, which will hereafter be termed for conformity the major-manus-drum or drumming. These sound components were infrequent and, with one atypical exception, were always produced only during agonistic encounters between males. I never once saw or filmed drumming during courtship in this species except in the following abortive case photographed in Angola. Its equivalent has been observed in other species. In this example an aggressive wanderer, with the short chela of an immature crab, climbed on the carapace of a much larger female. As she sat with her legs extended stiffly in the non-receptive posture, he plucked at her carapace with his minor chela, making the irregular, incomplete feeding motions of displacement behavior that are sometimes incorporated into the precopulatory pattern as carapace-feeding. From time to time he attempted to turn her into mating position but did not succeed. Finally he hit her carapace repeatedly and vigorously with the lower edge of his claw in a typical major-manus-drum (8 raps), then climbed down and wandered away.

As noted in the preceding section on precopulatory behavior, major-manus-drumming, in the apparently normal, high intensity courtships with which I am familiar during daylight, did not occur close enough to the burrow mouth to be visible.

Another filmed sequence shows a use of major-manus-drumming in intermale behavior. Photographed in Angola, it depicts the take-over of a burrow from a display-phase male by a slightly smaller, aggressive wanderer. The wanderer first attempted, unsuccessfully, to dig the burrow-holder out, using the major cheliped. He then suddenly withdrew his claw and knocked it sharply on the ground beside the burrow in a major-manus-drum (6 raps). The burrow-holder at once emerged and went away in submissive posture, eventually taking over an empty burrow. Meanwhile the former wanderer emerged from the hole he had just usurped and promptly started to wave. Except for the drumming, no threat, much less combat, occurred. We can only speculate that the former burrow-holder was close to the end of a display phase, while the wanderer was ready to enter one. Again, I have seen this particular use of drumming in *pugilator* and *lactea*.

Following a later series of observations in Morocco and Spain, Altevogt (1964) published a preliminary report, with sonogram, on sound production during waving through contact of the pollex with the ground, the instrument being the same as during major-manus-drumming. The sound consists, however, of only single raps, occurring at the low point of many waves. The sounds, it seems likely from the investigator's account, occurred during the high intensity waving-display components termed curtsies in the

present study. My own films made in Angola and Portugal show that at least during the highest intensities the cheliped did not usually touch the ground between waves. Perhaps we have here another most interesting example of behavior differences among populations that will repay detailed study in the future.

A consideration of acoustic behavior in *tangeri* in comparison with that of other species is given on p. 481f.

In addition to the major-manus-drum (component 9) the following acoustic components have been filmed: leg-wag (5), leg-side-rub (6), major-merus-drum (7), and leg-stamp (11), all in agonistic situations only.

### Combat

The following components were filmed: manus-rub (1) and interlace (9), the latter preceded by down-pointing (agonistic posture 2).

### RANGE

From the south coasts of Spain and Portugal to Baía dos Tigres, at approximately lat. 16° S. Absent from the Mediterranean. In 1960 the species still occurred near the mouth of the Guadalquivere River (Altevogt, 1961, 1962; von Hagen, 1962). In 1959 I found it in all suitable places along the south coast of Portugal, from São Antonio do Réal in the east to Portamão in the west. I did not find it, nor was there any report of it, on the Atlantic coast of Portugal, even in highly suitable terrain. Altevogt, who earlier believed it, after a search, to be extinct in Tangiers, the type-locality, finally succeeded in 1963 in locating a small population near the mouth of Oued el Melaleh, about 5 km east of town (Altevogt, 1965.1). In Angola it was abundant in 1957 at various localities close to Loanda, which was the most southern point I reached.

### BIOTOPES

Near mouths of streams, rivers, and their deltas, and on flats beyond their mouths in sheltered bays. Substrate ranging, even in the same locality, from almost pure mud to sand. The species range extends both north and south of the limits of mangroves; in purely tropical localities mangroves are often close to the crabs, as at Lagos, Nigeria, although populations have not been found in their shade. Burrows occur sometimes, however, among clumps of marsh grass. In south Portugal, where large rivers are absent, I did not find *tangeri* farther than about 1.5 km upstream, and usually they were much closer to the sea. The largest specimens and populations there were on

fully marine flats near Faro; in Angola the optimum habitat lay out of town, on a sheltered bay, with a full range of biotopes between rocky headlands. (Biotope nos. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16.)

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 600.)

*Observations and Collections.* South coast of Portugal from São Antonio do Réal to Portamão; Lagos, Nigeria; Loanda, Angola.

*Films.* Motion pictures were made in all these localities.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca tangeri* (Eydoux, 1835)

Type material of *Gelasimus tangeri*. In the collections of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, is a single male from the type-locality. One of its two labels, apparently much the older, reads as follows: "Gelasimus tangeri Eydoux Mag. Zool (type) I. tanger. 151 Guérin's colln." The second label reads: "Gelasimus tangieri (151 Guérin) Isle tangier Dr. Wilson," along with two male symbols and, in pencil, the words "type" and "Eydoux." The specimen's measurements in mm are as follows: Length (approximate, since posterior edge of carapace is broken), 23; breadth 33; propodus 64; dactyl 44. Except for the minor damage mentioned, this specimen is in good condition. Its present number in the Academy's collection is 9-3028 (!)

Kingsley (1880.1: 153) in listing the material he examined of *Gelasimus tangieri* wrote: "Tangier! Guérin's Collection (Eydoux' Types) . . . (Phila. Acad.)." Rathbun (1918.1: 387) concludes her reference to the type description: "type-locality Tanger; type in Mus. Phila. Acad. Sci.)."

In the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris are deposited a number of other specimens from the type-locality (!), four of which are listed by the Muséum as "types non spécifiés," and consist of three males and one female. One male, No. 3478-1, in a box labeled "Gelasimus tangerii Eydoux Tanger," measures as follows in mm: Length 33; breadth 45; propodus 103; dactyl 66 (slightly shorter than pollex, probably because of regeneration at an early age).

Type of *Gelasimus perlatus* Herklots 1851. Boutry. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. (!) I agree with several previous workers that *perlatus* is not specifically distinct from more northern examples.

Type of *Gelasimus cimatodus* Rochebrune, 1883. Senegambia. Reported by Rathbun (*loc. cit.*) to be in Paris museum; not found there by me in 1959. I agree with Rathbun that *cimatodus* should be synonymized with *tangeri*.

Type of *Uca tangeri* var. *platydactylus* Monod, 1927.

Not found by me in Paris museum, 1959. The variation described appears to come within the general range occurring in single populations.

*Uca tangeri* var. *matandensis* Monod, 1928. *Nomen novum* for *U. t.* var. *platydactylus*, the latter name being preoccupied.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Afruca) tangeri* (Eydoux, 1835)

*Note.* This species has been the subject of a large number of relatively recent contributions concerned wholly with its biology. For the convenience of workers in this subject, the references are grouped at the end of the section, p. 124. In each of them the species is referred to as *Uca tangeri*.

#### *Gelasimus tangeri*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Eydoux, 1835: cl. 7; Pl. 14 (colored). Morocco: Tangiers.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 151. Cadiz; coasts of Morocco. Brief taxonomy.

Heller, 1863: 101. No new record. Brief taxonomy.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 153. New records listed as "West Africa! (Duchailu); (?) Bahia! E. Wilson (Phila. Acad.)." Taxonomy. (See p. 327.)

Miers, 1881: 262. Senegambia: Gorée Island. Taxonomy.

Hilgendorf, 1882: 24. Senegambia.

Osorio, 1887: 226. Barre du Dande, Benguela, Lobito.

Osorio, 1888: 186, 190. L'Île du Prince.

Osorio, 1889: 133. Iles St. Thomé, du Prince; Praia Almoxarife.

Osorio, 1891: 46. Ile St. Thomé: Iogo-Iogo.

Aurivillius, 1893: 34. Portugal. Morphology; ecology; amphibious characteristics.

Ortmann, 1894.2: 760. Liberia.

Baudouin, 1903: 341. Spain. Autotomy, regeneration; use as food for man.

Osorio, 1906: 150. Angola: Loanda.

Baudouin, 1906: 1. Spain. General account.

Nobre, 1931.1: 179. Portugal. Taxonomy; local distribution.

Nobre, 1931.2: 100. Portugal. Taxonomy; color; local distribution.

Nobre, 1936: 58. Portugal. Local distribution; use as food for man.

#### *Gelasimus perlatus*

Herklots, 1851: 6. Near Boutry. Type description.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 151. No new records. Taxonomy.

Hilgendorf, 1879: 806. Liberia; Chinchoso; Loanda.

de Man, 1879: 66. Gulf of Guinea. Suggests synonymy of *perlatus* with *tangeri*.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 153. Guinea. Taxonomy.

Studer, 1882: 13. West Africa. Taxonomy.

Aurivillius, 1893: 31. Cameroons. Morphology; ecology; amphibious characteristics.

Aurivillius, 1898: 9. Cameroons: Bibundi.

Johnston, 1906: 862. Liberia.

#### *Gelasimus cimatodus*

Rochebrune, 1883: 171. Senegambia: "Les Deux Mamelles & côte de Maringuins; pointes des Cameaux." Type description.

#### *Uca tangeri*

Ortmann, 1897: 356. (Spelling: *tangieri*.) Saw Eydoux's specimen.

Rathbun, 1900.1: 276. West Africa. Taxonomy.

Baudouin, 1906.1: Annual claw harvest; cooking and sale in Andalusia; regeneration.

Bouvier, 1906: 187. Mauritania: Casanda Bay (Baie du Levrier).

Nobili, 1906.1: 317. Spanish Guinea. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 387; photos. Dakar; Monrovia and vicinity; Baya R., Elmina, Ashantee; Chinchoso; Loanda; mouth of Kwilu R.

Rathbun, 1921.1: 465. Belgian Congo. Taxonomy. Habits.

Balss, 1922.2: 80. Distribution.

Roux, 1927: 238. Gabon: Port Gentil.

Monod, 1927: 612; text figs. of tubercle development with growth, pterygostomian regions, feeding positions. Cameroons. Habits, with special reference to feeding and food.

Maccagno, 1928: 33; text fig. Congo region (Principe I., S. Thomé, Bissau).

Monod, 1932: 538. Mauritania. Species abundant near Port Etienne.

de Miranda y Rivera, 1933.1: 55; color pls. Southwest Spain. Old local records.

de Miranda y Rivera, 1933.2: southwest Spain. Habits; capture; distribution.

Werner, 1938: 134; habitat photo. Morocco. Brief, general habits.

Vilela, 1939: 177. Portugal. Reduction of *Uca* population through harvesting of claws.

Vilela, 1949: 65. Portuguese Guinea: local records.

Monod, 1956: 399; Text Figs. 559, 560. West Africa.

Rossignol, 1957: 86, 119. French Equatorial Africa, near Pointe Noire. Brief color note.

Guinot & Ribeiro, 1962: 67. Angola: Luanda to Baia dos Tigres.

Altevogt, 1965.1: 31; one text fig. Occurrence in type-locality (near Tangiers).

*Uca tangeri* var. *platydactylus*

Monod, 1927: 619. Cameroons. Type description.

*Uca tangeri* var. *matadensis*

Monod, 1928: 252. *Nomen novum* proposed for *U. t. platydactylus*, since latter name preoccupied.

#### SPECIAL LISTING. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIOLOGY OF *Uca tangeri*

Monod: 1923. Morocco. Feeding.

1927. Cameroons. Food and feeding. (See also regular listing, above.)

Hediger: 1933.1. Morocco. Behavior.

1933.2. Morocco. Behavior.

1934. Morocco. Escape behavior. (In a general paper.)

Crane: 1957. West Africa. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Altevogt: 1959. Spain. Ecology and ethology.

1962. Spain. Acoustical behavior.

1963.1. Spain. Responses to polarized light.

1963.2. Spain. Experiments on learning behavior.

1964.1. Spain. Drumming and waving.

1964.2. Spain. 3 films on feeding and social behavior.

1965.2. Spain. Orientation methods.

1968. Spain. Text associated with film.

1969.2. Spain. "Bubbling" as a means of regulating temperature.

1970. Spain. Form and function of acoustic signals.

Altevogt & von Hagen: 1964. Spain. Orientation.

von Hagen: 1961. Spain. Nocturnal activity.

1962. Spain. Ethology, including acoustic behavior; post-larval development.

Gunther: 1963. Spain. Distribution and ecology.

Korte: 1966. Spain. Experiments on vision.

Jansen: 1970. Spain. Physiology and ecology of "posing."



## VII. SUBGENUS *UCA* LEACH (*SENSU* BOTT, 1954)

*Typus: Ocypode maracoani* Latreille, 1802-1803. (East and west coasts of tropical America)

PLATES 18 E-H; 19-21.

MAPS 9, 10.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURE 65.

TABLES 1, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 99.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

*Uca* of moderate to large size. Front extremely narrow, its distal end abruptly somewhat wider; eyestalks strikingly slender; eye on major side sometimes with a terminal style, unique in the genus; lower edge of eyebrow absent; no elevation on orbital floor. Major cheliped with oblique ridge sometimes continued up around carpal cavity; no beaded ridge along upper edge of cavity, which always continues unimpeded toward dactyl base; no long furrow on pollex or dactyl; pollex with ventral carina. Spoon-shaped tips on setae of 2nd maxilliped each with a proximal projection. Gill on 3rd maxilliped large, with books.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Front exceedingly narrow, narrower than base of erected eyestalks, spatulate, the distal portion beyond eyestalk bases being distinctly broader than proximal. Frontal groove with margins usually parallel and almost fused in midline, not diverging until near posterior border of basal segment of eyestalk, but sometimes with margins diverging slightly starting at anterior end; groove never continuing close to edge of front which is notably smooth and rounded. Orbits scarcely oblique. Antero-lateral margins short, sometimes almost lacking; postero-dorsal margins usually distinct almost to postero-lateral angle of carapace; postero-lateral striae absent. Vertical lateral margins complete except occasionally in extreme dorsal portions, and in *princeps monilifera* where these margins are entirely absent. Carapace profile in lateral view and pterygostomian regions little convex except in *p. monilifera*; suborbital and pterygostomian regions always non-tuberculate and only sparsely setose.

Eye-brow region with no definite margin marking lower border. Orbit with lower margin not rolled outward; no tubercles, granules, ridge, or mound on orbit's floor; suborbital margin with crenellations

moderate to strong, of varying widths, always continued almost to inner angle and, continuing around outer angle, to orbit's lateral channel; orbit on major side, along with the corresponding eyestalk, often strikingly longer than on minor side. Eyestalks very slender, especially in middle; eyes even in life not much larger in diameter than adjacent part of stalk.

*Ocular Styles.* A style, short or long, present or absent at distal end of cornea on major side only, being a prolongation of the portion of the stalk that continues along inner margin of cornea. Except in *styliifera*, styles never present on all males of any population, usually on rare individuals only, and more often in young than in adults.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped setae with narrow projections at bases of each spoon-like distal enlargement, unique in genus except for *U. (Afruca) tangeri*.

*Third Maxilliped.* Gill well developed, similar to those of *Thalassuca* and *Amphiuca*.

*Major Cheliped.* *Ischium* with or without a ventral tubercle. *Merus* with an antero-dorsal crest, a large tooth, or both, the structure being tuberculate, serrate, or smooth; ventral margin almost always tuberculate, sometimes variably rugose; postero-dorsal surface rounded and sparsely to moderately rugose, granulate, or tuberculate; variable, being in some individuals of all species practically smooth. *Carpus* with dorsal margin proximally or entirely tuberculate; postero-dorsal surface with small tubercles except in *princeps monilifera* and *ornata*; ventral margin smooth (except for occasional extensions of posterior small tubercles) except in *major* where larger, sharp tubercles are present.

*Outer manus* rough with large, coarse tubercles, always somewhat larger near dorsal margin and sometimes, in addition, near pollex base; below dorsal margin they sometimes form one or more definite rows, horizontal or oblique, that are separated by a smooth area or definite groove from a marginal series of one or more somewhat irregular rows of tubercles; the most distal of these tubercles is sometimes enlarged and similar in size to the one at the apex

of the oblique ridge on palm (see below); one or more individual tubercles in some species overhang dorsal margin, directed toward palm; sometimes one or more large tubercles arise, instead, on distal part of palm itself, just below dorsal margin. *Outer pollex* with a large, very shallow depression at its base, tuberculate or punctate, the margins being indefinite. Ventral margin of manus and pollex as well as dorsal margin of dactyl with tubercles that are strong and regular except for occasional obsolescence near tips of fingers, the tubercles usually surmounting a more or less distinct ridge that is sometimes flanked on outer side by a slight groove.

*Palm* with oblique ridge high, the tubercles usually well developed but tending toward obsolescence in large specimens; an enlarged tooth always present and persistent regardless of size at junction of ridge with carpal cavity; except in *heteropleura* and *ornata* tubercles of the ridge continue along distal margin of cavity to near base of dactyl; no beaded margin around cavity's upper distal part; extreme upper part of cavity always extends distally, unblocked by tubercles or elevation of predactyl area, open to base of dactyl; only one predactyl ridge, with proximal row of tubercles strong and fairly regular; distal ridge and row represented if at all by clustered tubercles or a few irregularities; a moderate depression inside palm at pollex base; center area of palm smooth.

*Pollex* and *dactyl* both compressed, usually broad, never markedly slender, the tip of dactyl never curving down beyond tip of pollex. A tuberculate, supra-marginal ridge starts on distal part of outer manus more or less close to ventral margin and continues along pollex; except in *major* it almost reaches pollex tip; a narrow, adjacent groove is distinct along its upper side, and, in *major*, continues beyond it; often the groove supports pile; in distal half of pollex the ridge either is still separate from margin, closely adjoins it, or (*maracoani* and *ornata*) merges with it; in *major*, where the ridge stops well before tip, the groove continues and supports plentiful pile. Pollex and dactyl both without long, outer grooves (excluding any very narrow grooves adjoining marginal and submarginal tuberculate ridges). Outer side of pollex smooth, granulate, weakly tuberculate, or punctate; when punctate the depressions sometimes are associated with irregular rugosities and are often filled with pile which may extend beyond them. Dactyl outside proximally tuberculate except in *ornata*, with or without a weak subdorsal groove, and, in *heteropleura* and *stylifera*, with a second groove faintly indicated proximally above central margin; remainder of outer surface finely tuberculate to smooth; inside dactyl proximally a similar subdorsal groove is sometimes developed, flanked below by a blunt ridge which is

sometimes tuberculate; the groove's location is closely adjacent to distal extension of carpal cavity. Gape narrow, usually present only proximally; tuberculation of prehensile edges various.

*Minor Cheliped.* Appendage long, the propodus roughly as long as erectile part of adjacent eyestalk plus cornea; armature weak; setae long but often abraded. Merus with serrations, sometimes vestigial, on dorsal margin; postero-ventral margin smooth to weakly serrate, or, in *maracoani* and *ornata*, with large tubercles, widely spaced, variable in number and rarely absent; rare individuals with smooth margins occur; antero-ventral margin smooth and rounded; postero-dorsal surface with scattered sharp granules; dorso-distal margin usually with a regular series of minute granules, but variable within species, the row being sometimes short, vestigial, or absent. Carpus with subdorsal ridge weak to absent; mano-pollex ridge except in *major* weak, setose, starting slightly proximal to middle of manus, running close to ventral margin and continuing throughout most of pollex close to the finely granulate or beaded pollex margin from which it is separated only by a narrow groove. Dactyl with the two subdorsal longitudinal ridges and intervening groove usually distinct but weak. Dactyl always very long, sometimes more than twice length of manus; gape narrow, being always less wide than adjacent part of either pollex or dactyl, present in *princeps* only proximally; serrations moderate (*princeps* only) to vestigial. Upper palmar setae in a close-set row.

*Ambulatories.* Meri of ambulatories never greatly expanded, that of 4th being always slender. Armature about as in *Deltuca*, being weak except on postero-ventral margin of merus in *ornata*. In this subgenus alone of American subgenera the armature of posterior surfaces of meri is confined to scattered spinules, except for traces in several species of striae or rugosities; tuberculate striae are absent. No rugosities intervening between the weak carpal ridges.

*Gonopod.* Showing large interspecific differences; in less specialized species it is basically of the *Thalassuca* type, with flanges present, inner process either broad and flat or fleshy, and thumb subdistal. In the most specialized forms the parts are variously exaggerated, displaced, reduced, or omitted; torsion is sometimes extreme.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of the females in the genus (p. 17).

#### Size

Moderate to very large.

### Color

Display whitening sometimes maximally developed in 3 of the 6 species, absent in the others. Yellow and orange phases present before whitening. Carapace sometimes with purplish tones. Tones of red and orange on major cheliped usual in all species, sometimes associated with purple. Purple, purplish red, and dull orange occurring frequently on ambulatories. Blue and blue green absent, except for a bluish tinge appearing rarely on gray carapaces.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Wave strongly lateral, both straight and circular, sometimes at high intensities developing into overhead circling. Plentiful time devoted to waving display. No special components confined to high intensity courtship, except that ritualized feeding from the female's carapace often accompanies the customary plucking or stroking motions of the male. Female normally follows male down his burrow, with the usual exceptional copulations and, especially, attempted copulations at the surface.

### RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 19 in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram. Within the subgenus *Uca*, *princeps* appears to be the least specialized, as shown by both gonopod and major cheliped, while *maracoani* and *ornata* are most so in their morphological attainments of shape and armature, as well as by their waving displays and large size.

Between *princeps* on the one hand and *maracoani* and *ornata* on the other, *heteropleura*, *major*, and *stylifera* appear clearly intermediate. Their points of greatest interest are their highly plastic gonopods. These appendages, in spite of the resemblances of the species among themselves in other particulars, show great diversity along with exaggerations of one or more parts; these differences occur, it seems probable, in response to the varied demands of sympatry.

The relationships of these median species among themselves and to the other members of the sub-

genus are clearly not simple. Of the trio, *heteropleura* in the Pacific appears to be the least specialized and closest to *princeps*, also a Pacific form; the indications lie both in the relatively unexaggerated shape and armature of the cheliped and in the presence of a similar, anomalous projection on the gonopod. In the Atlantic, *major* seems, in spite of a wholly dissimilar gonopod, to be closer to *heteropleura* than to the Pacific *stylifera*; hence *heteropleura* and *major* are here termed allopatric species, although their resemblance to each other is not as striking as between the members of most other pairs of notably similar species in the two oceans. Finally, it seems that *stylifera* is least closely related to the other two; it alone has the broad and pitted pollex found to stronger degrees in *maracoani*, *ornata*, and (*Afruca*) *tangeri*; again, its ocular style occurs more constantly and attains a greater length than in any other species; finally its gonopod, with an attenuated tip and extreme torsion, resembles that of *major* only superficially, due principally to the reduction of flanges common to both species.

### FOSSIL SPECIMEN

Rathbun described, from a male lacking both chelipeds, a fossil species from the Pliocene of southern California, *Uca oldroydi*. I agree with her conclusion that it is "near *monilifera*." The carapace, sternum, and abdomen are in good condition, while some details of the ambulatories' armature are discernible. Although the distal expansion of the front is minimal, being perhaps damaged, it is clearly of the American not Indo-Pacific form. Again, American rugosities, not simple tubercles, show on the merus and carpus of an ambulatory. Measurements in mm: carapace length 15; breadth about 28. This great width recalls that of *Macrophthalmus*, but it seems that crushing has probably affected the proportions. The type data are as follows; Rathbun, 1926.2: 29; Pl. 7, Figs. 1 and 2. From Deadman I., near San Pedro, Los Angeles County. C., Pliocene. Holotype originally at Stanford University; now in Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, no. 1371025. (!)

19. *UCA (UCA) PRINCEPS* (SMITH, 1870)

(Subtropical eastern north Pacific and tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATES 18 *E-H*; 19 *A-D*.

MAP 9.

FIGURES 54 *E*; 65 *A, C*; 99.

TABLES 9, 10, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

One of the most interesting observations that has been made on the biology of *Uca princeps* is the fact that waving display in one population is different in details of posture and in timing from that of several others. Comparison of specimens from Panama City, Panama, and from Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador, the two localities where I have observed displaying males, shows no morphological indication whatever that two subspecies are concerned. Several differences between the populations, aside from their wave forms, were noticed. First, the displaying crabs seen in Panama, although of mature proportions, were much smaller than those in Ecuador; second, the Panamanian crabs did not develop the striking display whitening or even yellowing found in the Ecuadorian group; and, third, young *princeps* collected in Panama did not have the styles on the eyes characteristic of the young in Ecuador. My description of waving in the Panama group was published in 1941; the observations in Ecuador were made in 1944 and have remained until now unpublished. Meanwhile Peters (1955) noted that a population he studied and filmed in El Salvador displayed in a fashion quite different from my description of the Panamanian crabs, while von Hagen (1968), after working with *princeps* in northern Peru, again found differences. Both von Hagen and Peters were apparently observing large males, similar in size to those I watched in Ecuador, and their descriptions agree well with my own made in that locality.

*U. princeps* at its maximum size is one of the largest species in the genus. Accordingly, the most likely explanation of these differences between displays in small, Panamanian crabs and in large individuals elsewhere seems to be that large crabs eliminate or alter components which would be awkward to perform as the crabs become heavier and the claw, through inexorably continuing allometric growth, becomes not only more unwieldy but probably more difficult to balance. For example, in small crabs the body is raised and lowered with every wave, as the ambulatories repeatedly unflex and flex. Furthermore, in small crabs the waves have greater amplitude, are faster, and are separated by shorter pauses. All of these characteristics may be expected in crabs needing to expend less energy to combat gravity.

Suggestive is the fact that two other species of *Uca*, (*Afruca*) *tangeri* and (*Minuca*) *mordax*, show precisely similar differences when the waves of very large individuals are compared with those of small but mature members of the population. An additional fact, possibly related to the problem, is that although both *ornata* and *maracoani*, both of them also unusually heavy members of the subgenus *Uca*, display vigorously when mature at all sizes, they show a wave form that puts the cheliped high overhead, above the center of the body; there it stays, well balanced, as it windmills through a long series of high-intensity waves. These same two species also perhaps derive extra support from their preferred substrate, which is sticky mud, into which they often sink slightly, sometimes bending their ambulatory dactyls inward; the resultant flat surfaces, braced by surrounding mud, perhaps aids both balance and support. In contrast, *princeps* usually displays on firm, muddy sand and has not been observed to stand on flexed dactyls.

Since in all rich localities *princeps* is more or less closely sympatric with approximately the same group of species, including all three other species of the subgenus *Uca* that commonly occur in similar biotopes in the eastern Pacific, no reasons for local development of courtship differences are apparent. Indeed the existence of these striking differences in wave form and timing add one more perplexity to the unsolved questions concerned with species-specific characteristics and the functions of waving display.

All the biological notes on *princeps*, both in this introduction to the species and below, refer only to *p. princeps*, since the northern form, here regarded as a subspecies, *p. monilifera*, has not been observed in life.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Members of the narrow-fronted subgenus *Uca* with fingers of major cheliped slender and tapering or moderately deep, but always without pits on outer pollex. Short ocular style occasional, but only in young. Carapace with sides of frontal groove parallel, almost contiguous, no large tubercles on dorso-lateral margins; suborbital crenellations large throughout,

not narrow and pointed near outer angle. Gonopod tip blunt, with a large, anterior, subdistal projection. Female with pile along dorsal margin of 4th ambulatory merus; gonopore with a large marginal tubercle externo-posteriorly.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 125).

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Dorsal profile little arched except in the northern subspecies, where the branchial areas, especially, are expanded. Frontal groove very narrow, its raised lateral margins parallel and almost contiguous; antero-lateral margins short; beaded, weakly serrate, or smooth; converging from the angles and usually distinguished from dorso-lateral margins, when they are present, on minor side only and then only by a slight bend in margin. Dorso-lateral margins present or absent; when present they are distinctly beaded or granulate but never strongly tuberculate or spinous. Vertical lateral margins present or absent. Suborbital crenellations large throughout, those near orbit's outer angle not abruptly narrower than those of central portion and not pointed. Lower margin of antero-lateral angles on both sides smooth.

**Ocular Styles.** Sometimes present in small males, especially in populations from Ecuador and Peru.

**Major Cheliped.** Ischium with a ventral tubercle. Antero-dorsal margin of merus with a tuberculate crest running its full length, slightly higher in middle than at ends; the tubercles are all small, although distally either slightly enlarged, more regular or both. Carpus with upper surface finely tuberculate or smooth. Palm with oblique ridge continued around anterior margin of carpal cavity; tuberculation of the single ridge at base of gape and dactyl highly variable, even within populations, ranging from a single strong, straight row to a cluster of tubercles at dactyl's base. Pollex and dactyl externally smooth in large crabs, granulate in young; always moderately to strongly compressed and either slender and tapering or very deep, depending on subspecies. Gape moderately wide in proximal half but with edges practically articulating throughout distal half through elevation of that portion of pollex. Dactyl with a single enlarged tooth in middle row slightly proximal to middle of segment; dactyl's inner row of tubercles commencing well beyond base of gape and consisting in its proximal part of large, well-separated tubercles diminishing distally in size.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape absent in distal half or more, the prehensile edges being not only in contact but with the serrations better developed than in the remainder of the subgenus.

**Ambulatories.** Marginal armature of merus notably weak.

**Gonopod.** Both flanges usually present, scarcely curved, the anterior much wider than posterior, the latter being at best narrower than diameter of pore and, in large specimens from Ecuador, vestigial to absent. Inner process a well-developed, flat spine extending over the short tube in normal position. Thumb discernible but vestigial. Torsion slight. The most conspicuous structure on the gonopod is a large, firm, flattened projection below base of tube, arising below junction of tube with anterior flange; distal edge concave, antero-distal angle rounded or acute, where anterior edge curves to meet shaft. The projection's homologies are indeterminate and, save for the occurrence of a similar structure in *heteropleura*, it is unique in the genus; possibly it corresponds to a displaced version of the large, flattened tubercle in *U. (Deltuca) dussumieri spinata*, but in the latter the tubercle is clearly a semi-detached portion of the anterior flange and there is nothing in the present species to indicate a similar origin; in Ecuadorian specimens, at least, it could more readily be considered a strongly curved, atypical posterior flange, in which case the narrow structure here considered the posterior flange would when present be interpreted merely as an unusual strut on the surface of the tube.

#### FEMALE

No large, separated tubercles marking dorso-lateral margins of carapace. Merus and, sometimes, carpus and proximal part of manus of 4th ambulatory with pile on posterior surface adjoining dorsal margin, longest distally. Gonopore with a large marginal tubercle externo-posteriorly, depressible in large specimens because of an elastic basal area; it seems clear, however, in the specimens examined that the tubercle is not part of an inserted spermatophore (see p. 465).

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>Uca princeps</i> p.*				
Largest males, type series				
(Smith measurements)	24.1	41.1	64.0	
	23.4	39.8	71.4	
Largest male				
(Ecuador)	23.0	38.5	63.5	44.0
Largest female				
(Ecuador)	14.5	23.5	—	—
<i>Uca princeps monilifera</i>				
Male (USNM 67735)	29.5	49.0	80.0	55.0
Holotype male				
(MCZ 1578)	28.0	45.0	70.0	49.0
Female (USNM 67735)	28.0	42.5	—	—

\*Larger specimens formerly in the collection consisted of a male from Golfito, length 24.5, a female from the same locality, 19.5, and an ovigerous female, same locality, length 14.5. Small displaying males near Balboa measured around 15 in length.

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*Uca princeps* shares only with *heteropleura* the presence of a large, anterior, subdistal projection on the gonopod. It shares with *major*, *maracoani*, and *ornata* the shape of the frontal groove, its sides being parallel and almost contiguous instead of diverging. In the breadth and compression of the major pollex and dactyl, the subspecies *p. monilifera* approaches the exaggerated shape found in *maracoani* and *ornata*; the armature and general form of the entire crab, however, indicates its close relationship to *p. princeps*, although the armature of carapace and ambulatories in both sexes is, in the northern form, even weaker than in *p. princeps*.

The collection of additional material in Mexico, particularly between Guaymas and Manzanillo, could yield material of much interest. Two males (USNM 57066) from Empalme, Sonora, have the characteristics of *p. princeps*, although the type material of *p. monilifera* came from nearby Guaymas. In addition, a male (USNM 20654) from San Blas, Tepic Territory (now Nayarit), has the gonopod projection similar to that in *p. monilifera*; the carapace tuberculation, and that of females in the same lot, is characteristic of *p. princeps*. The ambiguity is sufficient to suggest hybridization, in spite of the fact that the major cheliped is missing.

### Color

Displaying males (*p. princeps*): display white complete in Ecuador except for bright orange manus; this stage is preceded there by cream, and that, in turn, by bright yellow, the phase shown by the majority of displaying males during the April period of observation. In Panama the color at brightest was as follows. Carapace purplish gray with bluish posterior margin. Major cheliped: outer side of merus proximally orange, distally dark purple; carpus, same; manus with lower two-thirds orange, upper third and chela white. Inner side, ischium light orange; merus, carpus, and chela white; palm orange buff. Eyestalks green yellow. Maxillipeds, suborbital areas, and pterygostomian regions white. Minor cheliped and ambulatories purplish gray except for anterior meri; these are sometimes orange on the major side and white on the minor, as in some Ecuadorian crabs that later in the day achieve display white. Females: carapace and legs with or without whitening, as in males of same populations.

An account of the color changes occurring in populations of Ecuadorian *princeps*, both daily and during growth, is given by Crane [1944].

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

(See also introduction to the species.)

Panama (Crane's observations only [1941.1]; no films secured). Small specimens, about 15 mm long, actively courting. Wave lateral, straight to slightly circular. Jerks absent. With every wave carpus is raised, so that chela hangs obliquely down, and from that position the propodus is unflexed up and out, then brought without pause more rapidly into rest position; during unflexing the dactyl is raised slightly from the pollex. Minor cheliped makes a motion synchronous with the wave. Body raised high with each wave. Ambulatories remain on ground except to run a few fast steps to one side or the other. Waving at rate of about 1 wave every three-fourths of a second; a pause of similar length between waves. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 10, modified 14; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

Ecuador (Crane's observations only, unpublished; no films secured). Large specimens. Differs from Panamanian display in maintenance of elevation of carpus during a series of waves, during which the manus and chela never touch the ground, but when at rest are held at carpal level, parallel to substrate; body kept raised on extended legs throughout a series (component 11), not raised and lowered at every wave; waving about one-third slower, at the rate of about 1 wave per second. Pauses between waves much longer, ranging from about 2 to 5 seconds. At maximum intensity carapace posteriorly depressed on bent ambulatories. The crab usually mounts some small elevation close to his burrow before starting to wave.

#### Precopulatory Behavior

No complete courtships were seen, either in Panama or Ecuador, although waving was often directed toward apparently attentive females. Twice in Panama, males seized females after strenuous waving displays and tried unsuccessfully to drag them down a burrow. In each case the burrow was that of the courting male. Grip used not noted [Crane, 1941.1].

### RANGE

Eastern Pacific from Santo Domingo, San Bartolomé Bay, Lower California, and Gulf of California to Peru. One subspecies (*p. monilifera*) is known only in the Gulf, from San Felipe and the mouth of the Colorado River to Guaymas, while the other (*p. princeps*) occurs elsewhere.

## BIOTOPES

The subspecies *p. princeps* occurs on salt marshes largely cut off from the sea, and on sheltered muddy sand and sandy mud beaches, near mangroves and sometimes among their rhizophores. In Panama displaying individuals were on the lower edges of muddy sand beaches, while non-displaying crabs fed farther out from shore, on almost enclosed mudflats. (Biotope nos. 6, 8, 11.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Occasionally closely associated with each of the other Pacific members of the subgenus *Uca*, except only rarely and atypically with *ornata*, a species that characteristically inhabits deep, open mudflats.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 601.)

*Observations and Collections* (*U. princeps princeps* only). Costa Rica: Golfito; Ballenas Bay. Canal Zone: Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca princeps* (Smith, 1870)

COTYPES. *Gelasimus princeps*: In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Nine males (cat. no. 5813) and 3 males (cat. no. 5814), all from or close to Corinto, Nicaragua, the type-locality. Measurements on p. 129. (!)

*Uca princeps monilifera* Rathbun, 1914

HOLOTYPE. *Uca monilifera*: Also in the Museum of Comparative Zoology (above). One male, cat. no. 1578. Type-locality: Guaymas, Mexico. "From Capt. C. P. Stone; USNM; rec'd. 1859." Measurements in mm: length 28; breadth 45; propodus 70; dactyl 49. (!)

*Additional type material*. In Museum of Comparative Zoology: 7 males, cat. no. 8272, labeled from Guaymas, Mexico, "out of type lot." In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, also from Guaymas, Mexico: one male, cat. no. 22180, labeled paratype, "received from the Museum of Comparative Zoology from no. 1578." (!)

## *Uca (Uca) princeps princeps* (Smith, 1870)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

*Carapace*. Antero-lateral and dorso-lateral margins distinctly beaded or granulate in both sexes continuing almost to posterior edge of carapace. Vertical lateral margin always clearly marked and beaded at least in lower part; upper portion sometimes interrupted or weak and, close to antero-lateral margin, absent.

*Major Cheliped*. Merus with tuberculate crest moderately high. Carpus with postero-dorsal surface tuberculate. Outer manus with tubercles numerous, not differing much in size among themselves, extending to gape and on proximal part of dactyl but absent (except in young, where they are very small) from outside of pollex. Dactyl and pollex not notably deep. Lower manus and pollex with supramarginal, tuberculate ridge distinct from marginal ridge throughout, although close to it distally. Prehensile edge of pollex with distal part of median row having some slightly enlarged, blunt teeth, the proximal being both largest and, sometimes, bifid or irregularly tuberculate.

*Gonopod*. Anterior projection smaller than in *p. monilifera*, its antero-external angle acute.

## *Uca (Uca) princeps monilifera* Rathbun, 1914

(Subtropical eastern Pacific: Gulf of California)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

*Carapace*. Arching of dorsal profile higher than in *p. princeps*, with branchial regions especially expanded. Antero-lateral margins indistinct, either unarmed or weakly serrate; dorso-lateral margins in male absent; in female faint, with irregular minute granules, the most posterior enlarged; vertical lateral margins in male absent, in female weak.

*Major Cheliped*. Merus with tuberculate crest higher than in *p. princeps*, and more regularly arched. Carpus with postero-dorsal surface smooth. Outer manus with few tubercles, widely spaced, not extending onto sides of either dactyl or pollex in the few specimens,

all large, that are known. The outstanding characteristic of the subspecies is the great depth and compression of both pollex and dactyl, the widest part of each being an area just beyond middle of their length; both are notably concave internally near their proximal ends, while the pollex has a concave region externally near its tip, the extreme tip being curved outward. The supramarginal tuberculate ridge along lower part of pollex merges distally with the ventral ridge. These ventral and supramarginal ridges on the pollex, the outer prehensile rows of both pollex and dactyl, and the dorsal tuberculate ridge of the pollex all combine to give a strong, raised, tuberculate border to all the outer edges of the chela, the effect being more conspicuous than in *p. princeps*. Prehensile

edge of pollex, unlike that of *p. princeps*, without notably enlarged tubercles.

*Ambulatories*. Armature of merus especially weak, the margins and posterior surfaces in males being usually practically smooth and in females with small tubercles only on some margins. No young available for examination.

*Gonopod*. Thumb and anterior projection slightly larger than in *p. princeps*, the antero-external angle of projection being rounded. The two gonopods, however, are so closely similar that it seems reasonable to consider *monilifera* a subspecies of *princeps* in this subgenus where the gonopods differ widely even among closely related species.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Uca) princeps* (Smith, 1870)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (U.) princeps princeps*, below.

### *Uca (Uca) princeps princeps* (Smith, 1870)

*Gelasimus platydactylus* (not of Milne-Edwards, 1837, which is a synonym of *Uca major* [Herbst, 1782])

? Saussure, 1857: 362. Mexico: Mazatlan. Brief taxonomy.

### *Gelasimus princeps*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Smith, 1870: 120; Pl. 2, Fig. 10; Pl. 3, Figs. 3-3c. Nicaragua: Corinto. (MCZ ! ) (Not Pl. 2, Fig. 8, questionably identified by Smith as *princeps*; see this study under *stylifera*.)

Smith, 1871: 91. Record of type description.

Lockington, 1877: 146. West coast, Lower California: San Bartolomé Bay. Taxonomy. Habitat: "Holes under rocks at low tide." Material not extant.

### *Uca princeps*

Rathbun, 1911: 550. Peru. Brief taxonomy; local distribution (by R. E. Coker).

Rathbun, 1918.1: 382; photos. Abreojos Point, Lower California, to Peru. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1924.4: 376. Gulf of California: Balandra Bay at Carmen I. (lat. 26° N).

Maccagno, 1928: 16; text fig. (claw). Mexico: Salina Cruz. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1941.1: 170; text figs. Costa Rica. Canal Zone. Taxonomy, color, waving display, habitat.

Crane, 1944. Ecuador. Color changes in the field.

Bott, 1954: 158; photos. El Salvador. Taxonomy (part).

Peters, 1955: 436; text figs. Salvador. Behavior; morphology; ecology.

Crane, 1957. Panama; Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1967: E 1269. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 436; text figs. Peru. Taxonomy, color, waving display.

Altevogt, 1969.1: 238; text figs. Behavior and gonopod structure as isolating mechanisms.

### *Uca (Uca) princeps monilifera*

Rathbun, 1914

### *Eurychelus monilifer*

Agassiz, L. (MS label.)

### *Uca monilifera*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1914.2: 126; Pl. 9. Mexico: Guaymas. (MCZ !; USNM !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 380; photos. Gulf of California: mouth of Colorado R. (Montague I.). Taxonomy.

Maccagno, 1928: 15; text fig. (claw). Mexico. Taxonomy.



## 20. *UCA (UCA) [MAJOR] HETEROPLEURA* (SMITH, 1870)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 19 E-H.

FIGURES 24 D, E; 32 J, K; 37 F; 40 A, B; 54 D;  
65 D; 82 D; 99.

MAP 10.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

Among the six members of the subgenus, *heteropleura* is the smallest, the most vigorous in waving display, and the most abundant. The bright orange on its lower manus and pollex, combined with its general appearance, flattened claw, size, and habitat, all make this species a close parallel to one of the Indo-Pacific narrow-fronts, (*Thalassuca*) *vocans*. The displays of the two forms, however, are wholly unlike, each showing characteristics typical of its own part of the world (p. 533).

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Members of the narrow-fronted subgenus *Uca* with fingers of major cheliped moderately slender and the pollex not pitted. Short ocular style occasional in adults and young. Carapace with sides of frontal groove diverging; suborbital crenellations broad and truncate in central portion but narrow and pointed near outer angle; in males only at least one tubercle beneath base of antero-lateral angle, above external orbital channel. Gonopod tip slender, with a large anterior projection at base of projecting tube. Female without pile on merus of last ambulatory; gonopore without tubercle, slightly curved; setae on chela margins moderately long, numerous, close-set.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus.

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal groove narrow, its sides diverging gradually backward from its pointed anterior end; eyebrows wholly absent, the dorsal margins of orbits being thin, usually beaded but sometimes practically smooth; antero-lateral angles scarcely to slightly produced, directed either outward or obliquely forward, sometimes fully rectangular. Antero-lateral margins short and granulate, weakly serrate, or practically smooth, converging from the angles, distinguished from dorso-lateral margins only by a wide angle or

slight bend that is usually absent on major side; dorso-lateral margins little or not at all raised but always marked throughout by distinct granules or small tubercles that continue almost to posterior margins. Vertical lateral margins present and finely beaded in lower part but weak to absent in upper. Suborbital crenellations lower than in other species of the subgenus except *stylifera*, being broad and truncate in central section but narrow and pointed, sometimes almost spinous, well separated close to outer angle and beyond it on orbit's lower, outer margin. Lower margin of antero-lateral angle on major side sometimes tuberculate on inner side of its fringing setae; always at its lower (posterior) end, just above external orbital channel and therefore opposite end of suborbital armature, there is a relatively large tubercle, or a cluster or short row of several small tubercles; this structure always lies outside the aforesaid row of setae.

*Ocular Styles*. Present in some males, about as long as cornea.

*Major Cheliped*. *Ischium* with ventral tubercle present or absent. *Merus* with distal end of antero-dorsal margin having a large, flattened tooth or narrow crest, edged with variable denticulations; proximally the merus margin is edged only with small tubercles. Dorsal margin of *carpus* with a short proximal row of tubercles. *Outer manus* with tubercles largest near dorsal margin and around the slight hollow at pollex base; smaller tubercles about size of those on *carpus* occur inside this hollow and extend, unbroken, up along edge of gape and throughout lengths of both pollex and dactyl. *Palm* with oblique ridge ending at carpal cavity; above that level ridge is represented by a scattering of faint granules; one or usually two pointed tubercles, comparable in size to the usual enlarged tubercle that ends the oblique ridge at its junction with carpal cavity, occur submarginally near upper distal end of carpal cavity, the proximal being always the larger. Pollex with supramarginal ventral ridge conspicuous, farther removed from ventral margin in pollex' proximal half than in *princeps*, but distally close to marginal row; pile usually present in at least distal part of the narrow groove adjoining

pollex submarginal ridge. *Pollex* and *dactyl* both moderately compressed, not notably deep except for pollex in large individuals; tapering; *dactyl* usually with traces of a short, proximal groove above its ventral margin, as well as the usual weak, subdorsal groove; pollex and *dactyl* each in distal half with a tooth enlarged in middle row, that on *dactyl* being more proximal; margins of gape beyond these teeth concave; *dactyl*'s inner row of tubercles commencing well beyond base of gape and consisting in its proximal part of small, moderately close-set, rounded tubercles, the most proximal being abruptly the largest and the rest diminishing gradually in size.

*Ambulatories*. Merus with marginal serrations relatively well developed on postero-ventral margins.

*Gonopod*. Anterior and posterior flanges each represented by a narrow strut along each side of tube. Inner process vestigial, apparently represented by a brush of hair-like setae on slight thickening at base of projecting terminal tube. Latter is bent almost at right angles to main shaft, and distally shows slight torsion toward rear. Thumb absent. At base of tube is a large, stiff, flattened projection, directed anteriorly, similar to that found in *princeps* (p. 129), and of equally uncertain derivation.

#### FEMALE

Unlike male, female has no tubercle beneath base of antero-lateral angle; the suborbital crenellations, however, are smallest and narrowest near outer angle, similar to those of male. No pile on merus of last ambulatory. Gonopore without tubercle, a slightly curved slit.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Ecuador)	15.5	24.0	38.0	22.0
Moderate male (Panama)	11.0	17.5	24.0	13.5
Largest female (Panama)	9.0	14.0	—	—
Ovigerous female (Panama)	6.5	(damaged)	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. heteropleura* is unique in having the suborbital crenellations abruptly narrow and pointed near outer angle, with one or more tubercles beneath base of antero-lateral angle. It shares only with *princeps* the presence of a large, anterior, subdistal projection on gonopod, and only in *stylifera* do the sides of the frontal groove also diverge.

From time to time during the preparation of this

study it has seemed to me that *heteropleura* must be synonymous with *stylifera*, the displaying members of a *heteropleura* population perhaps indicating a form of paedomorphism in which a majority of individuals never reached full breeding condition. Most of the few morphological differences—except for the gonopod—between the two could be readily explained as growth differences, while the fact that I have never, during limited observation periods, seen males that have attracted the attention of females was also suggestive. Finally, the energetic display of *heteropleura*, when compared with the slower movements found in *stylifera*, suggested the similar differences found between the displays of smaller and larger *princeps*. In spite of these earlier doubts, however, it now seems clear that *heteropleura* and *stylifera* are distinct species, although closely related sympatric forms, just as, for example, (*Celuca*) *beebei* and (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening often developed but confined to carapace. A yellow phase precedes the white at Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador. Major cheliped: Outer merus, carpus, and upper half of manus purple; lower half of merus persistent dark reddish brown, providing a good recognition character at a distance in the field even among non-displaying males; lower half of manus and proximal carpus bright orange; rest of chela white inside and out; upper inner side of merus and carpus orange, their lower parts purple; palm orange. Minor cheliped and ambulatories brown to gray. Displaying males often do not develop white carapaces, remaining dark. Females dark brown to brownish gray.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral; sometimes straight at low intensities, circular at high. Jerks absent. At beginning of each wave carpus is raised, the manus and chela pointing obliquely down, not touching ground; cheliped then unflexed laterally, after which, except during low intensity straight display, the chela is raised maximally before being flexed abruptly down into position. *Dactyl* slightly raised and held parallel to pollex during each wave. Minor cheliped makes synchronous motion. During each wave body is raised high on middle 2 ambulatories, which are stretched vertically to such a degree that the shorter first and last legs leave the ground. The legs otherwise are not raised except often between waves in taking a few steps from side to side. Waving is at the rate of about 0.5 to more than 1 second per wave, with a pause between waves

in a series about half as long; more than 100 waves sometimes occur in a single series. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 10; timing components in Table 19, p. 656.)

### Acoustic Behavior

Leg-wagging (component no. 5) has been filmed.

### RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific from the Gulf of Fonseca (El Salvador) to Puerto Pizarro in northern Peru.

### BIOTOPES

Tidal mudflats close to shore, along more or less open bays, not close to mouths of large rivers; displaying populations usually adjoining these flats on the lower levels of muddy sand beaches. (Biotope nos. 6, 8.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

A few of the closely related species (*Uca*) *styliifera* sometimes share the same shore, as does (*Uca*) *princeps*. Although (*Uca*) *ornata* also lives on mudflats, *heteropleura* usually does not mingle with it, since the preferred habitat of the present species is farther

from river mouths on somewhat firmer ground. Two members of the subgenus *Celuca* often mingle closely with *heteropleura*—*oerstedii* and *beebei*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 601.)

*Observations and Collections.* Costa Rica: Golfito. Panama and Canal Zone: Bahia Honda; Panama City (Bellavista, Old Panama); Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

*Film.* Old Panama.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca heteropleura* (Smith, 1870)

HOLOTYPE of *Gelasimus heteropleurus*. In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. One male, cat. no. 5819. Alcohol. Gulf of Fonseca, Salvador. Collected by J. A. McNeil. Received from Peabody Academy of Science, Nov. 1885. Measurements in mm: length 15.8 (Smith); breadth 25 (Smith); propodus 32 (Smith); dactyl 20 (J.C.) (!)

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### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Uca) heteropleura* (Smith, 1870)

*Gelasimus heteropleurus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Smith, 1870: 118; Pl. 2, Fig. 7; Pl. 3, Figs. 2-2b. Gulf of Fonseca: El Salvador. (MCZ !)

Smith, 1871: 91. Record only; no new material.

Lockington, 1877: 147. Record only; no new material.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 139. No new material. Taxonomic comments on type.

*Uca heteropleura*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 385; Pl. 161, Figs. 1-4 (all drawn after Smith). No new material. Taxonomic description after Smith.

Crane, 1941.1: 171; text fig. of minor cheliped. Costa Rica; Panama. Taxonomy, color, waving display, habitat.

Holthuis, 1954: 162. No new material; record only.

Crane, 1957. Panama; Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 435; text figs. Peru. Taxonomy; waving display; habitat.

*Uca styliifera* (not *Gelasimus styliiferus* Milne-Edwards)

Bott, 1954: 159 (part); not text fig. nor plate. Cat. no. 1884 (Frankfurt) (*fide* von Hagen, 1968.2: 436); Alcadia de Triunfo, El Salvador.

## 21. *UCA (UCA) [MAJOR] MAJOR* (HERBST, 1782)

(Tropical western north Atlantic)

PLATE 20 E-H.

MAP 10.

FIGURES 65 F; 99.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

*Uca major* is a moderately large fiddler that seems to be uncommon. Only scattered individuals have been observed and collected from single localities, and apparently no large population of the species has ever been reported.

Its closest relations appear to be *heteropleura* and *stylifera* in the eastern Pacific. The problem of the contrasting gonopods in these species is considered on p. 127.

The species for many years was known by the name of its synonym, *heterochelos*.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

Large, narrow-fronted *Uca* with fingers of major chela tapering, not broad and flat and not touching except distally. Differs from *U. heteropleura* most distinctly as follows. Ocular styles apparently absent. Frontal groove very narrow with sides parallel, practically contiguous; suborbital crenellations largest near outer angle, not centrally in male; no tubercle beneath base of antero-lateral angle. Gonopod tip without anterior projection at base of tube, which is extremely produced and twisted. Female with pile on last ambulatory along dorsal and ventral margins of merus, dorsally on carpus, and, sometimes, on manus; gonopore, although without a distinct tubercle, has the outer rim raised.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 125). Differs as follows from *heteropleura*.

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Frontal groove as in *princeps*, being very narrow, its raised lateral margins parallel and almost or wholly contiguous; dorsal margins of orbits thicker than in *heteropleura*; antero-lateral angles always acute and more produced, directed obliquely forward, the upper (anterior) part of the angle's lower margin finely serrate on major side; antero-lateral margins very short, tuberculate or serrate, even less distinct from dorso-lateral margins than in *hetero-*

*pleura*; dorso-lateral margins always granulate at least anteriorly, instead of throughout as in *heteropleura* or at least posteriorly as in *stylifera*; central and posterior tubercles are few or lacking in the largest specimens. Vertical lateral margins complete even at dorsal end. Suborbital crenellations large, largest close to outer orbital angle, not centrally; the several truncate crenellations, if any, are near the angle. No tubercles on lower side of antero-lateral angle above external orbital channel.

**Ocular Styles.** Absent from known specimens. None of those examined, however, have been very young.

**Major Cheliped.** *Ischium* with ventral tubercle absent, or only indicated by an enlargement of angle. *Merus* with antero-dorsal margin with a large crest running its entire length; proximally it is low, irregularly and variably shaped and almost entire; highest in middle whence it curves downward slightly to its end; distal half strongly tuberculate or serrate. *Carpus* with dorsal margin tuberculate throughout most of its length; one to three tubercles also present along lower margin. Tubercles of *outer manus* slightly more homogenous in size than in *heteropleura*. *Palm* with oblique ridge continuing strongly around anterior margin of carpal cavity; no submarginal tubercles below dorsal margin. Supramarginal ridge on pollex dying out beyond middle, although the groove along the ridge's upper margin continues, slanting slightly upward almost to pollex tip; groove, including its distal extension, supporting short pile which, beyond end of tuberculate ridge, is much better developed than in related species, sometimes filling in entire space between top of groove and ventral marginal ridge; in the best-developed examples the pile in this distal region is very long; in some specimens, as in other species, all pile is virtually lacking, apparently through abrasion. Pollex slender for the subgenus, even in large specimens, usually with a few minute punctae among the granules. *Dactyl* outside without definite trace of a lower proximal groove, and its sub-dorsal groove is rudimentary; inside dactyl the proximal subdorsal groove is well developed, its lower edge marked by a short line of tubercles. Middle row of tubercles on prehensile edge of pollex with a tubercle beyond middle only slightly enlarged, never in the form of a large, triangular tooth; a slightly enlarged,

more proximal tubercle on dactyl is even less developed; the long distal margins of prehensile edges beyond these two are not at all concave (excluding the frequent slight curve of extreme tip of each finger).

*Minor Cheliped.* Mano-pollex ridge well developed, clearly stronger than in the other species of the subgenus, scarcely setose in the specimens examined.

*Ambulatories.* Some of the spinules near dorsal margin of posterior sides of meri are arranged on rudimentary striae.

*Gonopod.* More similar to that of *stylifera* than of *heteropleura*, the anterior projection being absent, but with *stylifera*'s characteristics exaggerated. Entire tip very elongate, twisted to such an extent that the positions of the very narrow flanges are reversed from the normal, the morphologically posterior flange, which projects beyond the pore, being approximately anterior; in contrast, the shorter, morphologically anterior, flange is distally in a posterior position.

#### FEMALE

As in *stylifera*, the suborbital crenellations in this sex are not a reliable character. Tips of chela clearly pointed, not obliquely truncate; setae on chela short and scanty, similar to those in *stylifera*, rather than in *heteropleura*. Tubercles on dorso-lateral margins present or absent. Merus of 4th ambulatory with pile on posterior surface adjoining both dorsal and ventral margins; above ventral margin it is absent proximally; carpus of same leg with pile on dorsal surface only; pile sometimes additionally present proximally on dorsal surface of manus. Gonopore without a distinct tubercle but with parts of the outer and inner rims slightly and unevenly raised.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Trinidad)	20.0	34.0	52.5	34.0
Largest female (Bahamas)	15.0	25.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. major* alone among the members of the subgenus lacks ocular styles at all ages, so far as is known; it should be remembered however that this species is uncommon, and no large collections have been available for examination. The species is also unique in having the suborbital crenellations largest near outer angle, and in the extreme elongation and torsion of the gonopod's tip.

The male is easily distinguished from that of *maracoani*, the other Atlantic *Uca* with a very narrow

front, by its normally tapering fingers on the major cheliped and the elongate tip to the gonopod; of similar diagnostic use in the female is the submarginal pile on the 4th ambulatory merus.

#### Color

Displaying males: display whitening usually strongly developed over entire carapace and major cheliped except for occasional purple markings in any of the following positions: in a band across posterior margin of carapace, or on merus, carpus, or manus of major cheliped; in Venezuela proximal part of pollex was bright purple red in the few examples seen but pure white in Trinidad. Eyestalks green yellow. Orbits, antennal area, and suborbital regions sometimes purplish. Minor cheliped with manus and chela usually white. Ambulatories with purple at least on anterior sides of meri; often all ambulatories are entirely purple or purplish brown even when the crab is otherwise completely polished white. Females dull brown to yellowish white except for yellow eyestalks and white on carpus, manus, and chela of each cheliped.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

(Known only from a few examples in Venezuela and Trinidad; films not secured.) Wave at low intensity semi-unflexed, approaching the vertical; more often, at higher intensities, straight to narrowly circular, the cheliped being unflexed obliquely upward. Jerks absent. Manus and chela not brought all the way down to contact with the ground between waves. Usually only front of body raised with each wave, through straightening of the more anterior ambulatories; posterior legs meanwhile are further bent, depressing posterior part of carapace; as each wave ends, the crab settles abruptly; sometimes at high intensities body is held moderately high during a series. Minor cheliped makes synchronous motion during wave. Ambulatories kept on ground during waving except that during moderate to high intensity rapid steps are usually taken to one side or the other, often toward the side of the major cheliped. Wave highly variable in duration; often lasting about 2 seconds, the unflexing and flexing each taking about 1 second without a pause at peak. At low intensities indefinitely long pauses occur between waves, but at higher intensities waves sometimes occur in long series with pauses between waves imperceptible. (Components 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11.)

##### Acoustic Behavior

Major-merus-suborbital rubbing (component no. 1) observed a number of times after each wave in ago-

nistic situations. Von Hagen (1967:2) reports having made a tape-recording of sounds produced by this species.

## RANGE

Tropical western Atlantic, known with certainty from the West Indies, Panama, Venezuela, and French Guiana. Reported once from Mexico (Kingsley, 1880:1), but no material has been found and the record should probably be considered questionable. Occurrence in Brazil (Seba, 1758 and 1761) also unproved (see under type material). The range in the West Indies consists of the following localities: Chace & Hobbs (1969) listed the Bahamas (Bimini, San Salvador), Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Saint Croix, and Guadeloupe; von Hagen (1970) added Haiti, on the basis of specimens he found in the Hamburg Museum, and Trinidad, where I also found the species to be present but rare.

## BIOTOPES

Muddy sand to sandy mud, usually on salt flats almost cut off from open water and well above low tide levels; near but not among mangroves. (Biotope nos. 6, 11.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Sometimes *major* occurs among lower, feeding (not displaying) populations of (*Minuca*) *rapax*. It does not seem to live among populations of *maracoani*, the other Atlantic species of the subgenus, although in one area familiar to me in Trinidad the two species live within a hundred yards of each other with no physical barriers between them, excluding the differences in their preferred substrates.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 601.)

*Observations and Collections.* Trinidad. Venezuela: Turiamo (Aragua).

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca major* (Herbst, 1782)

LECTOTYPE. Fig. in Seba (1761), labeled "*Cancer Uka una, Brasiliensis*," selected by Holthuis (1962) as lectotype of species. Brazil as the type-locality is in question, since many localities cited by Seba have proved to be incorrect; also, the species, except for that single record, has not been recorded south or east of Cayenne. I agree with Chace & Hobbs (1969: 214) that "As the identity of the species is not in question at the present time, there seems to be no justification for designating a neotype, apparently the only means by which the type-locality can now be corrected."

Type Material of *Ocypoda heterochelos* Lamarck, 1801. Lamarck cited only the figures of Seba and Herbst (1782, drawn after Seba), without a description, except the phrase "n. *Cancer vocans* Lin."

Type Material of *Gelasimus platydactylus* Milne-Edwards, 1837. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Two specimens listed by the museum as "types non spécifiés." One found, male, dried, with the following label: "*Gelasimus platydactylus* Latr. Cayenne." Carapace and major cheliped in good condition, other appendages not. However, there is no question but that this is the specimen illustrated by Milne-Edwards, 1852: Pl. 3, Fig. 2. (!)

Type of *Gelasimus grangeri* Desbonne in Schramm, 1867. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Listed by the museum as "type non spécifié." Guadeloupe. Synonymized already by Rathbun (1918:1: 381) with *heterochelos*, the name in turn synonymized by Holthuis (1962) with *major*. Specimen (female) dried, in poor condition, but recognizable as *major*. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Uca) major* (Herbst, 1782)

*Cancer Uka una, Brasiliensis*

Seba, 1758 and 1761: 44; Pl. 18, Fig. 8. Brazil (locality questionable; see above). External anatomy; habitat; habits.

*Cancer vocans major*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Herbst, 1782: 83; Pl. 1, Fig. 11 (after Seba). Herbst's own material apparently from Bahamas.

*Ocypoda heterochelos*

Lamarck, 1801: 150. Cayenne. Reference only cites figures of Seba and Herbst.

*Cancer Uca* (not *Cancer vca (uca)* Linnaeus, 1767)

Shaw & Nodder, 1802: Color Pl. 588 (after Seba), with accompanying text, headed "The Uka Crab" (*Cancer Uca* in index). No new material.

*Ocypode heterochelos*

Olivier, 1811: Vol. 8: 417 (part). Brazil. Brief, confused taxonomy.

*Uca una*

Leach, 1814: 430. Refers to Seba and Herbst. This reference and date constitute the type description of the genus *Uca*.

Leach, 1815: 323. Further statement of referral of *Cancer vocans major* as figured by Herbst to *Uca una*.

*Gelasimus platydactylus*

Milne-Edwards, 1837: 51. Cayenne. Type description. (Paris !)

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 144; Pl. 3, Figs. 2, 2a, 2b. No new material.

*Gelasimus grangeri*

Desbonne in Schramm, 1867: 45. Guadeloupe. Type description. (Paris !)

*Gelasimus heterocheles*

Kingsley, 1880.1: 137 (part). ? Eastern Mexico; Jamaica. Taxonomy.

Young, 1900: 271 (part). Atlantic localities only. Taxonomy.

*Uca heterochela*

Rathbun, 1897.2: 27. Taxonomy, in reference to Seba and Herbst.

*Uca heterochelos*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 381; photos. Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1924.1: 156. Panama: Colon.

Crane, 1957. Venezuela. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca major*

Holthuis, 1962: 240, 245, 246. Resurrection of Herbst's name. Specimen, not extant, figured by Seba selected as lectotype.

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 213; text fig. Distribution in West Indies.

von Hagen, 1970.1: 224. Distribution in West Indies.

von Hagen, 1970.4; text figs. Trinidad. Adaptations to a particular intertidal level.

## 22. *UCA (UCA) STYLIFERA* (MILNE-EDWARDS, 1852)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 20 A-D.  
FIGURES 29 C; 65 E; 99.

MAP 10.  
TABLES 9, 10, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

When in full display color a male *Uca stylifera* is one of the most striking fiddlers in the world, the shiny white of his carapace being set off by an orange and yellow cheliped and bright purple legs. The yellow phase that precedes the white seems to human eyes no less notable. This large species, although uncommon, would be a convenient subject for experimental work on color changes and their relation, if any, to social behavior.

Comments on styles will be found on p. 455.

*Uca stylifera* and *heteropleura* appear to be so closely related and are so closely sympatric that they are here considered to form an alliance. Two probable species barriers exist in the forms of the gonopod and the movements and timing of waving display. It must, however, be kept in mind that another member of the same subgenus, *princeps*, shows two different forms of display, apparently depending on the size of the crab (pp. 128, 130).

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

Differs from *U. heteropleura* most distinctly as follows. Major pollex faintly pitted. Ocular style always present, in adults usually as long as peduncle. Suborbital crenellations near center little wider than those near outer angle in male. Gonopod tip slender, without anterior projection at base of projecting tube. Female with gonopore strongly curved or medially angular; setae on chela margins short and few.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 125). Differs as follows from *heteropleura*.

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Dorso-lateral margin in larger specimens anteriorly weak to absent, with the granules small and widely spaced; more posteriorly the margin always persists while the granules are larger and more closely set; in the largest specimens the margin is confined to the area close to the posterior border, is well ele-

vated and surmounted with close-set granules enlarged to a size now better termed tubercles. Central suborbital crenellations less broad than in *heteropleura*, while the outer ones, although narrow tubercles widely set, are not so contrastingly small and sharp as in *heteropleura*. Almost always without tubercles on lower side of antero-lateral angle above external orbital channel, although adjacent part of lower margin of angle flares outward.

**Ocular Styles.** Present on all males, usually longer than peduncle in adults, sometimes with soft, flat expansions near tip; von Hagen (1968) reports some with short styles in his Peruvian material.

**Major Cheliped.** Ischium with a ventral tubercle. Merus with a low crest, weakly serrate to smooth, on antero-dorsal margin, not a flattened tooth or very short crest as in *heteropleura*; instead, in *stylifera* the crest runs throughout the segment's length, but proximally is merely a low ridge; it then increases gradually to attain moderate height near distal end; postero-dorsal surface of merus almost smooth. Outer manus with tubercles not specially enlarged near pollex base. Palm with oblique ridge continuing around anterior margin of carpal cavity; 2 to 5 submarginal tubercles below dorsal margin, near anterior end of carpal cavity, relatively smaller than in *heteropleura*. Pollex moderately deep in comparison with most *heteropleura*, its outer side punctate in at least proximal half; rest of its outer surface, as well as that of dactyl, finely granulate except, in large specimens, for indistinct rugosities on pollex and, in all, for the usual proximal tubercles on upper dactyl. Middle row of tubercles on pollex gape with a large, triangular tooth, sometimes tuberculate, near middle or slightly proximal to a smaller, enlarged tooth on dactyl—not, as in the corresponding structure in *heteropleura*, distal to it; subdistal margins of gape not clearly concave. Occasional variations in both species however make these distinctions on the gape unsuitable for a key or diagnosis.

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri more expanded than in *heteropleura*, but with their armature slightly weaker.



*Gonopod*. No trace of anterior projection. Distal part of tube projecting farther and with its torsion greater than in *heteropleura*.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital crenellations, unlike those of male, become smaller toward outer angle, somewhat as in *heteropleura* but usually less abruptly; in any case in this sex they are not a good distinguishing character between the two species. Setae on chela short and scanty in comparison with those in *heteropleura*, those on upper margin of dactyl shorter than dactyl's breadth. Gonopore more strongly curved than in *heteropleura*, its margin's central portion angular in larger specimens.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Corinto) (claw broken)	17.5	29.0		
Large male (Corinto)	16.0	24.5	31.5	20.5
Male (largest claw) (Golfito)	15.0	23.5	35.0	23.0
Largest female (Golfito)	14.0	23.0	—	—
Ovigerous female (Golfito)	12.5	20.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

In *U. stylifera* alone do all the males except the youngest have well developed styles; in adults they are longer than in any other member of the subgenus. The species shares only with *heteropleura* the divergent sides of the frontal groove. Finally, it shares only with *maracoani* and *ornata* the pitting on the major pollex; in *stylifera*, however, these minute depressions are faint.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening fully developed on carapace, including its lateral and anterior aspects; white does not extend to the appendages, except for several small areas; the exception to white on the carapace is a purple band bordering its posterior edge. White phase preceded seasonally, daily, or both by clear yellow, at least in Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador, and in Panama City, Panama. Major cheliped: outer merus and carpus orange yellow; manus orange or, rarely, rose pink, its tubercles white and with white near upper margin; outer pollex orange; outer dactyl white. Inner merus, carpus, upper palm, and dactyl pale yellow to pale orange; lower palm and inner pollex orange. Eyestalks and eyes greenish yellow; styles yellow. Minor cheliped yellow except for or-

ange tips for chela. Ambulatories pinkish violet to bright purple except as follows: first 3 legs on major side with anterior merus often orange; that of first 2 on minor side often white.

Females dull, the carapace purplish gray to grayish white; chelipeds largely white; ambulatories dark purple.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

(No films secured)

Wave lateral, apparently chiefly straight with little or no circularity. Jerks absent. At beginning of a series merus and carpus are raised and extended straight out at side, the manus and chela being unflexed forward from them at right angles and the whole cheliped held clear of the ground; this is the lowest position attained in the course of a single series. From here, manus and chela are raised slowly in a motion of narrow amplitude and promptly returned to the lower position. During waving the dactyl is slightly raised, parallel to pollex, and the minor cheliped sometimes makes a synchronous motion. The body is held fairly high throughout a series, although during a wave the crab sometimes stretches the first 2 pairs of ambulatories so that anterior part of carapace is tilted up with them while posterior portion is lowered on the bending of the last 2 pairs of legs. This see-saw motion is sometimes suddenly inserted in the midst of a series, or all waves in a series may include the motion. The ambulatories are kept on the ground except to make several steps in any direction during a wave and during high intensity courtship to raise and lower one middle leg on each side, not necessarily the corresponding leg, simultaneously; in the succeeding waves the members of the 2 pairs of middle legs alternate with one another, not in a wholly regular fashion. Display is at the rate of about 1 wave every three-fourths second; waves are repeated without pause to a total of 30 to 50 in a series. Pauses between series may be as short as 5 seconds. (Component nos. 3, 4, 9, modified 11.)

##### Precopulatory Behavior

Males and females come inshore from the mudflats to muddy sand beaches to display and court. Apparent copulation, preceded by high intensity display and by stroking of the female, was seen once at the surface. Although numerous high intensity displays directed toward apparently attentive females were observed, only one female followed a male down his burrow. Further details are given in the general discussion of precopulatory behavior, p. 504.

## RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific from Pacific coast of El Salvador to northern Peru.

## BIOTOPES

As in *heteropleura* (p. 135). Sometimes closer to low-tide levels.

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

As in *heteropleura* (p. 135).

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 601.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto; Costa Rica: Golfito. Canal Zone and Panama: Balboa and Panama City. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca stylifera* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

LECTOTYPE. In Muséum National d'Histoire Natu-

relle, Paris. Listed by the museum as one of two "types non spécifiés." One specimen found, male, dried, with the following label: "*Gelasimus styliferus* M. Edw. M. Th. Bell. Guayaquil." Also has "Guayaquil" written on major dactyl. Designated here as lectotype. Measurements in mm: length 20; breadth 34; propodus 50.5; dactyl 35. Eyestalk on major side missing, as well as minor cheliped, 1st left ambulatory, 3rd right, and dactyl of 4th right. Otherwise in good condition. Milne-Edwards' illustration (1852, Pl. 3, Fig. 3a) shows a short style and mentions "un petit stylet" in his description (p. 144); his drawing of the major cheliped unmistakably depicts *stylifera*, not *heteropleura*, and shows well the characteristics of the type. Specimen not relaxed for gonopod examination, there being no confusion apparent in specimen, locality, or name. (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus heterophthalmus* Smith, 1870. In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 4 male copotypes from the Gulf of Fonseca. Already synonymized by Rathbun (1918.1) with *stylifera*; I agree. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Uca) stylifera* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)*Gélasime platydactyle*

Milne-Edwards, 1836: Pl. 18, Fig. 1a (not *Gelasimus platydactylus* Milne-Edwards, 1837).

*Gelasimus styliferus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1852: 145; Pl. 3, Figs. 3, 3a. Ecuador: Guayaquil. (Paris !)

Smith, 1870: 118. No new material.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 139. No new material. Brief taxonomy.

*Gelasimus heterophthalmus*

Smith, 1870: 116; Pl. 2, Figs. 6, 6a; Pl. 3, Figs. 1-1b. Gulf of Fonseca. Type description. (MCZ !)

Smith, 1871: 91. No new material.

Lockington, 1877: 147. No new material.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 139. No new material. Brief taxonomy.

*Gelasimus* sp.

Smith, 1870: 126; Pl. 2, Fig. 8. Nicaragua: Corinto. (2 females, MCZ !)

*Uca platydactyla* var. *stylifera*

Ortmann, 1897: 347 (part). No new material.

*Uca stylifera*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 383; photos. Costa Rica: Puntarenas. Taxonomy.

Pesta, 1931: 180. Costa Rica.

Crane, 1941.1: 171. Nicaragua; Costa Rica; Panama. Taxonomy; color; waving display; copulation; habitat.

Crane, 1944. Panama; Ecuador. Color change in the field.

Holthuis, 1954: 162. No new material.

Crane, 1957. Panama; Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Bott, 1954: 159; Text Fig. 3 (gonopod); Pl. 15, Fig. 3a-b (photos). (One specimen listed, Frankfurt cat. no. 1884, referred to *U. heteropleura* by von Hagen, 1968.2. Illustrated specimens are characteristic examples of *stylifera*.) El Salvador: Alcadia de Triunfo. Taxonomy.

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1957: E 1268. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 433; text figs. (style; gonopod). Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy; color; habitat.

Altevogt, 1969.1: 238; text figs. Peru. Behavior and gonopod structure as isolating mechanisms.

## 23. *UCA (UCA) MARACOANI* (LATREILLE, 1802-1803)

(Tropical western Atlantic and tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATES 21 *A-D*; 44 *B*; 45 *B*.

MAP 9.

FIGURES 28; 33 *A-FF*; 36 *C*; 37 *G*; 34 *B*; 53 *A, B*;  
55; 56 *D*; 60 *F, G*; 65 *B*; 78; 79; 80; 81 *H*;  
82 *C*; 83 *C*; 84; 88; 89; 94; 99.

TABLES 4, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

*Uca maracoani* and a related species, *ornata*, are both notable for large size and a heavy claw with broad, flat fingers. Their displays are equally unusual. At high intensity the great claw is lifted above the body and balanced high overhead, the divergent fingers pointing toward the sky; then, while the whole cumbersome appendage revolves, the chela describes wide circles for long seconds at a time.

It is interesting that two other, less specialized members of the subgenus, *princeps* and *stylifera*, in their high intensity display closely resemble the low intensity simplicity of the more specialized *ornata* and *maracoani*.

In Trinidad the behavioral phases leading to waving display and courtship in *maracoani* were worked out in the crabberies, following field observations on this and other species (p. 505).

A very similar Pacific form, previously known with some confusion as *Uca insignis*, is treated here as a subspecies of *maracoani*, a species name hitherto restricted by taxonomists to the Atlantic form.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

Members of the narrow-fronted subgenus *Uca* with both fingers of the major cheliped strikingly deep and compressed; pollex conspicuously pitted, dactyl deeper than pollex, its upper border strongly arched; antero-dorsal margin of merus with separated, large tubercles or blunt spines. No large, separated tubercles on dorso-lateral margin of carapace in male, except for a single one at posterior end. Gonopod tip with tube not produced; inner process tumid and extending to pore; no anterior process. Female with vertical lateral margin of carapace strong and either granulate or tuberculate; posterior margin of carapace without a row of conspicuous tubercles; surface of carapace moderately rough (Atlantic) to almost smooth (Pacific); suborbital crenellations distinct near outer angle; gonopore with a large, outer tubercle surrounded on three sides by a deep depression;

a patch of pile covering posterior part of carapace sides present (Pacific) or absent (Atlantic). See also Table 4, p. 638.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus.

#### MALE

*Carapace*. Branchial and pterygostomian regions with branching, vein-like striae present or absent. Frontal groove very narrow as in *princeps* and *major*, its raised lateral margins parallel and almost contiguous. Eyebrows, as characteristic of the subgenus, not provided with lower margins, but in *maracoani* the orbits' prominent upper margins run behind the most anterior extensions of the carapace, so that the smooth ceilings of the orbits appear to be rolled back; antero-lateral angles always acute and moderately produced; antero-lateral margins short but definite, granulate or tuberculate, straight, and curving in more abruptly than usual in the subgenus on both sides to continue as the dorso-lateral margins. These dorso-lateral margins range from distinct and granulate, rarely with several enlarged granules or small tubercles along their length, to obsolescent or absent; never with long, blunt, spinous tubercles along the margin itself, although such a tubercle sometimes occurs close to its anterior end while a large tubercle of variable shape, sometimes more or less compound, always ends the marginal area close to postero-lateral edge of carapace, even in specimens where the margin itself is obsolescent or absent. Vertical lateral margins beaded or granulate and usually extending almost or entirely to antero-lateral margins. Suborbital crenellations usually large, their form highly variable but with their edges, regardless of breadth, usually more or less curved, sometimes truncate; center of margin sometimes entire; in large specimens crenellations near outer angle always distinct, regardless of size, not more or less fused. No tubercles underneath base of antero-lateral angle above external orbital channel; entire lower margins of antero-lateral angles smooth.

*Ocular Styles.* Absent, except rarely, in young *m. maracoani*, where they are about as long as cornea. No young specimens of *m. insignis* available for examination.

*Major Cheliped.* *Ischium* with a ventral tubercle. *Merus* with a row of well-separated tubercles or blunt spines numbering from 5 to 9, running entire length of antero-dorsal margin and largest distally, where they clearly surmount a small crest. Dorsal margin of *carpus* tuberculate only proximally. *Manus* extremely short, broader (higher) than long; entire outer surface thickly covered with tubercles, well-separated, large, and semi-spherical or bluntly pointed; below dorsal margin they are sometimes aligned in several obliquely vertical rows below the usual, submarginal, smooth space which is not in this species a groove; dorsal margin with a single row of blunt tubercles, one of which, usually the most distal, is large and outstanding; none of them however is directed inward toward palm and no additional tubercles arise from submarginal surface of palm itself. *Palm* with oblique ridge strong to obsolescent, continued by a row of low, flat tubercles, sometimes obsolescent, along anterior margin of carpal cavity; predactyl ridge broad and high with tubercles usually irregular and unusually variable. *Dactyl* and *pollex* attaining more than three times length of manus, both fingers being broad, strongly compressed, and narrower proximally than near middle; dactyl much wider than pollex in middle and subdistal portion, the dorsal margin being highly arched; dorsal margin of dactyl and ventral of pollex bent slightly inward, the inner surface of each being in addition concave; finally, near distal end the pollex curves outward. Also involved in these complex bendings of the chela are the prehensile edges: the narrow gape is present proximally only, formed by a slight, proximal concavity at least in the pollex; in the Pacific form, *m. insignis*, the proximal prehensile edge of the dactyl also is concave or, at least, slants downward from the dactyl's base; in their distal two-thirds the prehensile edge of dactyl overlaps that of pollex externally as far as chela tip; there the fingers can hook firmly together through small, pointed, curved, terminal teeth, that of pollex then falling outside the dactyl's. Pollex with outer surface punctate except proximally where are continued the tubercles of the manus, and except on its submarginal area below prehensile edge which is covered with very small tubercles and granules. Dactyl with outer surface entirely covered with similar fine armature or else smooth, depending on the subspecies, except for small tubercles which are always present proximally. Pollex with supramarginal tuberculate ridge arising only near distal end of manus, marked there by a row of well-separated tubercles and on pollex by

small, close-set tubercles separated from marginal row only by a narrow, smooth strip which dies out distally as the two rows become contiguous; a narrow groove adjoins dorsal side of supramarginal row only. Pile, never dense, usually distinguishable in this groove as well as in the punctae and, often, among tubercles of outer manus. Tuberculation of lower and upper margins of pollex and dactyl, respectively, weak to obsolescent in distal halves. Dactyl without traces of proximal grooves, either inside or out. Prehensile edge of pollex with median row having a large, triangular crest, edged with flat tubercles, slightly proximal to middle; sides of crest finely tuberculate and granulate. Dactyl with median row absent except proximally, where it lies close to outer row; outer row with a slightly enlarged tooth opposite triangular crest of pollex; inner row absent proximally as usual, or represented by clustered granules or small tubercles; in contrast to *heteropleura* and its relations, the most proximal regular tubercle of inner row is not enlarged but merely forms the first of a well-developed series that usually do not diminish in size until about middle of prehensile edge.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with postero-ventral margin usually with a few large widely spaced tubercles, reduced in some individuals to one or two, rarely absent.

*Ambulatories.* Armature of merus notably weak, except for presence in some individuals of a few wide-spaced, short tubercles on postero-ventral margins of 1st-3rd legs; their occurrence is highly variable even within populations and on the two sides of the same crab; serrations of dorsal margins more or less concealed in pile; posterior surfaces slightly and variably rugose; they show little tendency to parallel arrangement, and the sparse spinules only occasionally arise from them. Dorsal surface of carpus densely pilous.

*Gonopod.* Inner process tumid, extending to pore; latter at end of tube which along with anterior flange is strongly bent and somewhat twisted; flange long and narrow, extending beyond pore; posterior flange absent. Thumb absent. Anterior projection absent.

#### FEMALE

Vein-like striae on carapace present or absent; dorsal surface scarcely to moderately rough with tubercles and small granules except on cardiac region and, usually, gastric and intestinal regions at least near midline; their occurrence is however very variable within populations and in the only two specimens seen (including the type) of the Pacific subspecies the surface is smoother than in any of the numerous Atlantic examples. Dorso-lateral margin armed with tubercles, small and close set (Atlantic) or larger and separated (Pacific), the most posterior being

slightly enlarged. Posterior margin of carapace never with large, close-set, rounded tubercles. Vertical lateral margin strong throughout, armed with granules (Atlantic) or separated tubercles (Pacific) and bordered with pile. Posterior sides of carapace covered with pile (Pacific) or not (Atlantic). Setae of chela moderately long, close-set, forming distinct fringes when not abraded. Last ambulatory with pile at least subdorsally on posterior merus and sometimes also above its postero-ventral margin which has long tubercles present (Pacific) or absent (Atlantic); a long tubercle also present on ischium. Gonopore with a large, outer tubercle overhanging a steep-sided depression that surrounds it on three sides—anteriorly, internally, and posteriorly.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>Uca maracoani m.</i>				
Largest male (Georgetown)	25.0	42.5	66.0	51.0
Male (largest claw) (Brazil)	23.5	34.0	68.0	53.0
Moderate male (Georgetown)	21.5	32.0	50.0	39.5
Largest female (ovigerous) (Brazil)	23.5	33.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Georgetown)	18.5	26.5	—	—
<i>Uca maracoani insignis</i>				
Largest male (Ecuador)	31.5	46.5	94.0	77.0
Female (Ecuador)	28.0	36.5	—	—

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

In the subgenus *Uca*, *maracoani* is unique in the strong development of large tubercles or blunt spines on the antero-dorsal margin of the major merus. It shares only with *ornata* the extreme breadth and characteristic shape of the major pollex and dactyl, combined with a short manus; a comparable exaggeration is approached but not nearly attained by *princeps monilifera*. *U. maracoani* also shares with *ornata* the presence of conspicuous pits on the pollex; similar but less-developed pitting is present in *stylifera* and is strongly present in the West African species, (*Afruca*) *tangeri*.

The differences between the Atlantic and Pacific forms here discussed under the species heading *maracoani* are trivial in comparison with differences among other species in the subgenus. They are therefore regarded as subspecies, *U. m. maracoani* in the Atlantic, and *U. maracoani insignis* in the Pacific. The subspecies are compared with each other and with the closely related species, *ornata*, in Table 4. The other *Uca* with forms in the two oceans that are considered subspecies rather than species are (*Boboruca*) *thayeri* and (*Minuca*) *vocator*.

From an evolutionary point of view it is interesting that the female of *m. insignis* shares the strong armature of carapace margins and ambulatory meri with *ornata* but the form of the gonopore with *m. maracoani*. The ranges of *m. insignis* and *ornata* coincide.

### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent. Carapace grayish purple; anterior margins of eyebrows sometimes orange. Major cheliped brown to gray except as follows: outer manus and pollex tinged with orange or dull rufous, rarely brighter red orange; dactyl outside and inside pale, tinged with purplish or orange. Pterygostomian and adjacent regions sometimes purple. Minor cheliped and ambulatories dark to dull orange. Even at height of display the crabs remain partly coated with mud.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

*U. m. maracoani*: Wave at low intensities lateral-straight, the cheliped being unflexed obliquely up and out, then returned directly to position, without pause and without circling. At high intensity the wave is wholly circular, although in a form shared only by *m. insignis* and *ornata*, the cheliped being lifted above the body, the fingers pointed upward, and repeated circles described in the air, the figure being flat and parallel to the ground, instead of the obliquely vertical circles usual in lateral circular waves. In the remaining characteristics, low and high intensity displays are similar: major dactyl is held widely separated from pollex throughout; minor cheliped makes a synchronous motion with every wave; body is held high off ground on extended ambulatories throughout a series; one or more ambulatories on each side are meanwhile lifted in typical leg waves, perhaps aiding in balance. During display the crab also often makes a few steps from side to side. Waving at low intensity is at the rate of about 1 wave every several seconds; at high each wave is completed in about 1.0 to 1.5 seconds. (Component nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

*U. m. insignis*: Similar, but not known in detail.

#### Precopulatory Behavior

Male attracts female to mouth of his own burrow and follows her underground. In none of the frequent examples seen where males covered females briefly at the surface did actual copulation take place. Either the abdominal flaps of one or both crabs were clearly not extended, or the crabs never reached copulatory

position. In each of these cases an aggressive wanderer was making the unsuccessful overtures. (Observation on *m. maracoani* only.)

### Acoustic Behavior

Leg-stamps seen repeatedly in the field and filmed (component no. 11). Leg-wags (component no. 5) occurred once following a combat; they were performed by both crabs. Sounds were recorded in the laboratory in response to intruders introduced in burrows, but their origin remains unknown. (Observations on *m. maracoani* only.) In 1967.2 von Hagen reported that he also made sound recordings in Trinidad.

### Combat

Only the manus rub (component no. 1) has been filmed of the ritualized components. Irregular forceful combat, once ending in a complete upset of one opponent, was observed and filmed. Each time it was preceded, as in *tangeri*, *ornata*, *inaequalis*, and sometimes *pugillator*, by down-points (threat component no. 2), from which position the chelae engaged. Dactyl-hooks also accompanied combat, the dactyls of the 1st or 1st and 2nd legs of one crab bending and hooking behind the corresponding dactyl of the opponent. It is not known whether this action, found also in *ornata*, tends to throw the other crab off balance, or whether the armatures on these segments are engaged in stridulation. (Observations on *m. maracoani* only.)

### RANGE

Western Atlantic from Venezuela and Trinidad to Brazil (Estado São Paulo). Single West Indian records from Jamaica (Sloane) and Santo Domingo (specimen in AMNH). Eastern Pacific from El Salvador to northern Peru; possibly formerly known from Chile (p. 147).

### BIOTOPE

In Atlantic always near low-tide levels on muddy substrates, close to mangroves. The flats may be along edges of bays with gentle tides, on flats inside the more marine portions of mangrove estuaries, or on flat banks near mouths of streams (biotope nos. 8, 9, 12); in Pacific on salt flats at higher levels, the substrate being sandy mud. (Biotope no. 11.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Apparently not typically mingling with *major*, the other Atlantic member of the subgenus *Uca* (p.

136). Often (*Boboruca*) *thayeri* and (*Celuca*) *cumulanta* occupy adjacent patches of mud, usually at slightly higher levels, or slightly farther inshore. In the Pacific found with (*U.*) *ornata* (von Hagen); the few I collected (Ecuador) were farther inland than others of the subgenus *Uca*, among (*Minuca*) *vocator ecuadoriensis*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens is given in Appendix A, p. 601.)

*Observations and Collections.* *U. maracoani m.*: Trinidad: Port of Spain. Eastern Venezuela: Pedernales. Guyana: Georgetown and vicinity. Brazil: São Salvador. *U. maracoani insignis*: Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

*Film.* Trinidad. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

*Sound Recordings.* Trinidad.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca maracoani* (Latreille, 1802-1803)

LECTOTYPE. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Listed by the museum as a "type non spécifié" and believed (1959) by D. Guinot (personal communication) to be, along with 3 other males, Latreille's original specimens. These specimens, dried but in good condition, were in two boxes, each containing two specimens, with identical labels, as follows: "*Gelasimus maracoani* Margr. M. Leprieur. Cayenne." Milne-Edwards (1837) first listed their habitat as Cayenne, and his usual note, "(C.M.)," indicates that at that time they were in the collections of the museum. The specimen selected by J. Crane as lectotype is the only one in almost perfect condition, it being marred only by a slightly damaged carapace but with all characters, except the concealed gonopods, clearly characteristic of the Atlantic subspecies. Not relaxed. Measurements in mm: length 27; breadth 39; propodus 73; dactyl 58. (!)

Marcgrave's (1648) original specimens presumably came from Brazil; Latreille (1802-1803) gave the type-locality as "Le continent de l'Amerique Meridionale." Since Latreille, through his use of a post-Linnaean binomial, stands as the author of the species, and since the material in the Paris museum appears to be authentically his, it has seemed appropriate to designate the lectotype as described, with Cayenne as the type-locality.

*Uca maracoani insignis* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

HOLOTYPE. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Listed by the museum as a "type non spécifié." Apparently the unique female, and therefore auto-

matic holotype, described by Milne-Edwards. The illustrations accompanying his 1854 paper are characteristic, as is the specimen, of *U. m. insignis* and not of *U. ornata*, the very similar sympatric species. The label is as follows: "*Acanthoplax insignis* Edw. M. Gay Chili." Measurements in mm: length 24; breadth 31. Spines on both sides of carapace well developed, 8 on left dorso-lateral margin, 9 on right; dorsal surface of carapace only slightly roughened, in comparison with that of *ornata*. Vertical lateral margin with a series of well-developed, small spines and tubercles diminishing in size ventrally, one of the best diagnostic characters for females of this subspecies. 2 to 4 spines along posterior margins of all ambulatories. Specimen dried; not relaxed. "Chili" almost certainly erroneous as the type-locality (see p. 438). (!)

Type of *Gelasimus armatus* Smith, 1870. In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. One male, cat. no. 5816. Characteristic of *m. insignis*, not *ornata*. Measurements in mm: length 25.2; breadth 35.5; propodus 60; dactyl 45.6 (Smith). Gulf of Fonseca, Salvador. Collected by J. A. McNiel. Received from Peabody Academy of Sciences November, 1885. (!)

*Uca (Uca) maracoani maracoani*  
(Latreille, 1802-1803)

(Tropical western Atlantic)

MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

MALE

*Carapace.* Vein-like striae of branchial and pterygostomian regions present or absent. Dorso-lateral margins always clearly marked by ridges with close-set granules; they are best developed in specimens from Guyana, where they are not only slightly larger than elsewhere but usually interspersed anteriorly on major side with still larger structures that may be called small tubercles; in all specimens throughout the subspecies range the margins on both sides near posterior angle of carapace end in a single, relatively large tubercle the apex of which is sometimes incised to form two or three beads.

*Major Cheliped.* Tubercles of outer manus somewhat more thickly set than in *m. insignis*. Palm with oblique ridge not tending to obsolescence. Dactyl with lower margin not slanting or excavate proximally; outer surface finely tuberculate.

*Ambulatories.* Meri with the slight rugosities of posterior surfaces, when present, not confined to sub-dorsal regions.

*Gonopod.* Differs from that of *m. insignis* chiefly in the slightly more tumid inner process; anterior flange bent slightly less, its torsion beginning more distally, and its tip scarcely projecting beyond pore.

FEMALE

Tubercles of dorso-lateral margin small and close set, with pile on each side of margin. No patch of pile posteriorly on carapace; vertical lateral margin armed with close-set granules; pile present or absent on merus of 4th ambulatory supramarginally along postero-ventral margin; no long, separated tubercles on postero-ventral margins of ambulatories.

*Uca (Uca) maracoani insignis*  
(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

MALE

*Carapace.* Vein-like striae on branchial and pterygostomian regions always present. Dorso-lateral margins faint or absent, never with more than one tubercle anteriorly, always large and spinous, and with another close to postero-lateral margin of carapace; the anterior tubercle is sometimes absent and there are no traces of other tubercles along the path of the margin before the posterior tubercle which is always present and is never incised at the apex to form two or three beads.

*Major Cheliped.* Tuberculation of outer manus somewhat sparser than in *m. maracoani*, but variable, tending toward that of *ornata*. Palm with oblique ridge tending to obsolescence, especially in large specimens, more than in either *m. maracoani* or *ornata*. Dactyl with its lower margin proximally notably sloping or concave; outer surface sometimes as smooth as in *ornata*, although without traces of the vermiculations or punctae found in that species, and sometimes finely tuberculate as in *m. maracoani*.

*Ambulatories.* As in *m. maracoani*, except that rugosities on posterior sides of meri are practically absent; when indicated they are in the subdorsal area only, as in *ornata*.

*Gonopod.* As in *m. maracoani*, with these minor exceptions: inner process slightly less tumid; anterior

flange bent slightly more than in some *m. maracoani*; additionally its torsion begins more proximally and its tip projects slightly farther beyond pore.

## FEMALE

(From a single female, from Ecuador, which agrees with von Hagen's [1968] description.)

Vein-like striae of branchial and pterygostomial regions present. Carapace scarcely roughened with

tubercles and granules; tubercles of dorso-lateral margins moderately large and separated, about as in most females of *U. ornata*; vertical lateral margin armed with similar, but slightly smaller, separated tubercles; a large area of pile on sides of carapace near posterior margin; merus of last ambulatory without pile above its postero-ventral margin; long, spinous, blunt tubercles present on postero-ventral margins of all ambulatories.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Uca) maracoani*  
(Latreille, 1802-1803)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (U.) maracoani maracoani*, below.

*U. (U.) maracoani maracoani*  
(Latreille, 1802-1803)

*Maracoani*

Marcgrave de Liebstad, 1648: 184; text fig. Brazil. Description; including color.

? *Cancer palustris cuniculos sub terra agens*

Sloane, 1725: 260. Jamaica: "by Passage-Fort." Gives "*Maracoani*. Margr. p. 184 ed. 1648" as reference, followed by: "This crab agrees in everything to the Description of *Marcgrave*." Habitat in marshes and among mangroves. (See p. 324.)

*Ocypode maracoani*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Latreille, 1802-1803: 46. Cayenne. (Paris !)

*Gelasimus maracoani*

Latreille, 1817.2: 519. No new material. New genus, *Gelasimus*. (See p. 20.)

Desmarest, 1825: 123. Apparently no new material. Taxonomy.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 144; Pl. 3, Figs. 1, 1a, 1b. Taxonomy.

Dana, 1852: 318. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Taxonomy.

Smith, 1869.1: 35 (part). Brazil.

Brocchi, 1875: 73; text fig. of gonopod (no morphological details shown).

Kingsley, 1880.1: 136 (part). Western Atlantic material only, including that from Bahia, Brazil.

Cano, 1889: 92, 231. Brazil: Pernambuco.

Ortmann, 1894.2: 756. "Antillen"; Surinam.

Aurivillius, 1893: 35. Brazil. Description of amphibious characteristics.

Young, 1900: 270 (part); text fig. Western Atlantic material only. Taxonomy.

*Gelasima Maracoani*

Latreille, 1818: 3 (consists only of caption); Pl. 296, Fig. 1. (Not Pl. 275, nor its caption on p. 1 erroneously applied to Pl. 274; Pl. 275 is, instead, a copy of Seba's illustration of the form now referred to *U. major*.)

*Gonoplax maracoani*

Lamarck, 1818: 254. "Habite l'Amérique méridionale." Brief Latin diagnosis. Common name: "Rhombille maracoan."

*Uca maracoani*

Rathbun, 1900.3: 134. Brazil: Natal; Rio Parahybo do Norte at Cabedello.

Moreira, 1901: 52. Brazil: northern part and Rio de Janeiro.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 378. Photos. Cayenne. Brazil: Maranhão, Natal, Plataforma, Porto Seguro. Taxonomy.

Oliveira, 1939.1: 123. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Taxonomy; color; habitat.

Crane, 1943.2: 35; text fig. Venezuela. Taxonomy; waving display; habitat.

Crane, 1957. Western Atlantic. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Crane, 1958. Trinidad. Social behavior.

Gerlach, 1958.1: 672. Brazil: Estado São Paulo (near Cananéia: Rio Perequê). Ecology.

Holthuis, 1959.2: 260. Surinam. Taxonomy.

Guinot-Dumortier, 1959: 515; Text Fig. 17a, b. French Guiana: Cayenne.

Barnwell, 1963; text figs. Brazil. Endogenous daily and tidal rhythms of melanophore and motor activity.

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

von Hagen, 1970.1. Distribution in West Indies.

von Hagen, 1970.4; text figs. Trinidad. Adaptations to a particular intertidal level.



*Uca (Uca) maracoani insignis*

(Milne-Edwards, 1852)

*Acanthoplax insignis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1852: 151. Chili. (Paris !)

Milne-Edwards, 1854: 162; Pl. 11, Figs. 1, 1a, 1b. Further description of the type.

*Gelasimus armatus*

Smith, 1870: 123; Pl. 2, Fig. 5; Pl. 3, Figs. 4, 4a, 4b, 4c. Gulf of Fonseca. Type description. (MCZ !)

Smith, 1871: 91. Record of type. No new material or further description.

*Gelasimus insignis*

Smith, 1870: 126. Taxonomy.

*Uca insignis*

? Rathbun, 1911: 550. Peru. Brief taxonomy; local distribution (by R. E. Coker).

Porter, 1913: 317. Not found by this author in Chile.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 385-387 (part: description of male only); Pl. 161, Figs. 9, 10, 11, 12, all of which are from drawings published by Smith in the type description of *G. armatus*.

Bott, 1954: 156; Pl. 14, Fig. 1a, 1b (photos). El Salvador. Taxonomy.

Altevogt & Altevogt: 1967: E 1288. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 442; Text Figs. 14e (gonopod), 15b (photo), 16b (photo), 20. Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy; waving display; habitat.

Altevogt, 1969.1: 238; Text Figs. Peru. Behavior and gonopod structure as isolating mechanisms.

24. *UCA (UCA) ORNATA* (SMITH, 1870)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 21 E-H.

FIGURES 26 E; 31 D; 39 C, D; 46 G; 65 G; 99.

MAP 10.

TABLES 4, 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Because of the broad fingers of its claw, *Uca ornata* probably attains a greater weight than any other fiddler, although in dimensions it resembles its close relation, *maracoani insignis*, and is surpassed by (*Afruca*) *tangeri*.

Both its habitat and the form of its display are probably adaptations connected with the lopsided distribution of its weight. When mature it occurs, at least in Panama when breeding, on the inshore edges of mudflats which are so moist that at most low tides the surface remains semi-liquid ooze. From this substrate the crabs may derive some support during their vigorous display. The situation recalls those herbivorous dinosaurs which were apparently confined by their weight to semi-aquatic habitats.

The display of *ornata* is a somewhat exaggerated version of *maracoani*'s performance, the great claw circling high overhead above the body of the crab.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Differs from *U. maracoani* of both subspecies most distinctly as follows: Male: Antero-dorsal margin of major merus with close-set, small, rounded tubercles and a single, distal, contrastingly large, crest-like tooth, not with a row of separated, large, spinous tubercles; major dactyl externally smooth, not granulate. Carapace with dorso-lateral margins almost always with a row of separated tubercles, either all large or some vestigial. Gonopod tip slender, the inner process not tumid, the tube not projecting beyond the long, narrow flanges. Female: Vertical lateral margin of carapace vestigial; carapace dorsally very rough with tubercles and granules, with a row of rounded tubercles across its posterior border; sub-orbital crenellations partly fused near outer angle; no patch of pile on posterior part of sides of carapace. Gonopore without a large tubercle but with a long, slightly raised rim directed antero-posteriorly. (See also Table 4, p. 638.)

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 125).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Branchial and pterygostomian regions without vein-like striae or with faint traces only. Upper margin of orbit erect, scarcely rolled back; antero-lateral margins less definite than in *maracoani*, usually not clearly separated from dorso-laterals, with or without one or more large, spinous tubercles; dorso-lateral margins marked not by close-set granules but by widely-spaced, large, sharp tubercles, some of them with the intervening spaces indicated only by a faint, very low ridge, smooth except, sometimes, for the widely spaced, low bumps of vestigial large tubercles; a large tubercle, sometimes compound, as in *m. maracoani*, always present close to posterior angle of carapace, and in one exceptional specimen of *ornata* from Panama it is the only one on dorso-lateral margin; in this peculiarity alone this example resembles *maracoani insignis*. The number of tubercles, including the posterior and the one or more sometimes present on antero-lateral margin, range from 2 to 13 on each side. The number and spacing of tubercles on the two sides are rarely the same and the larger number may be on either major or minor side; the usual range is 7 to 10; 1 to 4 of the penultimate tubercles are sometimes vestigial. Vertical lateral margin faint to absent in dorsal half. Suborbital margins little or not at all incised, giving the broadest crenellations, appearing partly fused, close to each orbit's outer angle, not in middle of margin. Young not pilous.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus with antero-dorsal margin armed throughout entire length except distally only by close-set, very small, rounded tubercles, usually scarcely more than beading and sometimes obsolescent either predistally or even throughout entire margin; they are set on a low ridge that is sometimes indistinct; occasionally one to several tubercles in proximal part are slightly enlarged; distally the margin ends in a strikingly large tooth, compressed, triangular, and pointed, the apex sometimes curved so

that the point is directed distally. *Carpus* with postero-dorsal surface smooth, its distal portion as well as ventral part of carpus often densely pilous. Outer manus with tubercles fewer, more widely spaced and lower than in *maracoani*; those of dorsal margin also few, between 2 and 5, widely separate, sometimes all about equally outstanding from the dense pile of upper outer manus and its margin but usually with the one or two most distal projecting beyond the others. *Palm* with oblique ridge well developed but ending at carpal cavity and represented if at all along cavity's anterior border by indistinct rugosities or by one or two vestigial tubercles. *Pollex* with outer surface uneven, but not strongly tuberculate; grooves and punctae present, variable; *dactyl* with outer surface entirely smooth except for traces of vermiculations and, sometimes, minute punctae, all discernible in cross-lighting. Pile on pollex denser than in *maracoani*, always prevalent in grooves and punctae, as on outer manus. Prehensile edge of dactyl with median row even closer to external row than in *maracoani* and with inner row extending throughout length, forming a straight series of small tubercles that are close set and similar except at proximal end, where the first few are smaller, more widely spaced and, sometimes, imperfectly aligned; these are followed by several slightly enlarged tubercles, those succeeding them distally diminishing regularly to merge with the rest of the series.

*Ambulatories*. Postero-ventral tubercles on merus, while variable in number and position, are much larger than in *maracoani*, almost always represented on all legs of at least first three pairs by at least one or two elongate tubercles resembling blunt spines; posterior surfaces of meri on the other hand are usually practically smooth, with the rudimentary rugosities found often on *maracoani* scarcely represented and confined to the subdorsal surface, while spinules are very sparse to absent.

*Gonopod*. Inner process not at all tumid; instead it is a flat, moderately narrow, translucent structure arising from setose tip of fleshy covering of tube; latter is moderately projecting and the inner process overlays it all the way to terminal pore. Tube flanked closely by a narrow anterior and vestigial posterior flange, both of them ending at pore. Curvature of tube moderate, torsion slight, beginning only sub-distally.

#### FEMALE

Dorsal surface of carapace rough with tubercles and granules, as in *maracoani*, but almost always much stronger, approaching their appearance in (*Afruca*) *tangeri*; dorso-lateral margins with 8 to 11 large, widely separated tubercles, without pile, approximately as in female *m. insignis*, the posterior

tubercle not especially enlarged; posterior border of carapace with a row of strong, rounded tubercles, moderately close set, numbering about 10 or 12. Vertical lateral margin vestigial, distally absent, without pile or large tubercles, armed only proximally and then only with granules or fine beading. Sides of carapace posteriorly not covered with pile. Suborbital crenellations partly fused near outer angle. A subdorsal border of pile posteriorly on 4th ambulatory merus, as in *maracoani*, but none supramarginally along postero-ventral margin, which is armed, along with the same margin in the other ambulatories, with 1 to 7 (usually 3 or 4) blunt, spinous tubercles (in addition to a spine on each ischium), highly variable in number and position, as in *m. insignis*; dorsal margin of carpus with traces of pile along its posterior side. Gonopore with tubercle lower and more elongate than in *maracoani*, the depression less deep and extending laterally less far both anteriorly and posteriorly.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All specimens from Panama)				
Largest male	31.5	50.5	87.0	67.5
Moderate male	29.5	45.0	67.0	52.5
Largest female				
(ovigerous)	30.0	42.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	26.0	37.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The male of *ornata* is unique in the subgenus in having, almost always, large separated tubercles on the postero-dorsal margins of carapace, instead, as in *maracoani*, of only posteriorly. Only *maracoani* shares with *ornata* the extreme characteristics of the major pollex, although the shape is approached by that of *princeps monilifera*. Pits on the pollex are also equivalent to those in *maracoani*; similar structures occur, in weak form, in *stylifera* and strongly in (*Afruca*) *tangeri*. They seem to be closely associated, as usual, with the presence of pile and, probably, algae (p. 466). Female *ornata* also have the dorso-lateral carapace margins strongly armed with separated, spinous tubercles, but they share this characteristic with females of *maracoani insignis*; as usual in the armature of carapace and legs of female *Uca*, it is stronger and less variable than in males. In most female *ornata* the dorsal surface of the carapace is so well provided with tubercles that the appearance is somewhat similar to that of *tangeri*, even though the tubercles in the American species are neither as large nor as extensive as in the African form.

Further comparisons are given in the account of *maracoani* (p. 144).

### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening in Panama extremely rare, confined to carapace; observed by von Hagen (1968.2) in Peru, Ecuador or both. Carapace in Panama occasionally pinkish or yellow, usually purple or rose red; eyebrows sometimes orange. Major cheliped with propodus and dactyl entirely brown to dull orange or purplish red. Eyestalks yellow. Ambulatories proximally, at junctions between segments or in entirety, purplish red or darker. The crab is rarely free of mud even during full display; then usually only the dactyl is clean, the color of the propodus and carapace remaining obscured.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

At high intensity closely similar in all details to that of *maracoani*. At low intensity, however, the cheliped instead of giving a lateral-straight wave circles in the same general pattern as at high, but the cheliped is not extended so far up and the diameter of the circles, as well as the speed at which they are described, is not so great; finally, the circles tend to more of a normal tilt, instead of being parallel to the ground.

In detail, the high intensity display is as follows. Major cheliped with manus and chela thrust straight above crab; dactyl separated as far as possible from pollex so that the claw is widely "open"; the tips then describe a wide circle for up to several minutes at a time without pause, although most series are shorter. In a single series I counted a maximum of 186 circular waves, each made at the rate of slightly less than one circle per second. The minor cheliped often makes a corresponding motion. Body is held high off ground on extended ambulatories throughout a series, one or more legs on each side being raised and lowered in typical leg-waves, their meri not touching; as in *maracoani*, this may be partly concerned in balance, rather than strictly an embellishment of display that gives the effect of greater size. (Component nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

#### Precopulatory Behavior

Females have been seen twice to follow males down burrows. Three pairs were dug up in shared burrows in Panama; since courting was active at the time, they may merely have been startled into joint descent by my approach.

#### Acoustic Behavior

Major-merus-rubs, leg-wags, minor-chela-taps and leg-stamps were observed and filmed (component nos. 1, 5, 10, 11).

### Combat

Several forceful combats were filmed but the details are unclear. As described under *maracoani* (p. 146), down-points (agonistic posture no. 2) and leg-hooks initiated the combats. Stamping on turned-under dactyles occurred between rounds, as well as repetitions of the leg-hooks.

### RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific from Central America to northern Peru.

### BIOTOPE

Open mudflats on bay shores beside and inside the mouths of large streams and rivers; uncommonly on almost landlocked mudflats not reached by neap tides, so that at these times the crabs aestivate; mangroves seem always to be nearby; young sometimes occurring on stream banks slightly farther from sea than usual. (Biotope nos. 8, 11; young on 9, 12.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

None when adult, except sometimes on their inshore boundaries, *salitanta*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens is given in Appendix A, p. 602.)

*Observations and Collections.* Mouth of Abajo R., near Old Panama, Panama City, R.P.; young from La Boca, near mouth of Panama Canal, Balboa, C.Z.

*Film.* Same locality.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus ornatus* Smith, 1870

**HOLOTYPE.** In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. One female. Cat. no. 5817. Type-locality: west coast of Central America. Collected by J. A. McNeil. Received from Peabody Academy of Sciences, November 1885. (!)

Rathbun (1918.1) synonymized this species, represented by the holotype only, with *U. insignis*, this female being the only member of that sex included in the Pacific specimens of these close-related species available to her for examination. Her males, on the other hand, probably are all specimens of *insignis*, here considered the Pacific subspecies of *U. maracoani*.

I base my identification of male *ornata* on field

observations and collections made personally near Panama City. Not only did I not find any specimens of *maracoani insignis* in the area, but I watched individual females, later captured, attracted by the high intensity courtship of the males; two of these females had reached the stage of following displaying males underground. In addition, three other burrows proved to be inhabited by pairs; see, however, comment on p. 152.

In Ecuador the few specimens of *m. insignis* I observed were in a different habitat from that frequented by *ornata* in Panama—salt flats far back from open water, subject to desiccation at neap tides, and with the substrate sandy mud rather than mud; von Hagen's (1968) specimens of similar southern populations of both species, however, were closely

sympatric at high levels. Obviously further ecological observations are needed.

Comments on the type in Paris of *Acanthoplax insignis* are given on p. 146.

Type Material of *Uca pizarri* von Hagen, 1968. Holotype male in Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden. Cat. no. D 23061. Measurements in mm from type description: length 27.3; breadth 40.2. Additional measurements by J. Crane: propodus 55; dactyl 44. The propodus was regenerated, doubtless at an early age, as shown by its normal shape combined with small size and atypical tuberculation. Type-locality: Puerto Pizarro, Peru. Also in Leiden: 1 paratype male (cat. no. D 23062); breadth in mm 43.3; Guayaquil, Ecuador. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Uca) ornata* (Smith, 1870)

#### *Gelasimus ornatus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Smith, 1870: 125; Pl. 2, Figs. 9-9a; Pl. 3, Figs. 5-5c. West coast of Central America. (MCZ !)

#### *Uca insignis* (not *Acanthoplax insignis* Milne-Edwards)

Rathbun, 1918.1 (part): 385; Pl. 161, Figs. 5, 6, 13, 14, 15. Part of description referring to female

only (p. 387); figs. are from drawings published by Smith in the type description of *G. ornatus*.

Crane, 1941.1: 173. Panama. Brief taxonomy of young.

Crane, 1957. Panama. Preliminary classification of waving display.

#### *Uca pizarri*

von Hagen, 1968.2: 439; Text Figs. 14d, 15a (photo), 16a (photo), 20. Puerto Pizarro, Peru; Guayaquil, Ecuador. Type description. (Leiden !)

VIII. SUBGENUS **MINUCA** BOTT, 1954*Typus: Gelasimus mordax* Smith, 1870

(East and west coasts of America)

PLATES 22-28.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURES 66, 67, 68 (part).

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 100.

MAPS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

TABLES 1, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Very small to large *Uca* with front wide to very wide; except in *pygmaea* and *panamensis* antero-lateral margins long and curving posteriorly, not sharply angled. Eyestalks short, their diameter large, almost filling orbits; suborbital crenellations small, often obscured by pile except near outer angle. No special armature on lower proximal palm and on anterior surface of carpus of 1st major ambulatory. Major manus with tubercles on upper half moderate, never very small; except in *brevifrons* carpal cavity with beaded edge on upper margin, the cavity never extending distally. Small cheliped always with gape narrow, minutely serrate. Gonopod with flanges well developed, never ending in a projecting tube, thumb large and subdistal. Female gonopore always with a tubercle, although minute in *burgersi* and *mordax*. Segments of male abdomen never partly fused.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the genus. Related closely to *Celuca*, which is described in detail beginning on page 211. Differences are as follows.

## MALE

*Carapace.* General shape of front as in *Celuca* but usually wider; measured between eyebrow margins its breadth is contained from about 4 to 2.5 times in carapace width between tips of antero-lateral angles, instead of from 6 to, unusually, about 3. Orbits more than slightly oblique only in *pygmaea*, where the backward slant is strong. Antero-lateral margins differ as follows: longer, except in *pygmaea*, than in most *Celuca*; except in *panamensis*, slightly convex rather than straight or concave, and characteristically slightly divergent, the widest part of carapace being usually behind, not between, antero-lateral angles, while the antero-lateral margins continue into dorso-laterals with a rounded turn, without forming the sharp angle characteristic of most *Celuca*. Upper postero-lateral stria sometimes long and strong, ex-

tending anteriorly below dorso-lateral margins. Vertical lateral margins always complete and strong. Carapace profile in lateral view moderately to strongly arched but never semi-cylindrical. Antero-lateral part of carapace usually with irregular, low and indistinct rugosities which are never tuberculate but are sometimes replaced by scattered low tubercles and are sometimes continued farther back, internal to dorso-lateral margins; patterned pile present on carapace only in *vocator*. In about half the species the postorbital groove is strongly marked, rather than moderately to not at all. Frontal margin always complete, instead of rarely weak or absent; sometimes with faint and variable traces of beading on its inner (posterior) edge. Margin of posterior carapace also at times faintly beaded on anterior edge, continuing the usual beading of lateral margin beyond postero-lateral corner of carapace. Suborbital region flat to convex, setae thicker and more numerous than in most *Celuca*, on both suborbital and pterygostomial regions.

Orbital floor never tuberculate; submarginal setae sometimes thick and continuing over inner part of margin to merge with those of suborbital region, obscuring the weak crenellations, instead of being, as in *Celuca*, set in a single row; suborbital crenellations present throughout margin, sometimes extending around outer margin and even onto lower margin of antero-lateral angle; in no species, however, do they reach the high development shown in some *Celuca*.

Eyestalk and eye almost fill orbit, except near suborbital and outer orbital margins. Stalk always short and thick and, in these characters, *Minuca* includes the most extreme examples in the genus; stalk about equal to eye in diameter.

*Second Maxilliped.* Few spoon-tipped hairs.

*Third Maxilliped.* Gill vestigial.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Ventral margin except in *panamensis* and *pygmaea* with two distinct rows of tubercles, not contiguous; the anterior is always the more regular, slightly supramarginal, with the proxi-

mal end starting higher, then descending obliquely to parallel the second row.

**Carpus:** Postero-dorsal surface more often with tubercles mixed with or replacing the rugosities, than strictly rugose; sometimes practically smooth; degree and type of roughness highly variable.

**Manus:** Outer surface usually covered with small to moderate tubercles, rarely with the minute tubercles characteristic of most *Celuca*. While always largest as in that subgenus in upper part of manus, they differ in never showing patterns of arrangement, such as reticulations or vertical rugosities, and in never having more than an extremely narrow band of minute tubercles, or a smooth area, close to sub-dorsal groove; latter groove, except in *panamensis*, always present, strong and full length of the well-marked, raised, tuberculate outer edge of dorsal margin. Unlike many *Celuca*, margin is never distally broad, triangular, or strongly flattened, never has specialized arrangements of the tubercles, and never is practically smooth. Instead, it continues beyond carpal cavity as a relatively narrow, slightly convex ridge, little or not at all broadened distally; the surface is equipped only with a few small tubercles, low and unspecialized. Lower distal outer manus at pollex base always flattened as in *Celuca*, but with the depression, except in *pygmaea* and *subcylindrica*, weaker than in most *Celuca*. Except in *panamensis* a ventral marginal keel is always distinguishable and always flanked by an outer groove; both, however, stop at pollex base, where they are strongest, instead of sometimes continuing onto pollex; tubercles and beading only occasionally surmounting or replacing keel instead of being usually present. Heel always well rounded; in *panamensis* it projects postero-laterally to an extent unique in the genus.

**Palm:** Lower triangular area differs from that of *Celuca* in having minute tubercles at least adjacent to oblique ridge, rather than on the area's lower part; again unlike *Celuca* the tubercles are never larger proximally and near ventral margins than elsewhere and never are specialized in arrangement or shape. Central area of palm always at least partly tuberculate, instead of usually smooth; no definite depression ever in upper part of center palm, below predactyl region. Carpal cavity with proximal part of lower portion sometimes so low that it lacks a margin, instead of being always defined throughout. Upper part of cavity, except in *brevifrons*, without an extension distally into the flattened predactyl area, being cut off sharply by the downward curving, strongly beaded inner edge of dorsal margin; this barrier which occurs occasionally and then often incompletely in *Celuca*, in *Minuca* is incomplete only in *subcylindrica*. Proximal predactyl ridge either subparallel to the adjacent groove, as in *Celuca*, or diverging from it, the ridge then being directed proximo-dorsally.

Proximal ridge always stronger than distal ridge, which may be variably obsolescent.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Differ as follows from those of *Celuca*: Tip of dactyl, when closely apposed to that of pollex, never lies against inside of pollex tip, but always touches the tip itself as it curves slightly beyond and below in exactly the same plane; pollex tip except in *panamensis* and *subcylindrica*, is always roughly trifid, instead of being usually simple and only occasionally bifid or trifid. Pollex and dactyl of similar breadths, instead of pollex usually being clearly wider; only in *pygmaea* is pollex somewhat triangular. Long external grooves present in *brevifrons* and *subcylindrica*. Outer, proximal, subdorsal groove on dactyl always well developed except in *brevifrons* and *panamensis*, where it is respectively weak and absent. A distal keel occurs only in *subcylindrica*, on pollex only.

**Minor Cheliped.** As in *Celuca*, except as follows. Antero-ventral margin of merus, instead of being smooth and rounded, is distinct at least proximally and marked at least faintly with minute tubercles, spinules, or beading; this same margin is flanked supramarginally on anterior surface at its proximal end by a cluster of minute spinules or, sometimes, by a distinct, short row of spinules or tubercles; the anterior surface also is sometimes slightly roughened, at least proximally, by various means; all of these meral characteristics are subject to individual variation within populations. Carpal ridge and mano-pollex ridge both always strongly developed, not sometimes short or weak; carpal ridge often clearly beaded. Except in *panamensis*, gape always, instead of sometimes, extremely narrow with middle portion clearly serrate, the edges almost or wholly in contact when tips are apposed.

**Ambulatories.** As in *Celuca*, except that the ventral margins of merus are completely unarmed, instead of weakly so, except in *panamensis* and *subcylindrica*. Pile in general more prevalent than in any *Celuca*, especially on carpus and manus; extent in several species controlled by presence or absence of underlying, very minute, sharp granules, and of taxonomic importance. No special armature on anterior surface of 1st carpus or other segments.

**Abdomen.** All segments distinct.

**Gonopod.** Basically of the *Deltuca-Thalassuca* type. Flanges always well developed, the anterior the wider, never confluent beyond pore; pore never at end of a produced tube; inner process strong, ranging from broad and expanded when it almost overhangs pore, to flat and moderately narrow, although never spinous. Thumb always well developed. Torsion absent to slight, never extreme.

## FEMALE

With the characteristics of females in the genus (p. 17) and of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 215), when the following comments are taken into account. Otherwise as in male, as described above.

The female in *Minuca* differs in secondary characters most definitely from the male in having both ventral margins of the ambulatories always distinct and, at least on part of the 2nd and 3rd legs, armed with serrations or tubercles; in *Celuca* these margins are armed weakly but distinctly even in males. In some individuals of most species a longitudinal ridge on anterior surface of at least 1st carpus; although seldom tuberculate, it is otherwise similar to the armature in males of some *Celuca*. In general the armature of the carapace is relatively stronger in comparison with that of the males in *Minuca* than in *Celuca*, particularly in the anterior and posterior beading; in no species, however, are the carapace differences between the sexes as pronounced as in some other subgenera. Gonopore of *Minuca* with one to three tubercles, unlike *Celuca*, where tubercles are absent, except in one subspecies; in two species of *Minuca*, however, *burgersi* and *mordax*, the single tubercle is very small.

## Size

Small to large.

## Color

Display whitening strongly attained in one subspecies only, *g. galapagensis*, where it is preceded by a bright yellow phase. Minor lightening of carapace and major cheliped apparent in a number of other *Minuca*. Red and orange frequent on major cheliped; less often these hues appear on ambulatories and, in one subspecies, *vocator ecuadoriensis*, dark red extends to the carapace. Green and blue green are confined to the crab's anterior regions and occur only in some populations of two species, *rapax* and *pugnax*.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Wave lateral-straight to lateral-circular, the cheliped usually unflexing obliquely upward, often with jerks. One special courtship component, the curtsy, present in several species. Tempo of waving often slow; in no *Minuca* is the speed of waving attained that occurs in a number of *Celuca*, although in jerking displays direct comparisons are invalid since a jerking display represents compound single waves (p. 524). Nevertheless even when a display consists only of a simple wave it is characteristically slower than in most *Celuca*. Waving display prevalent in both popula-

tions and individuals during periods of social activity, but these periods are often sharply limited by drought or temperature. Male normally attracts female into his burrow, even attempted matings, much less completed copulations, being rare at the surface during daylight. In the temperate zone, however, courtship in two species occurs at night as well as during the daytime; in these forms the incidence of nocturnal surface pairings may be high. Chimney construction prevalent, chimneys being apparently sometimes constructed only by females but sometimes also serving as a display perch for males. Hoods are formed regularly, apparently by displaying males, in *minax* but rudimentary ones were made in a single population of *pugnax*. Sound production reaches moderate diversity and complexity. Combat, at least in Trinidad populations of *rapax* and probably *burgersi*, is more thoroughly ritualized—the elements of force being more often apparently excluded—than in any other *Uca* where the patterns are known.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Nine of the twelve species included in the subgenus *Minuca* appear to be closely related. This majority is treated in the paragraphs that follow; the three aberrant species are discussed in the section's final paragraph.

One species, *vocator*, is composed of populations of great similarity, even though they occur in both the Atlantic and Pacific; the groups in each ocean are therefore given only the rank of subspecies; their similarities include not only superficial details of armature and pile, but a close resemblance in gonopods which, in the form of the inner process and the presence of a unique subdistal tooth, set off the species from its close relations; the gonopod of this species, in fact, is most similar to those of certain *Deltuca* in the Indo-Pacific.

The eight other closely related species divide with considerable justification into two superspecies, each containing three geographically distinct species and an additional allied species; each of these two allies shows geographical coincidence with one member of a superspecies.

The first superspecies, *minax*, is composed of *mordax* and *minax*, respectively in the tropical and temperate Atlantic, and *brevifrons*, in the tropical Pacific; these three species all show the widest fronts in the genus, highly arched carapaces adapting them well to desiccation during drought or cold, similarities of armature on the major cheliped, including diverging predactyl ridges (which are also shared by *vocator*), and a toleration for almost fresh water; in fact each of the three reaches its highest population size and includes the largest individuals far from the



mouths of rivers or in swamps of minimal tidal influence. A fourth species that is closely allied to the superspecies, and in particular to *mordax*, is *burgersi*, discussed further in the account of that species (p. 169). The gonopods of this superspecies and its ally are exceedingly similar to one another and to those of the second superspecies, described below, as well as minutely variable in similar ways; they are, therefore unreliable as taxonomic tools.

The second superspecies, *galapagensis*, groups three similar species. These are *galapagensis* in the tropical Pacific, *rapax* in the tropical and subtropical Atlantic, and *pugnax* in the subtropical and temperate Atlantic. Each is divided here into two subspecies. All of these forms are strikingly similar morphologically. In contrast to members of the superspecies *minax*, the species are confined to habitats of relatively high salinity; with the exception of one subspecies (g. *galapagensis*) that aestivates in very dry flats, the carapaces are not so highly arched as is usual in the superspecies *minax* and the fronts are less wide throughout; the similarity of the gonopods within and between the two groups has already been mentioned. Within the superspecies all of the species share fine details of armature of the major cheliped; these consist principally of a high oblique ridge on the palm with tubercles often in a partly double row, parallel predactyl ridges, and a predistal crest on the pollex distinctively formed. Although reliable gonopod differences doubtless exist in all these forms, adequate statistical studies of variations will be needed to determine them; thereafter only devoted use both of high power lenses and micrometer scales can take advantage of the information. A fourth species, *zaca*, appears to be closely allied to this superspecies; it shares the Pacific range of *galapagensis*.

The three remaining species included in *Minuca* are *pygmaea*, *subcylindrica*, and *panamensis*. Each is highly and diversely specialized. The peculiarities of *pygmaea* are associated with its paedomorphic characteristics, which appear in one or more species in most of the other subgenera. This species is little known either in life or preservative, and its affinities to the rest of the subgenus will doubtless become certain as soon as more information and material become available; meanwhile it is placed among its more probable relations, *vocator* and the superspecies *minax*, on the left of the dendogram. The other two aberrant species, *subcylindrica* and *panamensis*, could perhaps equally well be considered members of the less homogeneous subgenus *Celuca*.

The basic resemblance of the gonopods, however, to those characteristic of *Minuca* seems to be sufficient reason for the inclusion of the species here, particularly since our knowledge of their habitats is sufficient to explain most of their structural oddities.

## FOSSIL SPECIMENS

The holotype and unique specimen of *Uca hamlini* Rathbun, 1926, is a fossil claw from the Pliocene of southern California. Its visible characters are more similar to those of the members of the subgenus *Minuca* than to those of species composing other current subgenera. The visible part of the specimen consists chiefly of the outer side of the right major propodus and dactyl. Characteristics of the armature are distinct, in spite of cracks and other damage. The manus tubercles are small, as in living *Minuca* and unlike the large tubercles found in the subgenus *Uca* or the usually smaller ones in *Celuca*. The manus at first view appears abnormally long; further examination shows that the outer manus has almost certainly been detached and pushed somewhat proximally, so that distally part of the internal aspect of the palm (that is, a portion never exposed in an intact crab) is visible. The fingers are also damaged, although some blunt gape tubercles are distinct, all resembling closely those that occur in species of *Minuca* today. Measurements in mm: propodus more than 30 mm, dactyl ca. 24 mm. The type data are as follows: Rathbun, 1926.2: 30; Pl. 8, Fig. 1. From Third St. tunnel, Los Angeles. Pliocene. Collected by Homer Hamlin, U.S. Geological Survey, 1901. Holotype in Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, no. 353372. (!)

Another fossil specimen seems to me to be unsuitable for referral, at least at present, even to a subgenus. It consists of a single dactyl from an ambulatory and was referred by Rathbun, 1918, to *Uca macrodactylus* (Milne-Edwards & Lucas). Thanks to our present expanded knowledge of the genus, it seems clear that the morphology of dactyls is on the one hand similar, and on the other has not yet been investigated in enough detail, to distinguish the small interspecific differences. Measurement: length ca. 6 mm. Reference: Rathbun, 1918.2: 177; Pl. 64, Fig. 7. From Panama, Canal Zone; Pleistocene. Specimen in Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, no. 324251. (!) The taxonomic history of the name *macrodactylus* is discussed below, on p. 186.

## 25. *UCA (MINUCA) PANAMENSIS* (STIMPSON, 1859)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 22 A-D.

MAP 12.

FIGURES 46 H; 66 G; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

*Uca panamensis* is the only fiddler adapted by both morphology and behavior to a stony habitat. It occurs only at the ends of beaches, where sand so often gives way to rocky headlands. The fiddler depends on stones and small rocks for protection, dodging around and beneath them, or freezing motionless in their shelter for minutes at a time. Its variable colors, ranging widely from light to dark, are always in general accord with the local substrate. The carapace is unusually flat for a *Uca*, in apparent adaptation to sheltering under stones. Burrows, insofar as they have been sampled, are shallow and very temporary; sometimes *panamensis* does not dig at all before the tide comes in; the crab simply shelters under a rock like the numerous xanthids nearby.

In this environment, where the sight of waving individuals would usually be restricted by intervening stones, probably lies the explanation for the small amount of waving that seems to be typical of this species. A further hint exists in the exaggerated posterior extension of the heel of the major manus; presumably it could act as an effective instrument in major-manus-drumming against the ground. Unfortunately this species has not been observed in life since our knowledge of acoustic behavior in *Uca* began to be assembled.

The stiff brushes of setae on the tips of the small chelae scrape algae from the stones. These minute plants form the principal food of all *panamensis* that have reached a moderate size. Only the young and occasional adults sift organic matter from the sand in typical *Uca* fashion.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Major manus with proximal outer end strikingly thick and projecting; oblique ridge on palm vestigial, being smoothly rounded and without tubercles. Minor cheliped in both sexes with gape wide and with a long, distal brush of stiff, bristle-like setae on each finger. Front broad, about one-third width of carapace; antero-lateral angles acute and produced.

The posterior extension on the major manus and the striking brushes of setae on the small chelae distinguish this species from all others in the genus.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Front contained about 3 times in carapace breadth. Carapace shape antero-laterally atypical of the subgenus, being widest between antero-lateral angles which are acute and slightly produced; in addition, the margins converge slightly from the angle before turning inward, sometimes in an almost angular turn. In addition to the usual postero-lateral striae, very short, weak, additional striae, of varying size, number, and position, occur on sides, behind the vertical lateral margins; posteriorly the roughening takes the form of single spinules. Suborbital crenellations strong throughout; the outer angle of the orbit flares anteriorly, so that the crenellations project; the angle has a smooth, vertical outer border, the crenellations recommencing on a low level and continuing posteriorly along outer edge of orbit and onto lower edge of antero-lateral angle.

*Major Cheliped.* Merus on ventral margin with a single row of tubercles, not two, or a row of weak, transverse rugosities; sometimes margin is almost smooth. Manus with outer surface marble smooth or with very minute tubercles on lower part, and always with small, low tubercles extending from upper part of heel area obliquely dorso-distally across upper third; subdorsal groove absent; dorsal margin little bent over, broad, convex, not set off from either outer manus or palm, tubercles of marginal area being continuous with those of both surfaces; the only exception is a wavy, linear row of the same tubercles that can sometimes be distinguished in proximal half of marginal area, in the region normally part of outer edge and groove; ventral margin also smoothly rounded, with or without faint traces of a line of minute tubercles in distal half, both keel and groove

being absent; heel notably enlarged, extending posteriorly in a rounded protuberance that prevents full lateral extension of manus. Palm with lower triangle uniformly covered throughout by very minute tubercles; central area smooth, the only general roughening of entire palm being near dorsal margin, where the small tubercles of outer manus and dorsal margin die out; tubercles altogether lacking on the low, rounded, indistinct, oblique ridge, except for the very minute tubercles of lower triangle which die out in this area; carpal cavity small, its lower margin lacking, its distal edge marked with small tubercles, the beading of its upper edge minute; predactyl ridges weak. Pollex and dactyl with tubercles of prehensile edges low, weakly differentiated; tip of pollex blunt, not appearing trifid; dactyl with proximal subdorsal groove absent and with proximal dorsal tubercles minimal.

*Minor Cheliped.* Manus rounded, almost as broad as long and two-thirds as thick. Fingers only slightly longer than palm, broad and thick, gaping moderately to the corneous tips which articulate well; prehensile edges without serrations. Entire lower distal end of pollex and upper distal of dactyl covered with a thick brush of long bristles; these continue backward on both fingers, inside and out, as the usual oblique rows of relatively scanty setae.

*Ambulatories.* Ventral margins of meri serrate for at least part of anterior and posterior margins; strength of serrations variable among populations. Pile absent.

*Gonopod.* Anterior flange much broader than posterior. Inner process broad, thick except distally, closely applied to and extending beyond tip of posterior flange. Thumb slender, ending well below base of flange.

#### FEMALE

All armature notably strong, for a female of this subgenus; noteworthy characteristics are the tuberculation of the hepatic and branchial regions, the strength of the unusual short striae of the carapace sides, and the distinct beading of the posterior edge of frontal margin, eyebrows, and anterior edge of posterior margin of carapace. Gonopore with an external tubercle directed antero-internally.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male	13.5	19.5	30.0	19.0
Moderate male	11.0	16.5	21.5	14.5
Largest female	14.5	19.5	—	—
Largest ovigerous female	10.0	13.3	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	7.0	10.2	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

In spite of its unusual characteristics, *panamensis* is basically a typical member of the subgenus *Minuca*, the front being very broad and the gonopod of the general form found in *vocator* and its relations. The exceptionally smooth manus and chela hint that actual combat may be strongly reduced, while the large heel, as well as a moderate development of armature on the merus and suborbital regions, suggest that this species will prove to depend strongly on acoustic signaling in agonistic behavior as well as in courtship.

#### Color

Display whitening probably absent, although some individuals are moderately pale. The color of this species definitely varies with the prevailing color of the surrounding sand and stones. Populations on light sand and among pale stones are usually yellowish buff or grayish white, but individuals are sometimes paler. Crabs on dark volcanic sand among dark stones, on the other hand, range through various shades of brown, dull green, and gray; they are often speckled or marbled with lighter or darker, and sometimes with dark red. Major cheliped frequently lighter than rest of crab.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

(Incompletely known; only about five examples have been observed; no films were secured.)

Wave apparently always lateral-straight, the major cheliped being extended diagonally outward and upward, then flexed again in the same plane. Minor cheliped motionless; body not raised; ambulatories remain on ground; no steps are taken. Waving is at the rate of about 1 wave to the second. The examples seen all displayed from the tops of stones. (Component no. 4.)

#### RANGE

Gulf of Fonseca, El Salvador, to Payta, Peru.

#### BIOTOPES

This species is the only one in the genus found close to the ends of sheltered, sandy beaches, among the stones that often mark the change to rocks and tidepools just beyond. Rarely found also in the adjacent tidepools under stones; this location appears to be accidental, resulting from a hurried escape. (Biotope no. 4 approximately; see above; rarely, no. 2.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

None.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 602.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Gulf of Fonseca, near Potosi R.; Corinto. Costa Rica: Port Parker; Culebra Bay; Piedra Blanca Bay; Ballenas Bay; Uvita Bay; Golfito. Panama: Honda Bay;

Panama City. Colombia: Gorgona I. Specimens observed and examined, but not collected, at the following additional localities: Costa Rica: Parida I., Cedro I., both in Gulf of Nicoya.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca panamensis* (Stimpson, 1859)

Stimpson's type of *Gelasimus panamensis* is not extant. Type-locality: Panama. Since no taxonomic confusion has yet arisen, it seems neither necessary nor desirable to designate a neotype.

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## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Minuca) panamensis*  
(Stimpson, 1859)

*Gelasimus panamensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Stimpson, 1859: 63. Panama. Smith, 1870: 139; Pl. 4, Fig. 5. Taxonomy of type.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 150. Gulf of Fonseca. Taxonomy.

Cano, 1889: 92, 235. Gulf of Panama. Taxonomy.

*Uca panamensis*

Nobili, 1901.3: 49. Ecuador: Flamenco I. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 412; photos. Gulf of Fonseca: El Salvador. Costa Rica: Puntarenas. Panama: Taboga I. and elsewhere. Peru: Payta.

Maccagno, 1928: 40. Ecuador: I. Flamenco. Taxonomy of Nobili's material.

Crane, 1941.1: 204; text fig. (minor chela). Nicaragua; Costa Rica; Colombia. Taxonomy; general habits; habitat. (USNM !)

Garth, 1948: 60. Colombia: Humboldt Bay (AMNH !); Limon Bay.

Holthuis, 1954.2: 163. El Salvador (no new records).

Bott, 1954: 162; text fig. (gonopod); photos. Gulf of Fonseca: El Salvador.

Crane, 1957. Panama. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca galapagensis* (not of Rathbun).

Boone, 1927: Text Fig. 97 (part). Cocos I. (eastern Pacific). Specimen illustrated in lower half of Text Fig., designated *galapagensis*, is example of *panamensis*. (!)

26. *UCA (MINUCA) PYGMAEA* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 22 *E-H*.

MAP 11.

FIGURES 66 *E*; 100.

TABLES 9, 10.

## INTRODUCTION

A very small species with pedomorphic characteristics, *Uca pygmaea* is known from few specimens and has not been observed alive before capture.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front wide; orbits extremely oblique. Major pollex with a deep, narrowly triangular furrow supraventrally at its base; palm without oblique, tuberculate ridge, the area being granulate; manus greatly tumid; no backwardly directed heel. Gonopod with anterior flange projecting clearly beyond posterior flange; inner process moderately thick and broad.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Front only moderately wide in the subgenus, contained about 4 times in width of carapace between antero-lateral angles, which are strongly acute; orbits extremely oblique; antero-lateral margins almost lacking; dorso-lateral margins strongly converging. Upper postero-lateral stria long; lower absent. Postmarginal part of orbital floor and entire suborbital region densely setose except along outer half of suborbital margin, where the well-developed crenellations stand free of setae and continue around outer edge of orbit.

*Major Cheliped*. Ventral margin of merus with a single row of sharp tubercles, those near distal end enlarged and spinous. Manus appearing swollen, being very thick, and scarcely or not at all longer than wide; outer surface roughly tuberculate in dorsal half; at outer base of pollex a conspicuous furrow, narrowly triangular, the apex distal; ventral margin proximally a finely beaded keel, otherwise formed of large, low discrete tubercles; beads and tubercles graduated throughout, largest at pollex base. Palm without oblique ridge, or with a rudimentary indication of a ridge, the entire area very convex, rough

in dorsal part with large tubercles that become gradually smaller ventrally; proximal ridge at base of dactyl diverging from distal, which is obsolescent. Pollex and dactyl deep and thick, the pollex appearing distinctly triangular; prehensile edge of pollex has, unusually close to its proximal end, a very large tooth, adjacent to one or two others, somewhat smaller. Dactyl little or not at all longer than manus.

*Minor Cheliped*. Palm broad and thick.

*Ambulatories*. Meri moderately broad; legs without pile.

*Gonopod*. Flanges of similar breadth, both strongly concave externally, forming together with the intervening canal and pore almost a semicircle; anterior flange with its entire anterior edge projecting well beyond inner process, pore, and posterior flange. Inner process moderate in size and thickness, covering only part of the posterior flange and leaving anterior flange wholly exposed. Thumb large, arising near base of anterior flange but ending well below latter's tip.

*Measurements in mm*: Holotype: length 5.7; breadth 8.4; propodus 10.8. Twelve male paratypes: length 4.0 to 5.5.

## FEMALE

Unknown.

*Morphological Comparison and Comment*

This species appears to be most closely related to *U. zaca*. It differs in the extreme obliqueness of the orbit, in the deeper, tumid palm with coarse granulation on its inner surface, and in details of the gonopod. It resembles (*Celuca*) *argillicola* in the general shape of the carapace combined with the lack of an oblique ridge on the palm, but differs clearly in the wider front, narrow meri on ambulatories and form of gonopod.

In spite of the small size and pedomorphic form of the males in the type series, the only known specimens, the well-formed details of the gonopods indicate that the specimens are almost or wholly mature.

#### RANGE

Golfito, Costa Rica, to Buenaventura, Colombia.

#### BIOTOPE

Muddy banks of fresh-water stream. (Biotope no. 15.)

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca pygmaea* Crane, 1941

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 137419 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,110). Golfito, Costa Rica. 12 additional males, all designated paratypes and all from the type-locality, deposited in the same institution, cat. no. 137420 (formerly NYZS cat. no. 381, 111 part).

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#### REFERENCES

*Uca (Minuca) pygmaea* Crane, 1941

*Uca pygmaea*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 174; Text Fig. 4b (minor cheliped); Pl. 1, Fig. 1 (photo); Pl. 2, Fig. 4 (photo). (USNM !)

Garth, 1948: 61. Colombia: Humboldt Bay.

## 27. *UCA (MINUCA) VOCATOR* (HERBST, 1804)

(Tropical eastern Pacific and tropical western Atlantic)

PLATES 23; 24 A-D.

MAP 13.

FIGURES 16; 66 A, B, C, D; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

Like *Uca thayeri* in the subgenus *Boboruca* and *maracoani* in *Uca*, the two forms of *vocator* are divided by the Isthmus of Panama and yet are so similar that there seems to be no justification for giving them the rank of separate species.

The fragility of the characteristic pile on the carapace has led to confusions of identification on both coasts. As in (*Amphiuca*) *chlorophthalmus*, variations in the form of the gonopod are prevalent, particularly in the Pacific. Since differences occur, as in *chlorophthalmus*, even within the same populations, further allopatric subdivisions are not indicated, at least on the basis of the present limited material.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

Front very broad; profuse pile, in a pattern, on carapace of both sexes, but easily detached; traces practically always remain on hepatic and branchial regions. Major palm with oblique ridge obsolescent, the apex very low, tubercles small and irregular, sometimes absent; proximal predactyl ridge not parallel to adjacent groove, but diverging from it throughout. Ambulatories in male only with pile profuse, even present on ventral half of mani, but easily detached, often partly or wholly missing. Gonopod with inner process broad, tumid, twisted, closely appressed against entire width of flanges; a tubercle near base of anterior edge of anterior flange, usually obscured by setae. Gonopore with a large tubercle surrounded on three sides by a strong, uneven rim.

#### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154).

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Front very wide, contained less than 3 times in breadth of carapace between antero-lateral angles. Upper postero-lateral striae long and strong. Pile in a characteristic pattern of patches and slender curving ovals, extending at maximum over most of

carapace, though in varying thickness; it is most distinct on hepatic regions but present in all depressions and along all lateral and postero-lateral margins and ridges. Easily removed by abrasion, it is partly or wholly missing on many specimens; beneath the pile the carapace is microscopically pitted. Eyebrows ranging from strongly depressed to almost vertical. Crenellations of suborbital margin small but well formed, especially externally; they are, however, often almost hidden in pile and setae.

**Major Cheliped.** Manus with tubercles of upper outer surface very small. Palm with oblique ridge low and blunt, not marked by special tubercles in a single row; small, low tubercles, slightly larger than those on outer surface, cover entire area of slope and crest of ridge and continue, enlarged, over center palm; any or all of these tubercles sometimes vestigial or absent, especially in large specimens, but often also in middle-sized individuals; on apex and, sometimes, immediately above and below it, several enlarged tubercles may or may not be clustered; at base of dactyl only proximal ridge is well developed and with distinct tubercles; it diverges widely from the vertical and proceeds up and back, merging with the enlarged tubercles of center palm.

**Ambulatories.** Meri of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories slightly enlarged, their dorsal margins more or less convex. Pile maximally present dorsally, anteriorly and posteriorly on all legs on all segments except dactyls, and, in addition, on ventral side of manus; the pile is, however, easily dislodged, and is probably naturally scanty or sometimes lacking ventrally in northern Pacific populations.

**Gonopod.** Anterior flange slightly to greatly broader than posterior; a tubercle, ranging from very small to large, sometimes spiniform, close to base of anterior edge of flange, often obscured by setae. Inner process broad, truncate, and in large specimens slightly tumid, covering all of posterior and at least half of anterior flanges, the coverage increasing with growth; the process is a little twisted anteriorly and in larger specimens curves distally beyond edge of flanges, to which it is closely appressed. Thumb large, reaching well beyond flange base.

## FEMALE

Suborbital crenellations not stronger than in male.

Pile on ambulatories in Pacific subspecies sparse compared with that of male and usually absent from ventral surface of manus; in Atlantic subspecies ambulatory pile altogether absent.

Gonopore with a large, central tubercle, surrounded externally, posteriorly and internally by a strong, projecting rim. This rim is deeply incised externally, so that its outer section appears as a small tubercle; the posterior section of the rim joins the internal section at an angle marked by a crease. Anterior edge of gonopore smooth, especially in the Pacific subspecies, or with a very low, straight rim.

*Measurements (in mm)*

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>U. vocator vocator</i>				
Largest male (Trinidad)	17.0	24.5	40.0	28.0
Moderate male (Trinidad)	14.0	21.0	32.0	22.5
Largest female (ovigerous) (Venezuela)	13.5		—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Venezuela)	8.2		—	—
<i>U. vocator ecuadoriensis</i> (all from Guayaquil, Ecuador)				
Largest male	17.0	25.0	32.0	25.0
Largest claw (body missing)			39.0	26.0
Moderate male	14.0	19.0	31.0	21.0
Largest female (ovigerous)	15.5	21.5	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	11.5	15.0	—	—

*Morphological Comparison and Comment*

*U. vocator* differs from all other *Uca* with very broad fronts in the presence of widespread patches of pile, maximally over entire carapace, and in the presence, on the gonopod, of a tubercle or spine near base of anterior flange. It differs further from all these broad-fronted *Uca* except *panamensis* in the breadth of the gonopod's inner process, which covers the posterior and more than half the anterior flanges. It differs additionally from sympatric *Minuca* on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts as follows: from *burgersi*, *mordax*, and *brevifrons* by the low apex of the weak ridge inside palm; from *pygmaea* by the lack of a triangular furrow outside pollex base; and from *galapagensis* and *rapax* by the divergence inside major palm, up and back, of the proximal ridge at dactyl's base from the vertical line of the base itself. The most noticeable differences between the two subspecies are confined to minor distinctions in the armature of one

edge of the major merus, the presence or absence of sparse pile on the female ambulatories, and details of the gonopod tip, concerning breadth of one flange and size and variability of the tubercle near its base.

*Color*

Displaying and non-displaying males: Display whitening absent. In the Pacific subspecies, *v. ecuadoriensis*, the carapace is usually marbled with yellowish and dark brown, or with gray and black; in the salt flats near Guayaquil some rose red individuals were collected, none of them displaying. In the Atlantic subspecies, *v. vocator*, displaying individuals are usually dull brownish or grayish, but sometimes tinged with yellowish or reddish. The brightest individuals, none of which were waving, in the large population at the mouth of the San Juan River, Venezuela, had the carapace rufous orange above, with major manus and chela yellow; in Trinidad the carapace was usually dull, attaining a yellowish buff in only several displaying individuals in one population; in all Trinidadian populations noted the major manus was tinged with yellow to pale orange; in at least one Trinidad stream the orange was confined to the dry season, between February and May. In both the Atlantic and Pacific, in fact, the major chelipeds are often the only non-monochromatic part of the crab, usually showing some yellowish or reddish, especially on the manus, while the fingers are usually white. Carapace and ambulatories of females as in males of the populations.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

*Waving Display*

(Similar in the two subspecies, but not well known in either.)

Wave lateral-straight to narrowly circular, the cheliped usually unflexing obliquely upward, sometimes almost directly laterally. Jerks present but so faintly indicated that they are sometimes difficult to count; in well-accented examples they number 4 to 6 on unflexing followed, usually after an intervening pause, by 4 to 6 more jerks on the descent. Cheliped not brought all the way to ground between waves at high intensities; at these times the pause at peak may be omitted. Minor cheliped usually inactive. Body raised anteriorly as its posterior part is tilted down, through bending of ambulatories. Duration at low intensity about 3 seconds including a 1 second pause at wave's peak; at high intensity each wave, the peak pause being absent, lasts at least 2 seconds. Pauses between waves in a series range from practically none to 1 second. (Component nos. 4, 5, 6, 10.) (Cf. von Hagen, 1970.3.)



### Chimney Construction

Large, well-constructed chimneys were found in the population at the mouth of the San Juan River, Venezuela, and only there. As usual, only a small proportion of the population had erected chimneys. A number of pairs of contiguous structures were seen, with a large male and female in each pair; sometimes the individuals sat in rest position on the structure's broad lip, or partially leaned against its base. The majority of chimneys were separated from neighboring structures and seemed to belong to large females that were often ovigerous. No waving males were seen in this population, which was visited only once, in April. The largest chimneys measured about 63 mm high by 50 mm across the widest part, those of smaller crabs being in proportion.

It is possible that some very large mounds are constructed by members of the Pacific subspecies, the occupants of which have not yet been collected and identified.

### Acoustic Behavior

Two usual components were observed and tape-recorded in Trinidad, in both field and laboratory. These were the major-merus-rub and major-manus-drum (component nos. 1, 9). In addition membrane vibrations (no. 13) were observed and tape-recorded in the laboratory (p. 484). This is the only species in which this very distinct response has been surely detected. Patterns of striae in the membrane at the bases of both chelipeds are clearly visible in life and in fresh dead specimens; they do not however preserve well in either formalin or alcohol.

Tape recordings were made of the species in Trinidad by von Hagen also (1967).

### RANGE

Western Atlantic: From Tampico in Mexico at least to the state of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, including Guatemala, British Honduras, Venezuela, Guyana, and Surinam, as well as in the West Indies, Santo Domingo, Puerto Rico, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Tobago, and Trinidad. According to Luederwaldt (1919.2), the species was taken farther south, in Iguape in the State of Santa Catarina; his specimens have not been reexamined, however, and perhaps should be referred instead to *mordax*, *burgersi*, or *rapax*. Eastern Pacific: From San Blas (Tepic) in Mexico to Puerto Pizarro in Peru.

### BIOTOPES

In partly shaded mud, near mouths of streams on flat banks, close to mangroves, sometimes well back from streams, or rivers in damp mud among tall man-

groves and ferns; as usual, however, with *Uca* habitats, sunlight does reach the mud at some times of the day. Sometimes the species occurs close to or slightly beyond the upstream limit of mangroves, among grasses. (Biotope nos. 9, 12, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Sometimes *vocator* mingles marginally with other *Minuca* including *burgersi*, which typically lives in habitats both more saline and more open than does *vocator*; occasionally individuals are found in populations of *rapax* in the Atlantic and *galapagensis* in the Pacific but this habitat is not their usual one. I have not observed *vocator* in association with either *mordax* or *brevifrons*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 602.)

*Observations and Collections.* Western Atlantic: Guatemala: Puerto Barrios. Puerto Rico: San Juan. Venezuela: near Maracaibo (Zulia); mouth of San Juan River and at Pedernales (Monagas). Trinidad. Guyana: Georgetown. Eastern Pacific: Nicaragua: San Juan del Sur. Costa Rica: Negritos I.; Golfito. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

*Film.* Pedernales and Golfito.

*Sound Recordings.* Trinidad.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca vocator* (Herbst, 1804)

As stated by Holthuis (1959.2: 273), "Unfortunately, the type specimen of *Cancer vocator* is no longer extant, as Dr. H.-E. Gruner of the Berlin Zoologisches Museum was so kind to inform me (1 December 1958, in litt.)." Holthuis, on the basis of Herbst (1804) p. 1, Pl. 59, Fig. 1, decided that there was little doubt but that *Cancer vocator* is identical with *Uca murifecenta* Crane, 1943, and that a long series of specimens collected in Surinam should be referred to the same species. I agree without reservation with Holthuis' conclusion. Herbst's type locality: "Das Vaterland ist Amerika."

From the Surinam series Holthuis selected a neotype of *U. vocator* (Herbst), as follows:

NEOTYPE. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden. Cat. no. D 12329. Type-locality: shore of Suriname River near "Purmerend" plantation, Leonsberg, N. of Paramaribo, Surinam (1 April 1957), L. B. Holthuis no. 1208. Carapace breadth 26 mm. (!)

Type Material, of *Uca murifecenta*, Crane, 1943. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington: holotype: no. 137424 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 42167); paratypes: no. 137425 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 42417). Type-locality: near mouth San Juan R., Venezuela. Holotype illustrated by photos (Crane, 1943.1, Pl. 1, Figs. 1, 2; gonopod of non-type material [Text Fig. 1d, e, f] shows neither the spine at flange base nor the flanges themselves adequately). (!)

*Uca vocator ecuadoriensis* Maccagno, 1928

TYPES. 2 young males from Esmeraldas, Ecuador, in Museo di Torino. Described as *Uca ecuadoriensis* by Maccagno from material considered by Nobili (1897) to be a variety of *Gelasimus vocator*. Carapace lengths about 4 and 7 mm. There seems to be no need for selecting one of these immature examples as a lectotype for the subspecies; the juvenile cheliped is well illustrated by Maccagno (1928: 49, Fig. 32). (!)

Type Material of *Uca schmitti* Crane, 1943. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, cat. no. 80451 (holotype male); type-locality San Blas, Tepic Territory (= Nayarit), Mexico; also 22305 (3 male paratypes from type-locality); illustrated by photos in Pl. 1, Figs. 1 and 2 in Crane, 1943.1: 31-32. Additional paratypes: 1 young male (USNM 137421, formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381116) from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; 1 male (USNM 137423, formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381117) from Negritos I., Costa Rica; 1 male (USNM 137422, formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381118), from Golfito, Costa Rica. In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, cat. no. 5892, part (paratype male), from Acapulco, Mexico. The gonopod illustrated in Crane, 1943.1, Text Fig. 1d, c, f) was done from non-type material, depicts proportions found in young rather than adults, and does not show the spine at base of anterior flange, the existence of which had not then been discovered. In all 4 specimens from the type-locality the spine is notably long and slender. (!)

Type Material of *Uca lanigera* von Hagen, 1968. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden: holotype male, cat. no. 23049, and paratypes, cat. no. D 23050. This material from Puerto Pizarro, Peru, falls within the range of variation of the Pacific subspecies, established from other material. Von Hagen's Text Fig. 10a, b (p. 423), illustrating gonopod tips from Peru and Guatemala, respectively (the latter identified as *U. schmitti*), show two of the characteristic variables—the size of the spine at

flange base, and the length and breadth of the inner process; the latter is strongly dependent on the size of the crab. The carapace pile in Text Fig. 5 (p. 413) shows the pattern at its best preserved. (!)

*Uca (Minuca) vocator vocator*  
(Herbst, 1804)

(Tropical western Atlantic)

MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

*Major Cheliped.* Antero-dorsal margin of merus marked by a row of parallel rugosities, obliquely set, low and tuberculate.

*Ambulatories.* Pile absent in female.

*Gonopod.* Anterior flange much broader than posterior; tubercle near anterior flange small, almost adjoining base.

*Gonopore.* Anterior rim of gonopore usually absent, sometimes vestigial.

*Uca (Minuca) vocator ecuadoriensis*  
Maccagno, 1928

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

*Major Cheliped.* Antero-dorsal margin of merus marked by a row of small, sharp tubercles or serrations, their apices directed distally.

*Ambulatories.* Pile sparsely present in female, including sometimes on lower surface of manus; often absent, apparently due to abrasion; in northern populations usually missing on lower surfaces of manus and carpus even in males.

*Gonopod.* Differs from that of *vocator vocator* in having anterior flange only slightly wider than posterior; differs further in having tubercle at base of anterior flange larger and exceedingly variable. The range is from small to large in basal diameter, and from short to long and sometimes very slender. It is usually longer than in *v. vocator* and sometimes separated farther from flange's base. Considerable variability occurs within populations and appears only partly associated with the size of the crab; in the

limited material at hand I have not found reliable geographic differences.

*Gonopore*. Anterior rim of gonopore present at least externally, but poorly developed.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Minuca) vocator* (Herbst, 1804)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (M.) vocator vocator*, below.

### *Uca (Minuca) vocator vocator* (Herbst, 1804)

#### *Cancer vocator*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Herbst, 1804: 1; Pl. 59, Fig. 1. "Amerika."

#### *Goneplax vocator*

Latreille, 1817.1: 17. Reference to illustration of type of *Cancer vocator*.

### *Uca mordax* (not *Gelasimus mordax* Smith)

? Rathbun, 1902.1: 7. Puerto Rico. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1918.1: part, at least including Pl. 134, Figs. 3, 4 (photos). British Honduras: Belize. (Re-identification on basis of pile apparent on carapace; in agreement with suggestion of Holthuis, 1959.3 and Chace & Hobbs, 1969. One male from Belize included under USNM 21373 (!) and listed by Rathbun proves to be an example of *vocator* and is included in Appendix A. The same catalogue number is given in the caption to Pl. 134. Accordingly, there seems to be no doubt remaining on the identity of the specimen illustrated.

### *Uca murifecenta*

Crane, 1943.2: 38; Text Figs. 1d, e, f; Pl. 1, Figs. 1, 2. Type-locality: near mouth of Rio San Juan, Venezuela; also from other Venezuelan localities. Type description. Color; general habits. (USNM !)

### *Uca vocator*

? Moreira, 1901: 52. Brazil: northern part and near Rio de Janeiro. Taxonomy.

? Luederwaldt, 1919.1: 370, 384, 398. Brazil: Santos. Brief taxonomy.

? Luederwaldt, 1919.2: 435. Brazil: State of São Paulo south to Iguape.

? Luederwaldt, 1929: 54. Brazil: State of São Paulo: São Sebastião I.

Holthuis, 1959.3: 269; Text Figs. 66 (after Herbst), 67 (ambulatories); Pls. 14, Fig. 1 and 15,

Fig. 1 (photos). Selection of neotype from Surinam; taxonomy; habitat. (Leiden !)

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 217; Text Figs. 73g, h, i, j, and 74. Dominica. Distribution; taxonomy; color; habitat.

von Hagen, 1969; text figs. Trinidad. Eggs taken by poeciliid fishes and grackles.

von Hagen, 1970.1: 225. West Indian distribution.

von Hagen, 1970.3: 238; text figs. Trinidad. Display and courtship in relation to a habitat where vegetation obscures vision; use of models; sound production; design for crabbery.

von Hagen, 1970.4; text figs. Trinidad. Adaptation to a particular intertidal level.

### *Uca (Minuca) vocator ecuadoriensis* Maccagno, 1928

#### *Gelasimus vocator* (Herbst) var.

Nobili, 1901.3: 49. Ecuador: Esmeraldas. Taxonomy.

### *Uca ecuadoriensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Maccagno, 1928: 49; Text Fig. 32. Described from Nobili's material (above). Stands as type description of the subspecies. (Torino, part !)

### *Uca mordax* (not *Gelasimus mordax* Smith)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 391 (part). Mexico: Tepic Territory: San Blas. Includes type material of *U. schmitti*. (USNM !)

Crane, 1941.1: 176 (part); Text Figs. 2, 3, 4e. Includes type and other material of *U. schmitti*. (USNM !)

### *Uca schmitti*

Crane, 1943.1: 31; Text Fig. 1; Pl. 1, Figs. 1, 2. Mexico: Tepic Territory: San Blas (holotype and 3 paratypes); other material from Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica. Type description. (USNM !)

Garth, 1948: 60. Colombia: Humboldt Bay.

### *Uca lanigera*

von Hagen, 1968.2: 421; Text Figs. 2, 3, 10a. Peru. Type description. Color. (Leiden !)

28. *UCA (MINUCA) BURGERSI* HOLTHUIS, 1967

(Tropical and subtropical western Atlantic)

PLATE 24 E-H.

FIGURES 26 F; 31 H; 54 G; 66 F; 100.

MAP 12.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Until its recent description by Holthuis, specimens of this widespread and very common species, *Uca burgersi*, were usually identified as *U. mordax*. Although minor morphological differences and distinct ecological preferences were sometimes apparent, the characteristics were all so variable that there was overlap in at least parts of the ranges, and no division into two species seemed practical. The difficulties extended then, and still do, even to their waving displays, which in the details so far known are indistinguishable; even the morphology of the gonopods is such that the two forms cannot be decisively identified by that means; their geographical ranges coincide throughout the latitudes inhabited by one of them, the other extending farther to both north and south; finally, during the entire extent of the coincidence, there are no definite ecological barriers between the two, displaying adults occasionally being found in the closest sympatry. Fortunately, Holthuis discovered a single character—a minor difference in pile distribution on the ambulatories—that extends to all known individuals of the two species. In addition, even in the several instances I have found of fully sympatric associations there is no trace apparent of hybridization; furthermore, in each of these areas the *local* populations of each form are otherwise quite easily distinguished from each other by additional characters, particularly by details of palm armature. These facts call for specific status for each form. When their physiologies and ethologies become better known, the puzzling aspects of their evolution and the maintenance of their present barriers will no doubt be clarified.

Throughout the West Indies *U. burgersi* is probably the most common fiddler, its only possible numerical rival being *rapax*, a member of the same subgenus. In populations that include waving individuals, the two are easily distinguished in the field by the display alone; the cheliped of *burgersi* usually makes only 3 or 4 jerks during its rise, while that of *rapax* customarily makes at least 8 and usually more; in both species individuals making occasional displays having more or fewer jerks than are character-

istic of their species are always in a small minority and easily discounted by the observer. In addition, the major manus, and sometimes the carapace, of some individual *burgersi* in most populations are pink to bright red, while no tints or tones of red are found in *rapax*, the manus usually ranging from grayed yellowish to a dull orange.

While he was observing *burgersi* on the Caribbean island of St. Martin, Dr. P. W. Hummelinck (personal communication, with photographs) found some individuals moving about and even displaying when completely submerged in the shallow water of a storage tank for seawater, their movements in and out of it being unimpeded.

One hot July noon on the nearby island of St. Thomas, I found a somewhat similar situation. Here a mangrove-edged lagoon, practically enclosed, included a broad and muddy beach. At low tide fiddler burrows were everywhere. But I saw only one crab and, upon digging carefully, could find none in the burrows. Then I looked out to the water's edge and saw the crabs in thousands, clinging motionless in clusters to stones and driftwood; most of the crabs were fully submerged. When I took my shoes off to wade I understood the reason; the mud was hot enough to fry the proverbial egg, while the water itself was only tepid. The crabs proved to be mostly immature specimens and small adults of both sexes; none was ovigerous and none was waving. When disturbed each fiddler merely dropped to the bottom and scuttled to the nearest stone or another piece of wood; with a little care a handful could be scooped up at once. This kind of seaward migration, which I have seen in no other fiddler, seemed obviously to be a very local means of dealing with excessive heat. The shores of the same lagoon adjoining the broad stretch of muddy beach were exactly similar except that the mangroves came close to the water, leaving only a narrow strip of mud. Even though this mud was also unshaded, it was conspicuously cooler than that of the broad beach. Here, although no crabs were on the surface, the burrows proved to be inhabited, these fiddlers having escaped the midday heat in the usual way by sitting at the bottom of their holes.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

Front very broad. Major cheliped with proximal pre-dactyl ridge on palm diverging strongly from adjacent groove at least in lower part. 2nd and 3rd ambulatories in both sexes without pile on ventral side of manus. No pile on hepatic and branchial regions. Oblique, tuberculate ridge on major palm moderately developed, but tubercles small and not in a single row; upper center palm with large tubercles. No crest of graduated tubercles, diminishing distally, on outer tip of pollex. Gonopod with inner process not tumid, narrow, leaving entire anterior flange uncovered. Gonopore with a single, small tubercle.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Front contained about 3 times in carapace breadth between antero-lateral angles. Upper postero-lateral stria long and strong. No pile on hepatic and branchial regions. Only distal edge of eyebrow is beaded. Inner as well as outer suborbital crenellations not usually obscured by setae and pile.

*Major Cheliped.* Manus with tubercles of upper, outer surface small. Inner edge of dorsal margin sometimes marked with a distinct row of tubercles. Ventral, marginal keel with surmounting tubercles usually developed, although they are sometimes absent and the keel and adjacent groove themselves may be obsolescent; sometimes the keel is traceable only proximally, being continued to pollex base as a faint row of irregular tubercles. Palm with oblique ridge well developed, the apex always highest, covered with small tubercles that usually extend partway up distal margin of carpal cavity beyond apex; sometimes a single row is distinguishable along crest of ridge, especially near apex; sometimes no linear order is apparent. Near oblique ridge, center palm is more or less minutely tuberculate, moderately high throughout, usually flat or sometimes with a slight depression between the distinct distal border of carpal cavity and the moderate hollow at base of pollex. Upper part of center palm usually with a group of large, distinct, rounded tubercles with which merges the ventral end of the strongly down-curving beaded ridge which, as usual, forms dorsal margin of carpal cavity; the tubercles extending up from apex of oblique ridge may or may not reach this cluster of center palm tubercles. Predactyl area distinctly concave, but not set sharply off, by differences in plane, from the tuberculate center palm. At

dactyl base, the proximal ridge always has well-developed tubercles, set almost contiguously, as on a beaded ridge, at least in its median region; the ridge always diverges widely from the vertical at the level of the dactyl's lower edge; then it usually either curves gradually in its upper portion back toward the dactyl base or, often, parallels the base in an almost or entirely vertical line; in some individuals it continues to diverge, however, in its initial proximo-dorsal direction, throughout its length.

*Ambulatories.* Meri of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories scarcely enlarged, their dorsal margins slightly convex to almost straight. Pile present only on dorsal surfaces of carpus and manus of first 3 legs; it is always altogether absent from ventral margins, including that of manus.

*Gonopod.* Anterior flange much broader than posterior. Inner process variable in width and length, usually not completely covering anterior flange and usually projecting minutely beyond pore; anterior flange scarcely or slightly produced. Thumb well developed, but does not reach base of flange.

#### FEMALE

Ambulatories with distribution of pile as in male, including its complete absence on lower margin of manus. Suborbital crenellations not stronger than in male. Gonopore with posterior margin slightly raised, variable, but not forming a definite tubercle. Meri of 3rd and 4th ambulatories scarcely expanded, their dorsal margins almost as straight as in male.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Fortaleza, Brazil)	13.0	19.0	33.5	23.5
Moderate male (Fortaleza, Brazil)	10.0	14.0	17.0	10.0
Largest female (Fortaleza, Brazil)	13.5	18.5	—	—
Largest (ovigerous) female (Br. Honduras)	15.0	20.0	—	—
Small ovigerous female (Br. Honduras)	10.5	14.0	—	—

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. burgersi* and *mordax* are so closely similar in morphology, as well as in behavior and habitat, that each would undoubtedly be considered of only subspecific rank if their ranges did not overlap geographically. Nevertheless they do overlap extensively, from Guatemala to northern Brazil, while one of them, *burgersi*, extends from Florida to Rio de Janeiro. Furthermore, in the field I have twice encountered them where they were closely sympatric, yet proved mor-

phologically as distinct as ever; each was in its usual habitat and, in one case, motion picture records were made of both forms, which show minor differences in display. These localities were the north coast of Trinidad, at Blanchisseuse, and Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. In each case, *burgersi* was found on a sheltered, sandy mud, tidal flat, while *mordax* was on the bank of an adjacent stream, near its mouth.

For many years the two forms have been confused both in the literature and in collections. More recently several field workers, including L. B. Holthuis (1959.2), became convinced that the form now known as *burgersi*, and characteristic of the West Indies, is a separate species. At the time I agreed. Later, however, it seemed to me that the two forms were so much more similar than any other pairs of apparently justified specific rank in the genus that some other solution should be found. In 1967 Holthuis, with plentiful material, examined the entire question. His evidence, along with my own examination of a large collection at hand, has convinced me of the specific distinctness of the two forms. Accordingly they are being given specific rank in this contribution.

Their similarities, however, remain challenging: they would undoubtedly form an ideal pair of species for morphological, behavioral, and ecological comparisons, as well as from evolutionary points of view. In general, *burgersi* is a paedomorphic form in comparison with *mordax*; the fingers of the major cheliped are usually slightly shorter than in *mordax*, the manus usually deeper, and pile less developed on the ambulatories. Above all, the armature has juvenile characteristics: the suborbital crenellations are not covered with pile and setae; the ventral margin of the major cheliped in general is better armed; tubercles of the major palm do not tend to obsolescence; the center of the palm is little sculptured, whereas in well-developed examples of *mordax* three large, low areas are separated by two high surfaces.

Holthuis, working primarily with material from the Netherlands West Indies, gives 7 principal differences between *mordax* and *burgersi*. When these characteristics were checked with specimens from other parts of the West Indies, from Mexico and Central America, and from South America it was found that only one—the absence of pile on the lower side of the manus on the two middle ambulatories—held throughout the range. It is true that when a number of examples of a single population are compared, the great majority will share most or all of these characteristics. However, with the single exception given, none of the 7 characteristics occurs in every specimen in a population, and some specimens show as many as 3 or 4 characters typically found only in the other species. In addition to the ventral pubescence mentioned, the most reliable characters in moderate-sized

specimens are as follows: first, the stronger, unobscured suborbital crenellations of *burgersi* (unreliable in young *mordax*); second, the smaller, well-separated tubercles on the proximal predactyl ridge; third, the rudimentary distal margin of carpal cavity above apex, with the well-marked trench connecting it with the depression at pollex base.

There seems to be no basis on which to erect subspecies of *burgersi*, nor is there evidence of a cline. For example, in single populations as far apart as the Bahamas and Rio de Janeiro proximal predactyl ridges occur that curve strongly away from the dactyl base and then proceed parallel with the base above the initial divergence; in populations between, the ridge usually, but not always, curves throughout. Both *burgersi* and *mordax* would furnish excellent material for statistical work on the morphological differences among populations; better yet, as usual, would be a determined attack on genetics.

### Color

Display lightening little developed; no white ever apparent. Some members of both sexes sometimes with carapace bright pink, or red, or marbled with these hues, regardless of whether the males are displaying; pink sometimes extends to bases of ambulatory meri; carapace and ambulatories in both sexes however are usually brownish or gray. Major cheliped rarely with entire merus, outer carpus, and outer manus red, the palm then being grayish and fingers white; usually only the outer manus is reddish, its shade ranging from bright red to light pink or pinkish orange, the color often grayed; fingers with at least their tips white.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Wave lateral, circular. Jerks present but variable within populations; no differences indicated from present knowledge of geographic variations in range or average numbers of jerks. The most usual in tropical populations seem to be 3 to 4 on cheliped's rise and 2 or 3 on its descent, but the range is from 2 to 6 on the rise and 2 to 4 on the descent. The example given by Salmon (1967) of a Florida specimen showed 5 jerks on the ascent and 4 on the descent. No pause at peak and almost none between waves. Minor cheliped makes a corresponding motion. Body held high on extended ambulatories during waves of a single series. One or 2 ambulatories, especially on minor side, raised during display. Any special characteristics of high intensity courtship have not yet become evident. Duration of waves ranging from about 5 to about 8 seconds, the usual duration being between 6 and 7. (Component nos. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12.)

## Acoustic Behavior

Bubbling (component no. 12, p. 484) was seen, heard, and tape-recorded in Trinidad, both in the field and laboratory. It was performed strictly in response to the experimentally forced entry of a conspecific of either sex into its burrow. Salmon (1967) obtained oscillograms of leg-wagging (component no. 5) of males at night at the entrances to their burrows. Von Hagen (1967:2) in a preliminary statement also reports obtaining recordings of sound production in Trinidad.

## RANGE

Western tropical and subtropical Atlantic from Daytona on the east coast of Florida in the United States, Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, and South America as far as São Paulo, Brazil. No records from the Gulf of Mexico except near Progreso, Yucatan. Possibly reaches western Africa (p. 327).

## BIOTOPES

Sheltered flats or sloping banks of mud or muddy sand, near mouths of streams, or, more often, along the shores of lagoons and estuaries, usually near mangroves, sometimes on edges of coconut groves; characteristically well sheltered from open seawater, although always exposed to strong tidal influence; sometimes the mouths of the burrows are covered only at spring tides; never found upstream near mangrove limits. In Florida *burgersi* occurred in greatest numbers associated with *U. rapax* above the high-tide level and in the shade of mangrove thickets (Salmon, 1967: 450). (Biotope nos. 9, 11, 12.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Often found close to populations of *rapax*, although the latter usually occur nearer the open sea, probably in more saline situations, and the species usually mingle, if at all, only peripherally. The few small groups of *mordax* found close to *burgersi* occurred slightly more inland, along drainage ditches in Trinidad and Guatemala, the more numerous *burgersi* here occurring along small, almost enclosed lagoons between the ditches and the seashore.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 603.)

*Observations and Collections.* United States: Fort Lauderdale (Florida). Guatemala: Puerto Barrios. West Indies: Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Guadeloupe,

Barbados, Tobago, Trinidad. Venezuela: Turiamo (Aragua). Brazil: São Luiz; Fortaleza; São Salvador; Rio de Janeiro.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca burgersi* Holthuis, 1967

**HOLOTYPE.** In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden. Cat. no. Crust. D. 23012. 1 male, length 12 mm, breadth 18 mm. Type-locality: Plantage Knip, Westpunt, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles; 15 December 1956; leg. A.C.J. Burgers and L. B. Holthuis (L. B. Holthuis no. 1023). (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus affinis* Streets, 1872. Not now in Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, but syntypes in Leiden. Holthuis (1967: 53) discusses the history of this name as follows; I agree with his conclusions. "These specimens forming Lot 753 of the Philadelphia Museum, were labelled '*Uca vocator* v. Martens.' It is evident that when Kingsley studied the *Uca* material of the Philadelphia Museum for his 1880 revision of the genus, he removed Streets's original label of *Gelasimus affinis* and replaced it by his own new label bearing the name *Gelasimus vocator*. Kingsley (1880: 147) namely placed *Gelasimus affinis* Streets in the synonymy of *Gelasimus vocator* (Herbst), incorrectly using the author's name Von Martens for the latter species. Rathbun (1918: 391) included *Gelasimus affinis* Streets with some doubt in the synonymy of *Uca mordax* (Smith) and indicated the types as being not extant. Kingsley's changing of the labels of the type lot evidently led her astray.

"The rediscovery of Streets's types removed any doubt about the identity of his *Gelasimus affinis*, and consequently I used that name in my papers of 1959. Subsequently, however, I found that the name *Gelasimus affinis* Streets, 1872, is preoccupied by *Gelasimus affinis* Guérin, 1829. Guérin's name appears only in the legend of Plate 1 of the Crustacean part of Duperrey's 'Voyage autour du monde . . . sur la corvette . . . La Coquille . . .', which was published in 1829 (see Holthuis, 1961). In his text, which was published as late as 1838, Guérin placed his *Gelasimus affinis* in the synonymy of *Gelasimus tetragonon* (= *Uca tetragonon* [Herbst]), where it has been left by all subsequent authors. There can be no doubt that, although *Gelasimus affinis* Guérin, 1829, is a junior subjective synonym of *Cancer tetragonon* Herbst, 1790, it is an available name, and being a senior primary homonym of *Gelasimus affinis* Streets, 1872, invalidates the latter name. As no other name is available for Streets's species, the new name *Uca burgersi* is now proposed here for it." See also present study, p. 322.

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## *Uca (Minuca) burgersi* Holthuis, 1967

### *Gelasimus affinis*

Streets, 1872: 131 (not *Gelasimus affinis* Guérin, 1829; see p. 322, present contribution). West Indies: St. Martin.

### *Gelasimus vocator* (not *Cancer vocator* Herbst)

Kingsley, 1880.1: 147 (part).

### *Uca minax* (not *Gelasimus minax* LeConte, 1855)

Rathbun, 1897.2: 27. Jamaica: Kingston Harbor. (USNM !)

### *Uca mordax* (not *Gelasimus mordax* Smith, 1870)

? Pearse, 1916: (part) 532, 554. Colombia: Santa Marta, at mouth of Manzanares River. Habitat. (Synonymy suggested on basis of habitat.)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 391 (part). West Indian records (part). ? Liberian record. (Not Text Fig. 166, nor Pl. 134, Figs. 3, 4.) (USNM, part !)

Beebe, 1928: 59-66. Haiti. Courtship; habitat. (USNM !)

Maccagno, 1928: 46 (part). West Indies records.

Oliveira, 1939.1: 138. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Taxonomy; habitat.

Crane, 1957 (part). Western Atlantic. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Salmon, 1967. U.S.A.: Florida. Local distribution; courtship, including waving display and sound production.

### *Uca affinis*

Holthuis, 1959.2: 76. West Indies.

Holthuis, 1959.3: 265, 266. Suriname. Taxonomy (distinguished from *U. mordax*).

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape-recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

### *Uca burgersi*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Holthuis, 1967: 52. Curaçao. (Leiden !)

Salmon & Atsides, 1968.2: 634. Mention of sound production, in reference to Salmon, 1967.

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 207; Text Figs. 70, 71a-d. Dominica. Taxonomy; color; ecology.

von Hagen, 1970.4. Trinidad. Adaptations to a particular intertidal level.



## 29. *UCA (MINUCA) [MINAX] MORDAX* (SMITH, 1870)

(Tropical western Atlantic)

PLATE 25 A-D.

MAP 12.

FIGURES 67 F; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

Although large populations of *Uca mordax* apparently live only far upstream in tropical rivers, a few individuals sometimes mingle with or adjoin populations of *burgersi* and *rapax* in lagoons and estuaries close to the open sea.

The species has the broadest front in the entire genus, a fact which is a reminder that we still do not have any idea of the adaptive value of wide fronts, since their increase, particularly in *Minuca*, is necessarily at the expense of the length of the eyestalks (p. 452).

The puzzling relationship of *mordax* to *burgersi* is reviewed as a whole on p. 168ff.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### Diagnosis

Very close to *U. burgersi* (p. 168), from which it can be invariably distinguished only by the persistent presence of pile completely covering in both sexes the manus of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories.

#### Description

As in *burgersi* except for the following characteristics. As discussed on p. 170, none of them, with the exception of a detail of pile distribution, always occurs in every specimen.

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Inner suborbital crenellations usually very small and largely or wholly obscured by pile and setae on orbit's floor and on suborbital region; outer crenellations clearly visible, but usually slightly smaller than in *burgersi*, with both pile and setae more profuse. These distinctions apply poorly to smaller specimens, or when individuals of *mordax* are compared to those of *burgersi* that live in habitats muddier than usual.

**Major Cheliped.** Manus with ventral, marginal keel usually weaker than in *burgersi*, more often obsolescent, and with tubercles on it usually found only in the young. Palm with tubercles of oblique ridge

never in clearly linear order, largely lacking in many large specimens; they always end in a small cluster slightly beyond the high apex and do not clearly continue up around distal edge of carpal cavity, although this edge sometimes has one or two small separated tubercles. The edge in moderate and large specimens, however, is always extremely low, almost absent, and marks the proximal end of a deep trench which extends disto-ventrally across the center palm to end in the depression at pollex base; in small specimens, even with fingers already longer than the palm, the trench is scarcely to be distinguished from the lesser depression found in *burgersi*. Center palm tubercles, in trench, numerous, few, or absent. The tubercles of upper palm are usually not as large as in *burgersi*; the ventral end of the beaded edge curving down from dorsal margin in many specimens turns sharply distally; it then extends across upper margin of the group of upper palm tubercles as a distinct short row, rather than merging with the group at its ventral end, as in *burgersi*; when present, this is an excellent character for the identification of *mordax*, but it is often absent or indistinct. Predactyl area excavate, particularly in large specimens, bent at a sharp angle to center palm, so that, in effect, the submarginal region of palm is distally partly flattened; in smaller specimens this character is unreliable. At base of dactyl, the proximal ridge always has tubercles smaller and more separated than those characteristic of *burgersi* (but not invariably found in that species), while in typical *mordax* the ridge diverges from the vertical throughout its length; again, exceptions occur, for in some individuals the ridge curves or is straight, after the initial divergence, much as in *burgersi*.

**Ambulatories.** Pile always present, strongly attached, on ventral margin of manus at least on 2nd and 3rd legs; this is the only character which the present material shows to be completely reliable, in distinguishing *mordax* from *burgersi*. In juvenile crabs pile develops on dorsal surface of manus before it appears ventrally. The distribution of pile in *mordax* in detail is as follows, in specimens where it is apparently undamaged and of maximum distribution: on first 3 legs, dorsal margins of meri and carpi, and all sur-

faces of mani; 4th leg with pile on same surfaces, but less extensive.

*Gonopod.* Inner process sometimes narrower and more pointed than in *burgersi*, while anterior flange does not project so far. As in all related species, however, these characters are variable in both *burgersi* and *mordax*.

#### FEMALE

Ambulatories with pile on ventral margin of manus appearing as reliably as in males. Suborbital crenellations little or not at all stronger than in males, so that it forms a usually good supplementary character distinguishing *mordax* from *burgersi*. Two groups of small tubercles dorsally on carapace, one behind each antero-lateral angle. Gonopore with a tubercle, very small but always distinct.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Caripito)	16.5	25.5	50.5	35.5
Largest male cotype (Be'ém)	16.5	24.5	44.0	32.0
Moderate male (Caripito)	14.0	21.0	39.0	27.0
Largest female (ovigerous)	15.5	23.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Pedernales)	8.4	13.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The close similarities between *mordax* and *burgersi* have already been discussed (p. 170), as have its distinctions from *vocator*, summarized on p. 164 as well as in the key (p. 631), and the diagnoses. From *rapax*, the only other species in its range with which it might be confused, *mordax* is as usual notable for the pile in both sexes on the ventral side of the manus on the 2nd and 3rd ambulatories; in addition, the front is broader and, on the major palm, the proximal predactyl ridge diverges from the adjacent groove instead of running clearly parallel to it throughout.

From *minax* and *brevifrons*, the temperate Atlantic and tropical Pacific members of the superspecies, *mordax* and *burgersi* in the tropical Atlantic differ principally in the following general characteristics: degree of delicacy of integument and slenderness of appendages, *mordax* and *burgersi* occupying an intermediate position between the fragile, leptochelous *brevifrons* and the heavy-set *minax*; obliqueness of orbits, which are more slanted in *mordax* and *burgersi* than in either of the other species; details of armature of major manus; and degree of pilosity of ambulatories, there being most in *mordax* and least in *brevifrons*.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening sometimes developed slightly, never strikingly. Carapace ranging from gray to yellowish gray to grayish white. Major cheliped: Usually yellowish except for white fingers. Minor cheliped with white fingers. Ambulatories brownish except, sometimes, for pale bluish on anterior sides of meri and sometimes of other segments. Females brownish.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

(Observed but not filmed at Caripito, Venezuela; observed and filmed, but at low intensities only, in rainy weather, at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.)

Wave lateral, circular at least at high intensities. Jerks present, numbering 3 to 4 during rise and an equal number during descent. No pause at peak. Minor cheliped makes a corresponding motion during each wave. Body held high during a series of waves, and during each wave one or two ambulatories of either or both sides are raised and kicked outward at wave's apex. Duration of single waves about 5 seconds at low intensities but much faster, as little as 2 seconds, at highest courtship intensity; at these times each wave is followed by rapid vibrations of the 3rd, or 2nd and 3rd, ambulatories on each side, not distinguishable in the field notes from the acoustical leg-wagging now familiar in many species; the observed vibrations occurred definitely in connection with high intensity courtship, not agonistic behavior. Normally there is no pause between waves of a series; at highest intensity, however, a single wave, followed by these vibrations, is in turn followed by a period of motionless posing with the cheliped pointed straight overhead. These high intensity elements were seen during a number of observation periods at Caripito, the populations apparently being then, between February and April, at the peak of their breeding season. Unfortunately the very few individuals that have been observed waving since then were all in very small groups near the sea and displayed at low intensity only; none of the few resultant films and notes distinguish them adequately from the corresponding stages of *burgersi*. (Component nos. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12.)

#### RANGE

Tropical western Atlantic. Because of frequent confusions with *vocator*, *burgersi*, and *rapax*, *mordax* is known with certainty only from the following locations. All are continental, not West Indian, with the exception of Trinidad, which is geologically a portion of South America and where, in any case, the species

is rare. Guatemala: Puerto Barrios; Nicaragua: Greytown; Colombia: Turbo; Venezuela: Trinidad: in northern and northeastern swamps; Guyana: Georgetown; Surinam; Brazil: several localities from Belém to Estado São Paulo, near Cananéia. (This southernmost record *fide* Gerlach, 1958.1; his material was identified by Bott.)

### BIOTOPES

Only two large populations have been found, both on mudflats along the shores of large, tidal rivers; the largest groups were above the levels of mangroves where the water is practically or wholly fresh. One was at Belém, the type locality, and the other at Caripito, Venezuela. The few other records are all from near the mouths of rivers, and only a few individuals were found in each. It seems likely that the young during the swimming stages are not usually pelagic and that the majority may even develop far upstream. (Biotope nos. 11, 12, 14, and, especially, 15.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In optimum habitats upriver, *mordax* is the only *Uca*. Its occasional occurrence near the sea is usually in association with *burgersi* and *rapax*. In Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, *mordax*, *burgersi*, and *rapax* all occurred at one end of the town, but the small population of *mordax*, which included several displaying

males, was farthest inland; that of *burgersi* came next, and then, closest to the bay, were large numbers of *rapax*, the three species maintaining in miniature their usual ecological relations to one another.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 604.)

*Observations and Collections.* Guatemala: Puerto Barrios. Venezuela: San Juan R., at Caripito and near its mouth (Monagas); Pedernales (Monagas). Trinidad: near Blanchisseuse (north coast); near mouth of Oropouche R. (east coast). Guyana: Georgetown. Surinam: near mouth of Marawyne R. Brazil: Belém.

*Films.* Puerto Barrios.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca mordax* (Smith, 1870)

TYPE MATERIAL of *Gelasimus mordax*. In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Cotypes: no. 5882; 7 males, 5 females. Type-locality: canals at Pará (= Belém), Brazil. October 1858. Collected by Caleb Cook. Received from Peabody Academy of Sciences, November 1885. Measurements on p. 174. (!)

### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Minuca) mordax* (Smith, 1870)

*Gelasimus mordax*

Smith, 1869.1: 35. Pará, Brazil. Name only.

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Smith, 1870: 135; Pl. 2, Fig. 3; Pl. 4, Figs. 4, 4a. Canals at Pará (= Belém), Brazil. (MCZ !)

*Uca minax* (not *Gelasimus minax* LeConte)

? Pearse, 1916 (part): 532, 554. Colombia: Santa Marta; specimens from Punta Guesa. Habitat. (Synonymy suggested on basis of habitat.)

*Uca mordax*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 391 (part); Text Fig. 166 (claw after Smith); not Pl. 34, Figs. 3, 4. Not most localities. (USNM, part !)

Crane, 1943.1: 31; Text Figs. 1a-c; Pl. 1, Figs. 3, 4. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1943.2: 37: Eastern Venezuela. Taxonomy; color; waving display; habitat. (USNM !)

Crane, 1957 (part). Guatemala, Venezuela. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Gerlach, 1958.1: 672. Brazil: Estado São Paulo (near Cananéia).

Holthuis, 1959.3: 262; Text Figs. 64a, b, c; Pl. xiv, Fig. 2; Pl. xv, Fig. 2. Suriname (many localities). Taxonomy (including distinctions from *Gelasimus affinis* Streets, described by Holthuis 1967 as *Uca burgersi*); habitat.

Barnwell, 1963. Illus. Brazil. Endogenous daily and tidal rhythms of melanophore and motor activity.

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape-recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

von Hagen, 1970.4. Trinidad. Adaptations to a particular intertidal level.

### 30. *UCA (MINUCA) [MINAX] MINAX* (LE CONTE, 1855)

(Temperate western north Atlantic)

PLATE 25 E-H.

MAP 12.

FIGURES 67 D; 81 K; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

#### INTRODUCTION

This large fiddler, *Uca minax*, is more completely confined to the temperate zone than any other member of the genus, since even the ranges of *pugnax*, *pugilator*, and *arcuata* extend into the subtropics of Florida and China. For this and other reasons *minax* would repay more special study than it has yet received. For example, the crabs seem to be as well adapted to fresh water as their close allopatric relations, *mordax*, in the rivers of the tropical Atlantic mainland, and *brevifrons* in the tropical Pacific; yet, of the three, only the integument of *brevifrons* is particularly fragile, while that of *minax* is notably thick and tough. Of special interest, as usual, would be a study of its social behavior in comparison with that of other temperate or partly temperate members of the genus, including *tangeri*. All of these species so far studied, through the work of Altevoigt (1962, 1964.1) and von Hagen (1962), as well as that of Salmon and his associates (e.g. Salmon & Stout, 1962; Salmon, 1967; Salmon & Atsides, 1968.2 and refs.), show that these northern populations have nocturnal breeding behavior well developed, with acoustical components, and sometimes special acoustical behavior takes place by day in localities where the vision of individuals is obscured by vegetation.

Such a study will not be easy in *minax*. The populations are most widespread in large marshes and it is there, accordingly, that the social structure can be expected to be most characteristic of the species. These areas of course are usually not conveniently explored except by boat, and a boat, it has always seemed to me, is to be avoided whenever possible for fiddler study. At worst it limits personal movement and at best it is a nuisance that has to be tied up, anchored, or otherwise dealt with at crucial moments of observation. Again, because of intervening vegetation, the smaller movements of the crabs during waving display and, doubtless, of sound production are often obscured. Furthermore, except at intervals controlled by rhythms so far undetermined, individuals seem to devote almost as little time to waving as do some of the Indo-Pacific *Deltuca*. The large size of *minax* is another characteristic that interferes with ethological study in such a lethargic species, since territories are larger than in, for example, *pugnax*, so

that even with good visibility fewer displaying males can be observed at once; finally, the breeding season, as is unfortunately always the case in temperate latitudes, is frustratingly short.

Because the species is still available and even plentiful conveniently near to a number of biological stations on the eastern seaboard of the United States, the outlook is hopeful that some of the desirable ethological and physiological work on this species may soon be undertaken with the requisite enthusiasm. There is considerable need for haste, since great marshes still wholesome enough for *minax* are particularly subject to all the usual hazards—pesticide runoffs from adjacent agricultural lands, pollution from factories upstream, and drainage for reclamation.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

Front extremely broad; eyebrows almost vertical, widest part at least equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk, as measured through its smaller dimension. Major cheliped with outer upper half of manus coarsely tuberculate; proximal ridge of palm diverging very slightly in a straight or curved line from adjacent groove at base of dactyl; oblique ridge not especially high beside carpal cavity; center palm variably tuberculate. Merus of ambulatories slightly enlarged. Gonopod with inner process narrow; posterior flange almost as wide as anterior. Female with tubercles on carapace near antero-lateral angles.

##### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154). Closest to *burgersi*, *mordax*, and *brevifrons*. In addition to its much larger size, it differs as follows from *burgersi*.

##### MALE

*Carapace*. Front contained clearly less than 3 times in carapace breadth between antero-lateral angles; orbits scarcely oblique. Eyebrow almost vertical, short, and equal to or exceeding smaller dimension

of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk, its inner margin strongly concave.

**Major Cheliped.** Manus with tubercles of entire upper half of outer surface large and outstanding, more so than in any other *Minuca*. In large specimens the subdorsal area is strongly bent and flattened. Ventral marginal keel and groove always distinct, although its tubercles are obsolescent or absent in large examples. Palm with oblique ridge surmounted by a more or less regular row of large tubercles, always well developed, the apex not sharply higher than rest of ridge; tubercles, with uncommon individual exceptions, ending abruptly on apex, not continued upward around carpal cavity. Center palm near oblique ridge smoother than in *burgersi*, but tubercles of its upper part similar and usually conspicuous. At dactyl base, proximal ridge diverges only very slightly from adjacent groove; this diversion is usually a straight line, rarely a curve; the straightness in most resembles that of most *mordax*, although the tubercles of *minax* are stronger; unlike those of *burgersi* they are never so nearly contiguous as to appear beaded. Pollex with a variable, outer, subdistal crest about as in the superspecies *galapagensis*, but in addition with the most distal tooth on inner row enlarged.

**Ambulatories.** Traces of pile dorsally on meri. Otherwise as in *burgersi*, pile on ventral margins of mani being absent.

**Gonopod.** Posterior flange wider than in *burgersi* and slightly produced.

#### FEMALE

Dorsal part of carapace near each antero-lateral angle with a patch of tubercles varying in size but always larger than the minute granules covering other regions. Gonopore with only a very small posterior tubercle; the dome-like end of the spermatophore, when present, protrudes externally, filling the cavity and resembling a large tubercle.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Large male (brachychelous)	23.0	33.0	50.0	33.5
Moderate male (leptochelous)	18.0	27.0	42.0	33.0
Large female	22.0	30.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. minax* shares with only two other fiddlers the long stretch of American coastline from north Florida to Cape Cod. It is usually distinguished at once from both of them, (*Minuca*) *pugnax* and (*Celuca*) *pugi-*

*lator*, by its much larger size, broader front, and shorter, wider eyebrow. In addition, *minax* differs from *pugnax* in the extent of the oblique ridge on major palm, which does not continue up around carpal cavity. From *pugillator* it differs in both sexes by the presence of pile on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs, on the dorsal parts of each carpus and manus; additionally, the major palm in *minax* has a well-developed oblique ridge but lacks a ridge along outer pollex above ventral margin.

The tuberculation of the distal part of the pollex and the form of the proximal predistal ridge show characteristics intermediate between those of the superspecies, *minax* and *galapagensis*. Otherwise the affinities are with *burgersi*, *mordax*, and *brevifrons*.

On the Gulf coast male *minax* can be distinguished at once from those of *rapax longisignalis* by the absence of pile on the lower surfaces of the ambulatory carpi and mani; *minax* in addition is, so far as known, everywhere a larger species and the front is broader.

#### Color

**Displaying males:** Display whitening moderately developed, the lightest color of carapace ranging from grayish white to dull yellowish white; frontal and eyebrow regions sometimes dull orange; middle of cardiac region sometimes with a red spot; major cheliped entirely grayish orange to dull yellowish white except for distal and proximal margins of segments, especially at junction of carpus with manus, which are usually edged narrowly with red; minor cheliped with carpus, manus, and chela white; ambulatories dark. Female similar to male.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, weakly circular. Cheliped on rise usually makes 1 to 3 jerks, sometimes none; on the descent jerks are always present and number about 3 to 6, usually 4; the direction of the wave is often outward, with little rise; during a series, cheliped does not return to ground. During each wave minor cheliped makes a corresponding motion that is unusually vigorous for this appendage and often even includes jerks; very often the motion is strikingly unsynchronized with that of the major, descending, for example, as the major rises. During a series body is raised on extended anterior ambulatories, while the posterior legs are bent, especially when the display is directed toward an individual behind the waving fiddler; the carapace is thus presented almost vertically and the high reach of the cheliped—never at these times unflexed outward—increased. One or

both middle ambulatories are often raised on each side and waved but not, unlike high intensity in *mordax*, vibrated. A single series of displays may continue for minutes at a time, but the time between series is indefinite and usually prolonged. Any high intensity components of advanced courtship remain unknown. Duration of a single wave about 2 to 3 or more seconds. (Component nos. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12.)

### Hood Construction

During the summertime *minax* builds semi-circular hoods beside the entrance to a burrow. Long known as "ovens" to naturalists and fishermen, they have not yet been described in detail.

### RANGE

Temperate western Atlantic along the eastern and southern coasts of the United States, from the southwest shore of Cape Cod (Silver Springs) to northeast Florida, and on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico from Yankeetown in northwest Florida (Salmon, 1967) to Louisiana. A few specimens from the Gulf states, including Texas, have been referred in the past to *minax*, usually tentatively (e.g., Rathbun, 1918.1), which proved on reexamination to be examples of *rapax longisignalis* or *pugnax virens*. The single locality record (MCZ 5900) from Key West is questionable.

### BIOTOPES

Marshes threaded by streams, both close to the sea and farther inland, the water ranging from brackish to fresh but always subject to tidal influence; the burrows occur both in the muddy banks of the marsh creeks and among vegetation, *Spartina* and *Salicor-*

*nia*, and freshwater herbs on top of the banks. (Biotope nos. 14, 15, 16.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

None of the other temperate American *Uca* occur so far inland, in almost or completely fresh water, and it is in such marshes that the largest populations congregate. Occasionally, however, *minax*, especially when immature, is found in higher salinities scattered among *pugnax* and even, wholly atypically, *pugilator*. In certain juxtapositions of sheltered marsh and adjacent inlet with shores of both mud and sand, the three northern species sometimes live close together in moderate numbers, but with little or no peripheral mingling.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 604.)

*Observations and Collections.* Connecticut; New York (Long Island); New Jersey.

*Film.* New Jersey (kindness of Dr. Don C. Miller).

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus minax* LeConte, 1855

TYPE MATERIAL. In Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia: cat. no. 3581. 2 males, 1 female. Dried. Poor condition. Since at present the identity and characteristics of the species are not in question, there seems to be no need for selecting a lectotype, or; possibly, neotype. The specimens are labeled "Dennis Creek, N.J.," although LeConte's type-locality is given as Beesley's Point. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Minuca) minax* (LeConte, 1855)

*Note.* *U. minax* is one of the species of *Uca* that has been used occasionally in laboratory investigations of endogenous rhythms. Key references appear on p. 448.

#### *Gelasimus minax*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. LeConte, 1855: 403. U.S.A.: New Jersey. (Philadelphia !)

Smith, 1870: 128; Pl. 2, Fig. 4; Pl. 4, Figs. 1, 1a, 1b. Taxonomy.

Verrill, 1873: 337, 467, 545. U.S.A.: Massa-

chusetts. General (not local) distribution; basic ecology and habits (no display or combat).

Verrill & Smith, 1874: 43, 173, 251. A reissue of Verrill, 1873.

Kingsley, 1878: 321. U.S.A.: Georgia. Local habitat.

#### *Gelasimus palustris*

? Stimpson, 1859: 62 (part). Probably most of records in U.S.A. Taxonomy; habitat.

#### *Uca vocator*, var. *minax*

Ortmann, 1897: 353. Taxonomy.

*Uca minax*

Rathbun, 1902.1: 583, 585. Key. Habitat noted to extend up rivers to fresh water.

Rathbun, 1905: 1. Northeast U.S.A. Local distribution.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 389; Pl. 137. Eastern and southern U.S.A. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Hay & Shore, 1918: 451. U.S.A. North Carolina. Taxonomy; color; ecology; habits, including hood construction and breeding season.

Hyman, 1920. Illus. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Post-embryological development.

Hyman, 1922. Illus. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Habits, including spawning.

Pearse, 1928: 231ff. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Ecology; tests on toleration of desiccation and fresh water.

Maccagno, 1928: 48; Text Fig. 31 (claw). U.S.A.: Virginia. Taxonomy. (Torino !)

Gray, 1942. U.S.A.: Maryland. Color; ecology; habits.

Crane, 1943.3: 220; Text Fig. 1b. U.S.A.: north-eastern states. Taxonomy; color; waving display.

Crane, 1957. U.S.A.: New Jersey. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Teal, 1958. U.S.A.: Georgia. Local distribution; ecology; experiments on tolerances for different foods, temperatures, and salinities, as well as on substrate preferences; comparisons with sympatric species.

Teal, 1959. U.S.A.: Georgia. Respiration and its relation to ecology.

Miller, 1961. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Feeding mechanisms and adaptations.

Miller, 1965. U.S.A.: Morphology, physiology, and ecology in relation to distribution.

Salmon, 1965. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Waving display and sound production in courtship.

Salmon, 1967. U.S.A.: Florida. Local distribution.

# 31. *UCA (MINUCA) [MINAX] BREVIFRONS* (STIMPSON, 1860)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 26 A-D.

FIGURES 24 F-H; 30 E, F; 32 G-I; 34 C; 35 E, F; 36 D; 37 J; 45 M-OO; 46 I; 47 C, D; 48 C, D; 66 H; 100.

MAP 13.

TABLES 9, 10.

## INTRODUCTION

Once in Costa Rica I saw a fiddler up a tree. She was sitting at eye level on a branch, her coral red carapace set off by the glossy green of a jungle vine behind her. Her perch was surrounded by forest, no stream was close by, and the shore was at least a kilometer away. She was the only tree-climbing *Uca* I ever saw. The fact that the forest had been soaked the night before by the first heavy rains of the season helps explain the crab's location, as does the preference of *Uca brevifrons* for water apparently wholly fresh. One small group was collected more than 5 kilometers from the coast, in hilly country, far above tidal influence.

The fragility of the carapace and appendages in this species may be due to the low mineral content of the water, the structure of the integument in the genus—unlike that of pseudoscorpionids, for example—being perhaps poorly adapted for non-marine habitats.

The species' social behavior remains wholly to be investigated.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

Front very broad. Major cheliped with proximal predactyl ridge on palm diverging from distal ridge; oblique tuberculate ridge vestigial in lower portion, but very high at apex; upper, distal beaded ridge that usually bounds carpal cavity vestigial to absent, the cavity continuing as a trench into predactyl area; distal half of pollex with a series of enlarged teeth. No pile dorsally on carapace and very sparse on ambulatories which, in male, are notably slender. Gonopod without tooth or spine at base of anterior flange, which is very wide on the outer side, due to torsion, and strongly concave. Gonopore usually with one small tubercle on anterior lip.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154). Closest to *burgersi*, *mordax*, and *minax*. The great height of its oblique ridge on palm, the obso-

lescent beaded edge bounding upper carpal cavity, the enlarged serial tubercles on pollex, the slender legs, and minimal pile make it less similar to these Atlantic species of the superspecies than they are to each other. In more detail, it differs as follows from *burgersi*.

### MALE

*Carapace.* Eyebrow more strongly bent in proximal portion, though not as much as in *minax*; the distal part is slightly concave and projecting, bringing into prominence the strong beading of the edge; proximal margin a smooth ridge, as in the other members of the superspecies, but stronger, while the postorbital depression is deeper than usual. Postero-dorsal margins of carapace relatively weak, as are the postero-lateral striae and vertical lateral margin of carapace. Floor of orbit and suborbital region in large specimens with profuse setae which nearly obscure the weak inner suborbital crenellations, and among which the stronger external group only partly emerge; in this character *brevifrons* approaches *mordax*, rather than *burgersi* or *minax*.

*Major Cheliped.* Keel and groove along ventral margin of manus obsolescent. Palm with oblique ridge low near pollex, but elsewhere very high, narrow, highest at apex, and, except near pollex, surmounted by a single row of tubercles; these tubercles continue barely over peak of apex, stopping abruptly at or before end of ridge at carpal cavity; distal margin of carpal cavity low and blunt; center palm smooth and flat or slightly convex between carpal cavity and hollow at base of pollex; upper part of carpal cavity with low tubercles, usually less distinct than in *burgersi*. Predactyl area consisting of an elongate depression, smooth or with scattered tubercles, its breadth diminishing distally, completely confluent with upper carpal cavity, as in some *Celuca*; beaded inner edge of proximal dorsal margin, so characteristic of *Minuca* and *Celuca*, is either absent in *brevifrons* or represented by a short minutely beaded edge which does not curve downward; more distal portion of inner, dorsal margin not distinctly bounded, there being no trace of the row of tubercles above the predactyl area, often present in *burgersi* and others of



the superspecies. Proximal ridge at dactyl base diverging from distal in an approximately straight line, the degree of divergence being less than in *burgersi* and *mordax*, but slightly more than in *minax*; tubercles smaller than in most *burgersi*, never contiguous. Pollex in distal half with about 6 to 8 enlarged tubercles, well separated; an equivalent row, less enlarged, usually present in distal part of dactyl; these are in addition to the usual two teeth that often divide the dactyl into thirds. Dactyl with proximal subdorsal groove usually either short or weak, the dorsal tubercles poorly developed; inner surface of dactyl with a faint, broad depression; a similar one on pollex is shorter, being a continuation of the depression at base of pollex.

*Ambulatories.* Meri notably more slender than in *burgersi* and the related species. Pile much sparser, though traceable in same areas as *burgersi*, and as in that species wholly absent from lower side of manus.

*Gonopod.* Tip strongly bent over, especially in large individuals. Torsion moderate, so that anterior flange in position is slightly the more posterior. Inner process somewhat tumid proximally, especially in large specimens, similar to its appearance in *vocator* but not distally truncate; instead, it tapers distally to a rounded tip which alone is freely moveable; process does not project beyond pore and does not cover anterior flange. No tooth or spine, characteristic of *vocator*, at base of flange. Anterior flange very wide, strongly concave on the side directed posteriorly, and distally truncate; truncation more or less oblique, the highest part being adjacent to pore and extending beyond it little or not at all; posterior flange very narrow, its free side diminishing distally in width, to end against pore in an edge either obliquely truncate or pointed. Thumb in large specimens in contact with inner process; in all specimens it reaches flange base or somewhat farther.

#### FEMALE

Carapace dorsally with an elongate group of tubercles bordering each antero-lateral margin; merus of 4th ambulatory very slender, its dorsal margin straight. Gonopore usually with one small tubercle on anterior lip. When spermatophore present, two conspicuous tubercles project, the larger posterior, the anterior small and slender.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male	20.0	28.0	55.5	41.0
Moderate male	15.5	23.0	30.5	22.0
Largest female	19.0	27.0	—	—
Ovigerous male	15.0	20.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The absence of the down-curving, beaded edge subdorsally on the major palm is the most useful, single character for diagnosis, readily separating male *brevifrons* from other Pacific *Minuca*. A general comparison with the Atlantic relations of *brevifrons* is given on p. 174.

#### Color

Two males and one female, alive and recently caught in different localities, were dissimilar. Males: Carapaces, respectively, dark brown and reddish brown with fine, black marblings; major cheliped brown to orange pink, one or both fingers orange, finger tips white; upper ambulatories like carapace. Female: carapace and upper parts of appendages bright coral red (orange red) except for white finger tips.

#### RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific from Todos Santos Bay, Lower California, to Darien in Panama.

#### BIOTOPES

Muddy and clayey banks of freshwater and brackish streams, close to water level; also, as described in the introduction to the species, taken above tidal levels and, once, in wet forest, 1.5 meters above the ground and many meters from the nearest stream. (Biotope nos. 14, 15.)

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 604.)

*Observations and Collections.* Mexico: Puerto Angeles. Costa Rica: Port Parker; Gulf of Nicoya; Uvita Bay; Golfito; Parida I. (Observations minimal.)

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus brevifrons* Stimpson, 1860

**HOLOTYPE.** Not extant. Type-locality: Lagoon at Todos Santos near Cape San Lucas, Lower California.

*Additional type material.* In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts: cat. no. 1332: 1 female, length 17 mm from "type lot," from Smithsonian Institution; Cape San Lucas, Lower California; collected by John Xantus. Specimen fragile, but shows described characteristics of female *brevifrons* well, including those of gonopore with attached spermatophores. (!)

Type of *Uca brevifrons* var. *delicata* Maccagno, 1928. In Regio Museo Zoologico di Torino. One male, from Rio Lara, Darien, Panama. The lepto-

chelous form of the major cheliped, illustrated by Maccagno in Text Fig. 33, falls within the range of variation found in the present material. (!)

# REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Minuca) brevifrons* (Stimpson, 1860)

*Gelasimus brevifrons*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Stimpson, 1860: 292. Mexico: Cape San Lucas, Lower California.

Smith, 1870: 131. Taxonomy of type.

Lockington, 1877: 147. Mexico: Magdalena Bay, Lower California.

Pesta, 1931: 180. Costa Rica.

*Gelasimus vocator* (not of Herbst)

Nobili, 1897: 3. Panama: Darien: Rio Lara. (Torino !)

*Uca brevifrons*

Holmes, 1904: 308; Pl. 35, Figs. 1-5. Mexico: San José del Cabo, Lower California.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 395; Pl. 139 (photo). Eastern Pacific. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Crane, 1941.1: 177 (part); Text Figs. 4f, 5; Pl. 7, Fig. 35. Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama. Taxonomy; color; habitat. (Not 1 male, cat. no. 381,120, from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua nor 1 male, cat. no. 381,122 part, from Port Parker, C.R.) (USNM !)

Garth, 1948: 60. Panama: Piñas Bay. (AMNH !)

Holthuis, 1954.1: 41. El Salvador. Habitat.

Holthuis, 1954.2: 162. El Salvador.

*Uca brevifrons* var. *delicata*

Maccagno, 1928: 51; Text Fig. 33. Type description of new variety from specimen referred by Nobili (1897) to *Gelasimus vocator*. (Torino !)

32. *UCA (MINUCA) [GALAPAGENSIS] GALAPAGENSIS* RATHBUN, 1902

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 26 E-H.

MAP 14.

FIGURES 67 A, B; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca galapagensis* has long been better known under the early name of *macrodactylus*. As with a number of species in its subgenus, its morphological idiosyncrasies have led to cumulative confusions. On the one hand, its variability and changes during growth invited nomenclatural splitting. On the other, valid species distinctions, as well as bases for subspecies, appear minor and difficult to recognize without series of specimens which were usually unavailable to workers in the group; these conditions led to confusions with other species.

*U. galapagensis* is morphologically so similar to *rapax*, its close allopatric relation in the tropical Atlantic, that single examples of the two species, even when examined under the microscope, can easily be confused if the investigator is not right in the middle of extended work on the group. The similarities also include general characteristics of waving display, absence of structure-building activities, and selection of biotopes. The relationship is in fact undoubtedly so close that there would be justification for considering the two forms as transisthmian subspecies, as has been done with *thayeri*, *maracoani*, and *vocator*. The wide distribution, variability, abundance, and familiarity of *rapax*, along with its continuing taxonomic difficulties, seem to make this course undesirable in the present state of our knowledge. In this contribution, therefore, with a certain lack of logic full specific rank will be maintained for *galapagensis* and *rapax*.

The limited information now at hand shows clear differences in the waving displays of the two subspecies of *galapagensis* here recognized. A comparison of these displays with those of related *Uca* in each locality can be expected to show that, as in some other allopatric groups sufficiently well known, the display differences distinguish each subspecies from the displays of its close sympatric, which differ somewhat in the two ranges. Our knowledge of the species, as well as that of its close relations, is still insufficient for further useful discussion of this problem. Concentration on the *Minuca* in only several localities would certainly lead to excellent results, even if waving display alone were adequately explored. If combat behavior were simultaneously investigated, we would have a good chance of understanding some

of the most basic factors in the evolution of this taxonomically irritating subgenus.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front only moderately wide, clearly less than one-third carapace width. Major cheliped with proximal and distal ridges inside dactyl base parallel, the proximal not diverging; oblique tuberculate ridge on palm strong throughout, usually with tubercles in a double row for a short distance toward middle; apex high; carpal cavity cut off from predistal area by a down-curving, beaded margin; several distal tubercles on pollex forming a small crest. Gonopod with inner process narrow. Carapace without pile dorsally.

It differs from its closest relations, *rapax* and *pugnax*, both in the Atlantic, as follows: from *rapax* in having the center palm tuberculate to various extents but never almost smooth, in the continuation of the tubercles of the oblique ridge upward around carpal cavity, in having postorbital groove on carapace moderately, not scarcely, developed; and in having upper margin of merus on 2nd ambulatory not strongly convex. From *pugnax* it differs in having the oblique ridge on palm with a high apex, the postorbital groove on carapace moderately strong, and the upper margin of 2nd ambulatory not practically straight in the middle. Finally the female differs from that of the other two species in having no tubercle beside the gonopore.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Front contained about 3.5 times in carapace breadth between antero-lateral angles. Orbits scarcely to moderately oblique and lateral margins little to moderately convergent. No pile on antero-lateral region, but sometimes a few small tubercles. Eyebrow broader than in related Atlantic species. Beading of distal margin only of eyebrow distinct, that of proximal edge being faint to absent. Suborbi-

tal crenellations well formed throughout, not obscured by the sparse setae; pile absent.

**Major Cheliped.** Manus with tubercles of upper, outer surface usually moderately enlarged, but sometimes smaller and fewer in large specimens. Palm always with oblique ridge high and marked with large tubercles. The row is clearly linear, but most specimens have an irregularity toward middle of ridge, usually a slight break with the proximal part of the row continuing above the distal part, so that they overlap for the space of one to several tubercles, forming a short double row; apex sometimes strikingly high, sometimes slightly lower than the adjacent, more distal tubercles; always, however, apex, ridge, and tubercles are notably strong; tubercles on apex either single or in a small cluster; they continue, reduced in size, variable, and usually well separated upward around distal edge of carpal cavity; tubercles of center palm moderate in size and number, variable, but never large and crowded, sometimes almost lacking in large specimens; beaded inner edge of dorsal margin curving strongly downward, clearly cutting off carpal cavity from predactyl area, merging with tubercles of center palm; proximal predactyl ridge parallel to adjacent groove, not at all divergent, tubercles of both ridges strong except in some large specimens, those of proximal ridge closely set but not contiguous. Pollex tip with the usual two distal teeth enlarged, one from outer row, one from inner; however, no third tooth, subdistal to them and marking end of median row, gives the trifid effect found in most *Minuca*; instead, near its end the median row in effect swerves outward, the external row being there interrupted and absent proximal to the small distal tooth; the median row now consists of 3 to 4 much enlarged tubercles, the most proximal always largest except where there are 4 in the series; then usually the next to the proximal is largest; all are conspicuous, contiguous or nearly so, and give the effect of a toothed crest.

**Ambulatories.** Meri of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories moderately enlarged, the dorsal margins slightly convex to almost straight. Pile present or absent on dorsal surfaces of carpus and manus of first 3 legs; it is always altogether absent from ventral margins, including that of manus.

**Gonopod.** Inner process not at all tumid, narrow, little tapering, the tip rounded, reaching almost to or just beyond pore, not at all covering anterior flange, usually lying more or less obliquely against posterior flange and canal. Anterior flange either slightly broader or slightly narrower than posterior, not strongly curved, its distal edge ranging from produced and spinous to truncate; no tooth at base of flange. Thumb usually reaching to or beyond base of flange, but in smaller specimens not attaining it.

#### FEMALE

Pile as in males. Gonopore rim without tubercle.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>galapagensis herradurensis</i>				
(Panama)				
Longest male	16.0	23.0	33.0	
Male with largest claw	14.5	23.0	40.0	
Large male	14.5	22.0	36.0	
Largest female	10.0		—	—
<i>galapagensis galapagensis</i>				
(Puerto Bolivar)				
Largest male	14.5	22.0 (claw broken)		
Large males	14.0	21.0	37.0	
	13.0	20.0	30.0	
(Galapagos, fide Garth, 1946)				
Largest male	14.5	22.1	38.6	28
Largest female	13.5	19.6	—	—

**Note.** The above figures indicate that, contrary to Bott's suggestion, the relative breadths of the carapace in the two forms are similar, when crabs of comparable lengths are considered.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The first paragraph under the heading Diagnosis summarizes the points by which *galapagensis* can most readily be distinguished from other broad-fronted species from the eastern Pacific, particularly its closest Pacific relations—*vocator*, *brevifrons*, and *zaca*. The second paragraph indicates the apparent scarcity of reliable morphological differences between *galapagensis* and the Atlantic members of its super-species—*rapax* and *pugnax*.

It is of interest to note that the differences between the two subspecies of *galapagensis*, as will be apparent under the descriptions of the two forms, are slightly more extensive than those between *galapagensis* and its transisthmian allopatric, *rapax*. Furthermore, the northern subspecies, *g. herradurensis*, appears even more similar to *rapax* than does *g. galapagensis*.

Apparently no long series of specimens from the Galapagos has yet been preserved. Such a collection would be of special interest because of the evidence given below that some individuals from those islands show resemblances to both subspecies. Also, the Galapagos specimens examined were all smaller than those on the mainland, although the major chelipeds showed proportions characteristic of larger crabs in Ecuador.

Of the two subspecies, *g. herradurensis* has a more juvenile form, in particular with the carapace less arched, and less adapted therefore for water conser-

vation. The crabs I collected in both localities in Ecuador came from a much drier habitat than did those in Panama and Costa Rica, and in Ecuador alone their disappearance underground during neap tides was established.

The form of the gonopod in this species, as is often the case in *Minuca*, makes an unsatisfactory taxonomic character, particularly when only several specimens are available from a given population. Not only is the gonopod variable, but the distal part of the anterior flange, which is diagnostic in distinguishing the subspecies, seems subject to breakage, possibly even during copulation.

A principal source of taxonomic confusion in the past has been the degree of obliqueness in the orbits, those in juveniles being markedly slanting, while in large adults the orbits and fronts make an almost straight transverse line. From time to time in the literature, therefore, the young have not only been considered different species or subspecies from adults but they have been confused with *U. zaca*. Differences between young *galapagensis* and *zaca* are listed on p. 207.

### Color

Display whitening moderately to strongly developed, sometimes preceded by an orange phase.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### Waving Display

The following account is derived, first, from von Hagen's analysis (1968.2: 420) of a film made by R. Altevogt at Guayaquil, Ecuador; from my field observations made in Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador; and, third, from my field observations and films made in Golfito, Costa Rica. Also at hand for comparison is a film made by I. Bauman in the Galapagos; except as noted below details requisite for special comment do not show in the low intensity waves of the filmed example. For details of subspecific differences in display see pp. 187, 188, and 658 (Table 20).

Wave lateral, weakly circular, the circularity often apparent only at high intensities. Jerks present on both rise and descent of cheliped except at lowest intensity in Puerto Bolivar, where none was detected; in some of the field observations in Costa Rica the jerks were barely detectable to the eye, but all showed up clearly during film analyses; in Bauman's Galapagos film they are scarcely indicated. Jerks on the cheliped's rise ranged from 1 to 2 in the southern subspecies to 4 to 8 in the north, with fewer on the descent. A strong pause, of variable duration, at apex of wave in the southern subspecies is present in all intensities; at highest intensity the cheliped tip vibrates during the pause (von Hagen). In the north-

ern subspecies there is no pause at apex, but, instead, a definite double peak with jerks between them. In the Galapagos film there is no trace either of a double peak, a pause, or vibration at the apex. In neither subspecies is the cheliped brought to ground between waves of a series except, in the southern form, at high intensities where it lands in front of usual position and returns to place through several small, jerky motions (von Hagen). Minor cheliped makes a corresponding motion not well synchronized with wave and sometimes (Crane films and observations) showing 2 circular motions of the minor cheliped to 1 wave of the major; these motions probably involve sound production, as noted below under acoustic behavior. Body held high during waves of a series; sometimes only the anterior ambulatories are fully extended so that the carapace is held almost vertically. Except at lowest intensities 1 to 3 ambulatories on each side are raised high, but not in simultaneous motions, on each side with each wave; at high intensities their activity is such, although not in a regular pattern, that a rocking effect is achieved; this action is quite different from a curtsy, the common component attained through bending of the ambulatories; meanwhile several steps are usually taken from side to side, further enhancing the complexity of the display. Curtsy component absent. Duration of a single wave about 1 to 2 seconds. (Component nos. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

#### Acoustic Behavior

Analyses of films made in Golfito, Costa Rica, showed the following components: major-merus-rub (component 1), minor-merus-rub (2), and leg-wagging (5). All were closely associated with some of the waving displays previously described, at times when the individuals were showing signs either of agonistic behavior toward another male or of awareness of disturbance, apparently caused by the proximity of the camera. These signs included above all frequent displacement feeding and displacement cleaning.

### RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific, certainly from Los Blancos, El Salvador, to Puerto Grande, north Peru; Galapagos Islands. Single, questionable specimens also taken in Mexico, at Guaymas in Sonora, and at Tenacatita Bay in Jalisco. Perhaps formerly occurring in Chile.

### BIOTOPES

Mud flats near mouths of streams, near mangroves; also, farther upstream, on flats behind fringing man-

groves; sometimes on large flats of muddy sand, flooded only at spring tides and inhabited by no other species of *Uca*. Garth (1946) writes of populations in the Galapagos: "*U. galapagensis* Rathbun thrives equally well in a pinkish muck at Charles Island or a red-orange gumbo at South Seymour Island. The Academy Bay specimens, living in gray mud, attain the greatest size." (Biotope nos. 11, 12, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Other *Minuca* with which *galapagensis* regularly associates consist of *vocator ecuadoriensis* and *zaca*. In Costa Rica it was occasionally found with two *Celuca*, *latimanus*, and *argillicola*, although the latter occurred in nearby shade. See also Garth's observations (1946) made in the Galapagos (preceding paragraph).

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 605.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto; Panama: Old Panama; Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar; Guayaquil (El Salado).

*Films.* Costa Rica: Golfito. Specimens filmed in the field, transported to and identified in Trinidad laboratory, but died and were lost in crabberies. Identification was definite.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca galapagensis* Rathbun, 1902

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 22319. Individual distinguished by label: "TYPE." Type-locality: Indefatigable I., Galapagos. Measurements in mm: length 13; breadth 19.5; propodus 34; dactyl 24.5. (!) Additional type material, under same number in same jar: 5 males, lengths 8-13. (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus macrodactylus* Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. The two cotypes examined by Rathbun (1918.1) of *G. macrodactylus* were not found by me in 1959. Several boxes, including specimens considered by the museum to be "types non-marqués" (!), contained dried crabs in very poor condition, all of them labeled "*Gelasimus macrodactylus* Edwards & Lucas," and one of them had in addition "M. d'Orbigny-Valparaiso," the latter being the type-locality of the species. This specimen, however, does not have the characteristics here ascribed to *galapagensis*. In addition, the correctness of the

type-locality is questionable, since there is no later record of the occurrence of *macrodactylus* in Chile, except for Porter (1913); Porter's material is apparently not extant. The extremely poor condition of the Paris specimen mentioned makes it highly desirable to disregard it as a possible lectotype. I therefore agree with von Hagen (1968.2, 1968.3) who proposes to discard the name *macrodactylus* officially through the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, and has given his reasons in full; they include his conclusion that the "Valparaiso" specimen in Paris is probably a representative of the Atlantic species *rapax*. The suppression of the name *macrodactylus* now makes it possible to refer a number of reports of *macrodactylus* to *galapagensis*, a well-described species represented by a type in good condition.

*Uca galapagensis herradurensis* Bott, 1954

**HOLOTYPE.** In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a. M. One male, cat. no. 1865; La Herradura, El Salvador. Measurements in mm: length 12; breadth 20. (!)

Additional type material (listed in type description). Paratypes: cat. no. 2135; La Herradura. Juvenile paratype: cat. no. 1866; Alcaldia de Triunfo.

Type Material, including holotype, of *Uca macrodactyla glabromana* Bott, 1954. In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a. M. Holotype male, cat. no. 1842; Los Blancos, El Salvador; measurements in mm: length 10; breadth 14. (!) This specimen is a young example of *U. g. herradurensis*, a conclusion with which von Hagen, who examined the material independently, agrees (1968.1). The paratype material (!) includes examples of *U. zaca*.

*Uca (Minuca) [galapagensis] galapagensis herradurensis* Bott, 1954  
(El Salvador to Panama; ? Mexico)

### MORPHOLOGY

Differs from *g. galapagensis* as follows. Carapace: Orbits slightly more oblique, sides of carapace and dorso-lateral margins more converging; sides of front slightly more converging; carapace less arched, the regions more clearly defined; antero-lateral region usually with a few small tubercles; in the very distinct H-form depression, pile always is found in at least part of the grooving; eyebrow slightly narrower. Major Cheliped: Apex of oblique ridge never as high as in large specimens of *g. galapagensis*; highest part

of ridge almost always, instead of sometimes, slightly distal to apex. Ambulatories: Pile always clearly present on dorsal parts of carpus and manus of first 3 legs, in both sexes. Gonopod: Anterior flange with all of distal margin except inner edge always more or less produced beyond pore, sometimes strikingly so, when it may narrow strongly, its outer margin being thickened and darkly pigmented, so that it appears, in a superficial examination, to be a long spine. In some individuals the prolongation is less, but it is always more than the slight projection of the outer angle described under *g. galapagensis*. Posterior flange usually narrower than the anterior and never projecting beyond it; never strongly flattened.

*Atypical Individuals.* One example from Corinto, Nicaragua, has a gonopod with a strongly truncate anterior flange; in other respects it is fairly characteristic of the present subspecies (NYZS 381128, part); since the projections are very brittle, it seems possible that this truncation is unnatural. On the other hand, Bott's two specimens from El Salvador referred by him to *U. galapagensis* may be regarded either as strays from the Galapagos, or as intermediates. The sample collected in Panama is the only large population sample known; not one of these individuals has atypical gonopods, an ambiguous carapace or lacks pile on the legs.

In contrast to these ambiguous specimens from El Salvador and Nicaragua, an example from Eden Island, Galapagos (USNM: formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 2442, part) seems clearly intermediate. On the one hand, the carapace is that characteristic of *g. galapagensis*; on the other, the gonopod has a strongly projecting edge to the anterior flange, and ambulatory pile, both characteristic of *g. herradurensis*. The specimen is included under the subspecies heading of *g. galapagensis*, in accordance with the usual distribution of the subspecies.

### Color

Displaying males: At Golfito, Costa Rica, in August full display whitening was not observed, the lightest individuals being entirely pale buff. Females duller. No orange phases were present.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

Differs from that of *g. galapagensis* in larger number of jerks, in presence of 2 peaks of the wave, each reaching an equally high point, the peaks being separated by a slight descent of the chela; in the absence of vibration during the cheliped's pause at the apex; and in the absence of vibration of the cheliped as it

is brought into rest position from a more forward landing spot; in fact at moderate to high intensity the cheliped is not at all returned to the ground between waves. Numbers of jerks are as follows: on cheliped's rise, 5 to 8; between the 2 peaks at apex: 2 on descent, followed by an unbroken return to apex; jerks on final descent (completing the wave) ranging from none, giving an unbroken descent, to 4.

### *Uca (Minuca) [galapagensis]* *galapagensis galapagensis* Rathbun, 1902

(Colombia to Peru; Galapagos Islands;  
? formerly Chile)

### MORPHOLOGY

Differs from *g. herradurensis* as follows: Carapace: In all larger specimens, the orbits are scarcely oblique, the sides and dorso-lateral margins converge less as do the sides of the front, and the carapace clearly arches more, with the regions faintly or not at all indicated; in moderate-sized and juvenile individuals the differences are far less apparent. Eyebrow broader, at least in larger individuals. Major Cheliped: Apex of oblique ridge sometimes, in the largest specimens, strikingly high, more outstanding than in any other species in the genus and the highest point of the ridge; in many smaller specimens however, including the holotype, the apex is slightly lower than the adjacent part of the ridge and not remarkable, in comparison with other species in the superspecies and elsewhere. Ambulatories: No pile ever present on carpus and manus. Gonopod: Most characteristically both anterior and posterior flanges are sharply truncate, the anterior at about the level of the pore, the posterior slightly beyond it; the posterior is often notably flat and a little wider than anterior. As in *herradurensis*, however, there is a fairly wide range of variation; the most usual, and the only one that might be confusing, is the frequent very slight projection of the outer distal corner of the anterior flange; the direction is as much outward as distal and it would be unremarkable were it not for the pigmentation of this corner, which is abruptly dark as in the large projection of *herradurensis*.

Atypical specimens are mentioned above, under the description of *g. herradurensis*.

### Color

Both displaying and non-displaying males achieved display whitening of the carapace and ambulatories at both Guayaquil and Puerto Bolivar in April, even

though few individuals were displaying at the time. The palest crabs were brilliant white except for the entire major cheliped; this appendage always ranged from bright reddish orange to yellow orange except for the fingers which were white for more or less of their lengths; sometimes only the tip of the dactyl was white. The dullest individuals of both sexes were highly variable, the appendages usually brown and the carapace brown mottled with orange or else entirely dull orange. From this phase the change in both males and females progressed to bright orange followed by a dull buff or cream phase before true white was attained; lightening of carapace sometimes preceded and sometimes followed that of ambulatories; as usual many individuals remained parti-colored or wholly dull. Females with manus and chelae of both chelipeds apparently always white.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Differs from that of *g. herradurensis* in having no more than one or 2 jerks, on either the rise or descent of the cheliped, usually on both at higher intensities, and in the lack of 2 peaks at the wave's apex. Additionally, as shown in von Hagen's analysis of high intensity display (*loc. cit.*), this subspecies differs in two other ways from the northern form: first, the cheliped vibrates during the pause at the apex of the wave; second, the cheliped is lowered all the way to the ground with each wave but to a position in front of the usual rest position; from there the claw is brought back toward the mouthparts through several small jerky motions.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Minuca) galapagensis* Rathbun, 1902

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (M.) galapagensis galapagensis*, below.

### *Uca (Minuca) galapagensis galapagensis* Rathbun, 1902

#### *Gelasimus macrodactylus*

Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843: 27; Pl. 11, Figs. 3, 3a. "Côtes de Valparaiso." Type description.

Nicolet, 1849: 165. Chile. Taxonomy; color.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 149. Taxonomy.

Smith, 1870: 128. Record of type only.

von Hagen, 1968.3: 60. Proposed suppression of specific name, *macrodactylus*, H. Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843, as published in the combination *Gelasimus macrodactylus*, under plenary powers of International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

#### *Gelasimus annulipes* (not of Milne-Edwards)

Kingsley, 1880.1: 148 (part). *G. macrodactylus* Milne-Edwards & Lucas synonymized with *G. annulipes* Milne-Edwards, 1837.

#### *Uca macrodactyla*

Nobili, 1901.4: 49. Colombia: Puntilla di S. Elena, Tumaco.

Maccagno, 1928: 37; Text Fig. 22 (photo of claw). No new record. Taxonomy of Nobili's material.

? Porter, 1913: 316. Chile: Quintero (north of Valparaiso; collected in 1896).

Garth, 1957: 106. No new record.

### *Uca galapagensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1902.3: 275; Pl. 12, Figs. 1, 2. Galapagos Is.: Indefatigable. (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1911: 550. Peru. Brief taxonomy; local distribution (by R. E. Coker).

Rathbun, 1918.1: 403; Text Fig. 167; Pl. 142. Galapagos Is.: James; Indefatigable; South Seymour. Peru: Puerto Grande, Rio Zarumilla. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1924.1: 155. Galapagos Is.: Indefatigable; James; South Seymour.

Boone, 1927: 273 (part); Text Fig. 97 (upper part). Galapagos Is.: South Seymour; James; Eden. Not specimen from Cocos I., illustrated in lower half of Text Fig. 97, which should be referred to *U. panamensis*. Specimen in upper half of Text Fig. 97 is young; it was referred by Crane (1941.1: 176) to *macrodactyla*, the species name now suppressed. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Sivertson, 1934: 20. Galapagos.

Hult, 1938: 14. Galapagos. Measurements; local distribution.

Crane, 1941.1: 176. No new records. Taxonomic comments on material listed by Boone, 1927.

Garth, 1946: 515; Pl. 87, Figs. 3, 4. Galapagos Is.: Charles I. (Flamingo Lagoon and east of Post-office Bay); Indefatigable I. (Academy Bay and Conway Bay); South Seymour I. Taxonomy; habitat.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 415; Text Figs. 7, 8a, 8b, 17. Ecuador: Guayaquil; Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy; color; display.

### *Uca galapagensis galapagensis*

Bott, 1954: 166; Pl. 16, Fig. 8a, b. Peru. Taxonomy.

Bott, 1958: 209. Galapagos. Taxonomy.



*Uca macrodactyla macrodactyla*

Bott, 1954: 167 (part). No new material. Taxonomy.

*Uca (Minuca) galapagensis herradurensis* Bott, 1954

*Uca macrodactylus*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 404 (part); Pl. 143. ? Mexico: Guaymas (MCZ !). Nicaragua: Corinto; Costa Rica: Santo Domingo. Taxonomy; food of owl (*Ciccaba nigrolineata*); mangrove habitat. (USNM !)

? Rathbun, 1918.2: 177. Pleistocene of Panama. Fossil. See p. 157. (USNM !)

Crane, 1941.1: 178. ? Mexico: Tenacatita Bay. Nicaragua: Corinto. (Not young Galapagos specimen from Boone's 1927 material discussed on p. 179.) Taxonomy. (USNM !)

*Uca galapagensis herradurensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Bott, 1954: 166; Text Fig. 9; Pl. 16, Fig. 9a, b. El Salvador: La Herradura. (Frankfurt !)

Barnwell, 1968.1. Costa Rica. Chromatophoric responses to light and temperature. Taxonomic note on pp. 221-22.

*Uca macrodactyla macrodactyla*

Bott, 1954: 167 (part). No new material. Taxonomy.

*Uca macrodactyla glabromana*

Bott, 1954: 168 (part); Text Fig. 10; Pl. 16, Fig. 10a, b. El Salvador: Los Blancos and Puerto El Triunfo. (Frankfurt !)

*Uca herradurensis*

von Hagen, 1968.2: 417. Discussed during his treatment of *U. galapagensis*; considers *U. g. herradurensis* Bott of specific, not subspecific rank. No new records.

### 33. *UCA (MINUCA) [GALAPAGENSIS] RAPAX* (SMITH, 1870)

(Tropical and subtropical western Atlantic)

PLATES 27 *A-D*; 45 *C-F*.

FIGURES 52 *C-DD*; 54 *F*; 67 *C*; 86; 91 *E, F*; 100.

MAP 14.

TABLES 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

#### INTRODUCTION

A waving male *Uca rapax* stands out among other fiddlers on any shore in his range by the numerous small jerks dividing the raising of his large cheliped. Almost always they number at least 8; sometimes they reach more than 30. Nothing else about his appearance is striking. His carapace never changes to shining white; his major claw is never colorful, the lower manus achieving at most a rather dull orange; his size is small to medium; and the tempo of the display, especially at low intensities on chilly mornings, has a soporific effect on the watching ethologist. In fact its slowness is a distinction, since single waves last longer under these conditions than in any other species in the genus; the longest waves, in Rio de Janeiro during early December, at temperatures around 22 C, lasted up to 13 seconds each.

Another characteristic less than stimulating to the worker is the fact that *rapax* is one of the few tropical fiddlers that has a prolonged period of non-breeding, that is, excluding any lunar or semi-lunar rhythms. Even in localities where the tides cover the burrows regularly during the dry season, so that the fiddlers can feed and hence do not aestivate, the populations almost always pass through a non-waving period during two or three of the months having little or no rain. This appears to be true throughout the West Indies as well as in adjacent parts of the mainland; here from February through April waving is so rare that field work on the species' social behavior should not be scheduled. These fiddlers are also inactive in southern Florida in December, and presumably throughout the colder weather farther north.

Yet in less obvious characteristics members of the species are among the most remarkable in the genus. They are undoubtedly the most abundant neotropical fiddler and the most adaptable to varied biotopes. As with several other *Uca* that are outstanding in extent of range, numerical abundance, and ecological tolerance, a study of their biological success would be illuminating.

Perhaps their most outstanding characteristics, undoubtedly related closely to the fact of their success, are those most obviously related also to their systematics. This species and its allopatric relations, in fact, form one of those Jeckyll-and-Hyde groups that

delight an evolutionary biologist and give nightmares to a practicing taxonomist. Fortunately these days most workers tend to be at least a little of both, so people concerned with the group are unlikely to be unhappy all the time.

The most widespread form, here termed a subspecies, *Uca r. rapax*, appears to be wholly recalcitrant to further taxonomic subdivisions; it extends, as do several other western Atlantic *Uca*, from southern Florida to the Tropic of Capricorn at Rio de Janeiro. Like most such successful forms this one is highly variable in details of its morphology; no evidence of clines has yet appeared.

The other forms all have lesser ranges. In this study the group, forming the superspecies *galapagensis*, is considered to be composed of three closely related species—*galapagensis* in the Pacific, *rapax* chiefly in the tropical and subtropical Atlantic, mentioned above, and *pugnax* in the temperate regions of the north Atlantic. In each species two subspecies are recognized. As already pointed out in the Introduction to *galapagensis* (p. 183) the species is morphologically so close to *rapax* that logically the two forms should be considered subspecies.

In the Atlantic a zone of coincidence occurs in east Florida where *pugnax* and *rapax*, living on the same shore, apparently do not interbreed. Unfortunately for the taxonomist, the species characteristics of each are exceedingly variable, being often shared in various parts of the ranges where no coincidence occurs. As a result firm specific distinctions are, once again, difficult to erect.

The two Gulf coast species, *Uca longisignalis* and *U. virens*, recently proposed by Salmon & Atsides (1968.1) largely on behavioral and color characteristics, are here regarded as subspecies of *rapax* and *pugnax* respectively. Again, firm morphological distinctions are virtually absent, while the behavioral and color characteristics crop up in closely similar or apparently identical forms somewhere in the ranges of the other species and subspecies of the superspecies; yet at present we have no evidence of interbreeding in the zones of overlap.

Non-morphological peculiarities in the superspecies giving food for thought concerning the close relationships of these rather fluid forms may be itemized as follows:

1. In the Pacific, *U. g. galapagensis* has the rare waving display component of a pause at the apex of the wave as a regular part of the display; in the Atlantic *r. rapax*, a pause occurs frequently, but not as a regular component, in various parts of its range.

2. *U. galapagensis herradurensis* shows no pause at the apex, but a double peak there in every wave; this is an even rarer component than the pause. A similar double peak occurs very rarely in far separated populations of *r. rapax*.

3. *U. g. galapagensis* during high intensity courtship performs leg-wagging stridulation on the surface of the ground, a component extremely rare in the courtship of other species; populations of *r. rapax* in Florida perform similarly, but do not do so farther south.

4. In northwest Florida and adjacent states, *r. longisignalis* in display jerks very feebly, but this is true also of some typical populations of *r. rapax*.

5. In Texas, *pugnax virens* is characterized by relatively strong jerking and a color pattern not found in populations on Florida's east coast and adjoining states; yet stronger jerks and color similar to those in Texas are found in northern populations of *p. pugnax*.

6. The outstanding color characters of *rapax longisignalis* in northwest Florida and nearby areas differ from those of Florida populations of *r. rapax*; yet in Venezuela (Turiamo) rare individuals of *r. rapax* occur with coloring apparently very similar to that of *longisignalis*.

Some of these points will be discussed in Chapter 7, in the section on sympatry.

If one were being altogether logical and if it were not for two locations—Yankeetown in northwest Florida and Crescent Beach on that state's east coast, where two forms coincide without interbreeding—the most acceptable procedure would be to call the entire superspecies a single species, *pugnax*, divided into 6 subspecies (*galapagensis*, *herradurensis*, *rapax*, *longisignalis*, *pugnax*, and *virens*). Because of two considerations I am not proposing this course. First, more work, both ethological and morphological, with larger study collections available, is needed, particularly at the zones of coincidence. Second, the convenience of biologists appears to be of sufficient importance to avoid yet another change of names in forms widely known and currently the subjects of active research. This is particularly desirable since work is so obviously demanded on the group's genetics which, one excellent day, will certainly illuminate the problem. After all, parts of the genus *Drosophila* have caused similar difficulties and their solutions advance steadily, with large rewards for general biology. *Uca* will take a little longer—but optimism is in order.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

Distinguishing characteristics from related broad-fronted *Uca*, except from the two members of its superspecies, as in the first paragraph of the diagnosis for *U. galapagensis* (p. 183). From these closest relations, *galapagensis* in the Pacific and *pugnax* in the Atlantic, *rapax* is distinguished most reliably in the following respects: From both in having the center of major palm almost smooth with small granules at most, even in small specimens, and not clearly tuberculate; and in having the tubercles of the oblique ridge only rarely continuing up around carpal cavity, and then only weakly and for a short distance. Additionally, from *galapagensis* only, in having postorbital groove on carapace very shallow and in having a tubercle on female gonopore. Additionally, from *pugnax* only, in having merus of second ambulatory broad, even in males, with its upper margin usually slightly convex throughout, but sometimes almost straight in the middle; eyebrow slanting, not vertical; apex of oblique ridge higher, with the ridge tubercles larger and more regular. The subspecies in the Gulf of Mexico, *r. longisignalis*, shares almost all these characters; it differs most distinctly in having the eyebrow nearly vertical and scanty pile on lower margins of some segments of at least the middle ambulatories; the armature of the palm is more variable than in *r. rapax*, and should be considered unreliable as a diagnostic aid.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus. Extremely close to its Pacific allopatric, *galapagensis*, particularly to *g. herradurensis*; the similarity is greater than to its Atlantic allopatric, *pugnax*; see discussion (p. 193). Table 11 gives an idea of the variability of the tropical subspecies, *r. rapax*, throughout its wide range.

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Front contained about 3.5 times in carapace breadth between antero-lateral angles, its sides converging more than in related Atlantic species and the tip therefore appearing slightly narrower in most individuals; both the shape and breadth of front, however, vary, and it is distinctly broader in *r. longisignalis*. Orbits moderately oblique, dorso-lateral and lateral margins moderately convergent. No pile on antero-lateral region, but scattered, small tubercles or granules detectable in some individuals of all populations; pile in H-form depression present or absent. Eyebrow of moderate width, almost always intermediate between the clearly wider eyebrow of the Pacific species, *galapagensis*, and the usually narrow-

er one of the Atlantic *pugnax*; in *r. rapax* it is also clearly less depressed than in *p. pugnax*, but the relationships are reversed between the subspecies in the Gulf of Mexico. Beading of its distal margin always better developed than that of proximal, but latter is distinctly beaded in the larger specimens of some populations, unlike the character in related species. Suborbital crenellations well formed throughout, not obscured by the sparse setae; pile absent.

*Major Cheliped.* Manus with tubercles of upper, outer surface moderately enlarged and only rarely reduced, and then only in large specimens, in size and number. Palm always with oblique ridge high and marked with large tubercles; the degree of regularity of their arrangement is, however, extremely variable both within and among populations; in general small crabs with claws of mature shape show the most regular rows, with well-formed tubercles throughout, there being sometimes, as in *galapagensis*, a slight break and overlap in the middle, proximal to which the tubercles are slightly the largest and the ridge highest just distal to the apex. Some larger individuals also maintain this regular formation, with ridge and apex relatively high and tubercles relatively regular, so that the entire structure is indistinguishable from that found in characteristic examples of the Pacific *g. herradurensis*. Other individuals in *rapax* show a breakdown in the distal part of the ridge, which is then very low, with tubercles small and not at all in linear formation, while the apex and adjacent ridge remain high and covered with abruptly large tubercles; these form a single or double row before the apex and a cluster on the apex itself; sometimes several very large tubercles, well separated from each other, occur along the middle of the ridge. When numerous individuals from a series of populations are compared, however, two points are clear. First, the oblique ridge and its apex in *rapax* as a rule are slightly less high than in *g. herradurensis*, while its tubercles in most individuals are far less regular. Second, the apex in most *rapax* is higher and the tubercles more regular than in *pugnax*. When compared with the ridges of its three tropical, sympatric forms, *vocator*, *burgesi*, and *mordax*, as well as with the northern *minax*, both ridge and apex are high and its tubercles large and regular.

Similar variability is shown in the tuberculation around the distal edge of the carpal cavity and of the center palm. In many individuals the oblique ridge stops abruptly at or immediately over the crest of the apex, at the edge of the carpal cavity; in most, several tubercles mark the cavity's borders, always non-contiguous and often well separated; when present they merge with the small tubercles of the center palm. The latter group are usually minute and well separated; in at least some individuals in all populations they are practically lacking; as usual in this species, exceptions are frequent: a few individuals have large

tubercles near the end of the downcurved part of the beaded edge of dorsal margin; a few have the distal border of the carpal cavity bordered with an almost continuous row of tubercles, while the tubercles of the upper palm are as large and numerous as in *g. herradurensis*, from which in this character it would then be impossible to distinguish *rapax*. The great majority of individuals, however, in all populations of *rapax r.* have far fewer tubercles, and smaller ones, both around the distal part of the carpal cavity and on the center palm, than occur either in the related *galapagensis* or *pugnax*, or in its tropical sympatrics, *vocator*, *burgesi*, and *mordax*. Their relative smoothness is characteristic also of small specimens. In *rapax longisignalis* these characters are not so reliable.

Proximal ridge at base of dactyl with tubercles always strong and close set, but very rarely (as noted only in part of a Miami population) almost contiguous in its lower part, as is characteristic of *burgesi*; there is never any trace of proximal divergence from the distal ridge, although the upper tubercles of the latter sometimes slant toward the dactyl, as in related species; sometimes the entire row of distal tubercles is obsolescent, particularly in large specimens.

In shape and proportions of manus and fingers, *rapax* closely resembles *galapagensis*, although, as pointed out by Tashian and Vernberg (1958) they are distinct from those of *pugnax*. In *rapax* the pollex and dactyl are definitely shorter in comparison with the manus, thicker, and less tapering. In addition, the distal part of the pollex tends to curve upward in *rapax*, in contrast to its straightness, or even downward curve, in *pugnax*. The caveats concerning variability that are usual in this species apply in these differences also. Since populations vary widely in lengths at which their "normal" morphological proportions are attained, and because of leptochelous and brachychelous tendencies, the selection of specimens for meristic series must be made with special care. Again, although most individuals show a slightly upcurved pollex, it is not apparent in all. For example, it is prevalent in almost all individuals from Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, but weak or absent in many from Tobago and from Rio de Janeiro, particularly in those of large size. The differences in slenderness of dactyl and pollex and the degree of taper are apparent to the eye throughout all populations of the two species, although the necessarily rigorous series of measurements to establish it have not been undertaken.

Predistal crest on pollex in many individuals is distinct as in *U. galapagensis* (p. 184), but it is far more variable.

*Ambulatories.* Meri of 2nd and 3rd ambulatories moderately enlarged, the dorsal margins slightly convex to almost straight. The breadth of the meri is similar to that found in *galapagensis*, but greater

than in *pugnax*; the segments are clearly wider than in its tropical sympatric *vocator*, *burgersi*, and *mordax*. Dorsal bristles of manus and carpus less numerous, less stout and less stiff than in *pugnax*. Pile always present on dorsal surfaces of carpus and manus of first 3 legs; it is always altogether absent from ventral margins, including that of manus, in *r. rapax*; scanty pile present on ventral surface of some segments in *r. longisignalis*.

**Gonopod.** Inner process of moderate width, usually straight, sometimes slightly curved; anterior flange clearly wider than posterior, its distal margin always produced, but to a variable extent.

#### FEMALE

**Gonopore.** Tubercle on margin of gonopore apparently always present.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>r. rapax</i>				
Largest male (Tobago)	21.0	32.0	63.0	45.5
Moderate male (Tobago)	10.5	16.5	22.0	15.0
Largest female				
(Santo Domingo)	17.0	27.0	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Tobago)	14.5	22.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (San Juan)	11.0	17.5	—	—
<i>r. longisignalis</i>				
Male (holotype)				
(Ocean Springs)	13.0	21.0	37.0	28.0
Female (Ocean Springs)	12.0	16.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The close resemblance of *rapax* to its transisthmian allopatric, *galapagensis*, has already been discussed (p. 183). Series of preserved *rapax* can usually be easily distinguished from series of the northern allopatric species, *pugnax*, but as usual in the subgenus the characteristics are so superficial and there is so much variation within and between populations that individuals atypical enough to fit the description of the opposite species can usually be found without difficulty. Although Tashian & Vernberg (1958) found differences in the proportions of the chelipeds in the particular populations with which they worked in Florida, in the zone of coincidence they discovered, these differences do not always hold good in other populations in the north and south. I found no evidence of regular differences among tropical populations, or of clines.

Recent complications in the taxonomy of the two species have arisen as a result of the description by Salmon & Atsides (1968.1) of two new species of *Uca*, *longisignalis* and *virens*, from the Gulf coast of the United States. Although these authors considered

both to be most closely related to *pugnax*, I am treating them here as subspecies of *rapax* and *pugnax*, respectively. This decision is unsatisfactory, because it is not based on personal acquaintance with the new forms, except for a few preserved specimens, and because "good" morphological characters are apparently extremely scarce. The authors have described excellent behavioral differences, as will later be discussed. There is a slight coincidence of ranges in north Florida, between apparently *rapax rapax*, as here understood, and *r. longisignalis*; the material is unfortunately insufficient to furnish evidence of interbreeding. See details of differences under the subspecies.

#### Color

**Displaying males:** Display whitening of carapace poorly to moderately developed; anterior part of carapace and eyestalks green blue in populations of *rapax longisignalis* and in rare individuals in the tropics of *r. rapax*, especially at Turiamo, Venezuela. Cheliped about as light as carapace in both subspecies except for outer manus which, at least on lower part, ranges from dull, grayed, greenish yellow (approximately ochraceous) to tints of orange (often described in field notes as apricot), sometimes extending on to pollex; red tints and tones always absent; fingers white, at least at tips. Minor cheliped with usually manus and always fingers white, except at Turiamo, Venezuela, where sometimes blue. Ambulatoires usually remain somewhat darker than carapace. Females attain about the same degree of grayish white as males.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, weakly circular, at low intensities often practically straight. Jerks always present, on both rise and descent of major cheliped, more numerous on the rise than in any other species in the genus, and highly variable, largely regardless of geographical locality. The range of numbers is, on the rise, between 6 and 34 and on the descent from 2 to 8; the total number of jerks therefore can and very rarely does, reach 42, which was attained in one crab filmed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and another in Puerto Rico. The highest numbers of jerks are at lowest intensities; at high intensities where curtsies are included, with or without the acoustical component of stamping, the jerks on the rise range from 6 to 12, those on the descent from 2 to 4, and the total number of jerks from 8 to 16. Comparably low numbers of jerks are also recorded in populations of *r. rapax* studied in southern Florida by Salmon (1967), where the total ranged from 7 to 12 and of *r. longisignalis* described by Salmon & Atsides (1968.1) in

northwest Florida and Mississippi, with totals between 8 and 15; in the latter, northern populations the jerks were less distinctly marked than in the south. None of the individuals in these Florida populations, even at low intensities, reached the high number of jerks found in the south. In waves showing the highest number of jerks (6 to 8) on the descent, the last several are usually made after the cheliped reaches its low point, which is usually not in contact with the ground, somewhat in front of its usual rest position, and the cheliped jerks back into place in front of the mouthparts; a similar motion sometimes occurs in the Pacific with the closely allopatric form, *U. g. galapagensis*, observed by von Hagen (1968.2). At high intensities the cheliped often does not nearly reach the ground after the final jerk, being simply flexed into rest position barely before the onset of the curtsy, with or without stamping. A brief pause at peak of wave is present or absent, similar to but shorter than that also found in *U. g. galapagensis* (*loc. cit.*, and this study, p. 184). Very rarely the wave includes a double peak at the apex, as in *U. galapagensis herradurensis* (p. 184). Minor cheliped usually makes a corresponding motion, but without jerks. During a series the body is held high, except for the curtsy component of high intensity courtship, and any combinations on the first 3 ambulatories on each side are kicked up and out in leg-waves in which the meri are definitely not brought into contact, unlike sound-producing leg-wags. The curtsy component is always a characteristic of high intensity courtship and not of agonistic behavior; as usual it occurs close to the entrance of the male's burrow when the attention of a female has been aroused but, at least in tropical populations, waving does not necessarily stop with the first curtsy, the curtsy rather forming, with or without associated stamping, the final component of a wave, to be followed almost at once by another in the same series. In Florida the curtsy, usually followed by others, takes place at the end of the series of rapid waves of courtship and immediately preceding the male's descent into his burrow; it apparently always includes sound production through stamping and, at night, by leg-wagging (see under Acoustic Behavior, below). Duration of single waves, at low intensity with many jerks, up to 13 seconds; the slowest of all were filmed in Rio de Janeiro on cloudy mornings in early December when waving was just beginning, an hour before low tide; the surface temperature ranged from 20° to 23° C. Waves almost as slow, however, lasting up to 12 seconds in *r. rapax*, with totals of between 20 and 34 jerks, have been filmed on clear hot afternoons, at surface temperatures between 28° and 30° C, in both Venezuela and Puerto Rico. Duration of waves of high intensities about 2 to almost 6 seconds. (Component nos. 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14; timing elements summarized in Table 19, p. 656.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Female follows male into his burrow. No records of surface copulations, except for the usual occasional abortive attempts by aggressive wanderers. No records of nocturnal mating have yet been published. Salmon (1967) reported herding motions by single males of females in populations in south Florida; he reports that the males sometimes approached females as much as a meter away. It will be interesting to learn if the females in question are immature in these instances as in at least two other species (p. 503).

### *Acoustic Behavior*

In Florida Salmon (1967) and Salmon & Atsides (1968.1, 1968.2) made recordings of sound components in *rapax* during both diurnal and nocturnal courtships. The diurnal sounds were produced close to and just within the burrow mouths by the stamping component of curtsies made during high intensity waving. Another sound occurred when the male was farther within the burrow, as well as when a female was introduced when such a male was already within. Salmon describes the diurnal sound production as follows: "The males stopped waving when the females came within 5 to 10 cm of their burrows. The major chela was held flexed just above the carapace. While in this posture sounds were produced when the second and third pairs of ambulatories were raised and lowered in unison against the substrate, 2 to 6 times in a series. With each blow of the legs against the surface, the body was lowered in steps from an initially raised position almost to the substrate. A series of movements lasted from 1 to 3 sec. The male might remain at the same spot between consecutive series of ambulatory movements, but if the female moved closer he would dash toward and sometimes just inside his burrow. The sounds resulting from the movements were sharp pulses of short duration (30 to 50 msec), each pulse corresponding to one contact between the ambulatories and the substrate. But when the males moved inside their burrows the pulses contained a low-frequency component which extends pulse durations to 120 to 200 msec. . . ." During the evening, "Sound-producing males of *U. rapax* were either several millimetres inside the burrow or near the entrance with their ambulatories protruding from the burrow opening. The sounds consisted of two to eight pulses produced in a series, each composed of low frequencies with fundamentals between 170 and 200 Hz. The sounds were similar to those heard during the day from males inside their burrows. Conspecific crabs, as well as other species, elicited an increase in rate and intensity of sound production from males after contact with their ambulatories. Four of ten males showed these responses when the substrate 1 cm from the

burrow was scratched lightly with a twig. Several other males, silent at the time, began producing sounds when a few grains of sand were pushed into their burrows.

"The sounds were produced by movements of the ambulatories similar to those produced during the day. . . . During the first one to three pulses, the ambulatories were lowered to the substrate, raised and rapidly vibrated in a dorso-ventral plane, then lowered again. In the remaining pulses of the sound the movements were identical but *the ambulatories did not touch the surface* [*italics mine*]. The low frequency components were always correlated with ambulatory vibration. The major cheliped was not moved during sound productions . . ." (Salmon 1967, pp. 453-54). The authors provide data on variation in time of onset and cessation of the sounds and in acoustical properties, as well as comparisons with sounds produced in particular by *speciosa*. In the subspecies *rapax longisignalis* Salmon & Atsides (1968.1: 287) describing nocturnal sound production report that, as with the two subspecies of *pugnax*, *r. longisignalis* "produced sounds during nocturnal low tides for periods of up to several hours . . . the sounds were produced by movements of the ambulatory legs; each sound was composed of several pulses produced in a series, . . . the sounds containing 5-14 pulses, and successive sounds in a series were each separated by long intervals (8-10 seconds). . . . The signals . . . were all produced by lone males."

No other detailed study of *rapax* sounds has yet appeared. In 1968.1 von Hagen published a preliminary statement that he had secured recordings of the species in Trinidad, but his results are not yet available.

In the course of the present study observations of sound-producing mechanisms through films made diurnally throughout much of the range of *rapax* were made, as well as a few recordings, also in Trinidad, both by day and night. As with the Florida populations, leg-wagging produced sounds, as in the phrase in italics on the preceding page. However, leg-stamping was only rarely seen to be included in the numerous curtsies of high-intensity courtships that have been observed and photographed. This element was always either in an agonistic situation at the surface or in response to an intruder, regardless of sex, introduced into the burrow by day or night. This is fully in accord with leg-wagging throughout the genus, except in some *mordax* during high intensity courtship. Another component has been heard and recorded, by day and night, in Trinidad *rapax* when an intruder is introduced and sometimes spontaneously; this I have termed "honking"; it is unmistakable and we have as yet no idea how it is produced. (Component nos. 5 and 11, plus "honking.")

## Combat

Combat behavior in *rapax* has been more closely examined than in any other species. It was described in detail for a population in Trinidad in Crane (1967); it is reviewed, with components added, in the present study, in comparison with that of other species, in Chapter 5, beginning on p. 485. (Component nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12.)

## RANGE

Tropical, subtropical, and warm temperate western Atlantic from the south coast of the United States along the Gulf of Mexico and Florida's eastern shores, then continuing south on the coasts of Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, north and east coasts of South America as far as Cananéia, Estado São Paulo, Brazil. One form, here viewed as a subspecies, *longisignalis*, is known in the warm temperate part of the range, from Matagorda Bay to Yankeetown; near Yankeetown Salmon & Atsides (1968.1) found it occurring sympatrically with *r. rapax*. Throughout the rest of the species' range there seems to be no justification for further subdivision.

## BIOTOPES

Typically, in the tropics, on sheltered flats of mud or sandy mud in the vicinity of mangroves, in similar substrate edging lagoons, in river deltas, and along the streams and rivers themselves on flat banks close to their mouths; also on muddy sand, especially on tropical salt flats covered only at spring tides. Even displaying parts of the populations often in the partial shade of the edges of mangroves. Occasionally the substrate includes so little silt that it appears almost fully sandy, especially in food-rich localities, such as around pneumatophores of some mangrove associations, or near fishermen's landings. (Biotope nos. 6, 9, 11, 12.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

When a full spectrum of local species of *Uca* occurs on a tropical shore, distributed in typical stratification, the species arrange themselves as follows, from those nearest the sea and in highest salinities to those farthest inland, including the banks of water courses: (*Celuca*) *leptodactyla*, (*Uca*) *maracoani*, (*Boboruca*) *thayeri*, (*Celuca*) *cumulanta*, (*Uca*) *major*, and all members of the subgenus *Minuca*—*rapax*, *burgersi*, *vocator*, and *mordax*. Such a diagrammatic distribution of course occurs very rarely both because of the complex configurations of shores and estuaries, and the still unknown requirements of the different species in regard to the compositions of their general biotopes. Three or more species are al-

most always missing—most often *leptodactyla*, *major*, and *mordax*—from any locality.

*U. rapax*, the most abundant of the nine species if the range is viewed as a whole, is most often closely sympatric with another *Minuca*, *burgersi*. In areas rich in food, such as strips of shore where fish or mollusks are cleaned or coconuts opened, pigs tethered, or close to huts and outhouses straggling at the ends of towns, the two species sometimes mingle in almost equal numbers; these mixed populations appear always to be small, though they usually include fully adult, strongly displaying individuals. In large, normal populations, however, the species mingle, if at all, peripherally, *rapax* usually being found on the more seaward flats and less often in almost landlocked lagoons. On the other hand, large populations of very large *rapax*, apparently never including active wavers and with the individuals probably approaching senility, are often found farther from the sea than the more active groups of both *rapax* and *burgersi*; in these cases they are not up rivers or streams, but in higher, drier locations, open or partly shaded on the inland edges of mangrove swamps, their burrow mouths reached if at all by spring tides only. In these localities, *rapax* is the only *Uca*.

Crescent Beach, on the east coast of Florida, near Daytona, marks the northern limit of *rapax*. Here *rapax* and *pugnax*, members of the same superspecies, are closely sympatric on the same stretch of beach, but at different levels; *rapax* is the higher, in sandier locations (Tashian & Vernberg, 1958).

For additional remarks on the associations of *rapax* see the corresponding sections of *major*, *burgersi*, *vocator*, *pugnax*, and *cumulanta*.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 605.)

*Observations and Collections.* U.S.A.: Fort Lauderdale, Miami. Guatemala: Puerto Barrios. West Indies: Puerto Rico; St. Thomas; Guadeloupe; Martinique; Barbados; Curaçao; Tobago; Trinidad. Colombia: Cartagena. Venezuela: Maracaibo and neighborhood; Puerto Cabello; Turiamo; Puerto La Cruz; Pedernales. Guayana: Georgetown. Surinam: near Paramaribo and near mouth of Marawyne R. Brazil: São Luiz, Fortaleza, Recife, São Salvador, Rio de Janeiro.

*Films.* Miami, Puerto Barrios, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Trinidad, Puerto Cabello, Pedernales, Paramaribo, São Luiz, Fortaleza, Recife, São Salvador, Rio de Janeiro.

*Sound Recordings.* Trinidad.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

### *Uca rapax* (Smith, 1870)

TYPE of *Gelasimus rapax* Smith, 1870. Formerly in Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven; from Aspinwall, near Colon, Atlantic coast of Panama; presumably checked by Rathbun (1918.1: 397); not now extant.

? Type Material of *Uca salsisitus* Oliveira, 1939. ? In Instituto Oswaldo Cruz. Male type: cat. no. 30; 4 male and female paratypes: cat. nos. 171, 172. Type-locality: Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Carapace lengths not given. The male specimens are either young, have the claw regenerated, or both. Synonymy is on the basis of the photograph of the dorsal view (Pl. 11, Fig. 57) and of the drawing of the claw's inner view (Pl. 8, Fig. 43). The latter shows a non-divergent proximal ridge at the dactyl's base, instead of the divergent ridge characteristic of the sympatric *burgersi* and *mordax*. The 4th ambulatory shown in Pl. 3, Fig. 11, and Pl. 8 is slender for mature *rapax*, but, again, the size of the specimen is not known. In Pl. 8 there are suggestions of ambulatory pile which make it possible that *salsisitus* will prove to be synonymous with *vocator*, but in the ambulatory drawings (Pl. 3) no pile is shown. The female abdomen in Pl. 7, Fig. 40 is that of a mature individual, as indicated by the shape and scale, but this character does not aid in species identifications. Finally the text does not state which specimen(s) were used for the illustrations. Examination of the type material may show that more than one species is included.

Type Material of *Uca pugnax brasiliensis* Oliveira, 1939. ? In Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro. Male type, cat. no. 191; paratypes; no. 299. Type-locality: Ilha do Pinheiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The distinctions in the specimens described are within the range of variation of *Uca rapax* in the type-locality.

### *Uca rapax longisignalis* Salmon & Atsides, 1968

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. *Uca longisignalis*: One male, cat. no. 121599. Paratype males, 5, cat. no. 122204. Type-locality: Ocean Springs. Measurements on p. 193. (!)

### *Uca (Minuca) [galapagensis] rapax rapax* (Smith, 1870)

(Subtropical and tropical western Atlantic. Northern boundaries: in Mexico, Tamaulipas; in west Florida, Yankeetown; in east Florida, Crescent Beach. Southern boundary in Brazil, Cananéia)



## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

In both sexes, *r. rapax* differs from *r. longisignalis* in having the eyebrow only slightly inclined and the front slightly narrower. Additionally, the male differs in the absence of pile on lower margins of merus, carpus, and manus of 2nd and 3rd ambulatory. Finally, the female differs in the presence of a distinct tubercle on the gonopore and the absence of pile on lower margins of ambulatory meri.

The subspecies differs from *p. pugnax*, with which it occasionally coincides on Florida's east coast, chiefly in the slightly, not strongly, inclined eyebrows, a smoother major palm with apex of oblique ridge higher and ridge tubercles larger and more regular, and in having merus of 2nd ambulatory broader, with its upper margin usually slightly convex throughout, but sometimes almost straight in middle. In the particular populations with which they worked, Tashian & Vernberg (1958) found useful differences in the proportions of the major chelipeds, the manus in *rapax* being somewhat deeper and the fingers shorter; these differences are unreliable as subspecies or species distinctions.

In distinguishing members of the majority of populations, all fully tropical, of this subspecies from sympatric species, the following characters used in combination seem to be the most reliable and practical: on major palm, non-divergent predactyl ridges and a well-developed, oblique, tuberculate ridge; pollex with a distinct subdistal crest; broad ambulatory meri, showing conveniently in the convex dorsal margin of the 4th; no pile on lower margins of 2nd and 3rd ambulatory mani; female with a single, well-formed tubercle on posterior margin of gonopore. See also comparative comments in treatments of *vocator*, *burgersi*, and *mordax* (pp. 164, 168, 173).

### *Uca (Minuca) [galapagensis] rapax longisignalis* Salmon & Atsides, 1968

(Northern part of Gulf of Mexico from Matagorda Bay, Texas to Yankeetown, Florida)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

The differences between this form and the tropical *r. rapax* are as follows: in both sexes, eyebrow strongly inclined (although, as usual, less so in females) and front wider (widest in females). In the male, pile that is scanty but distinct is present on

lower surfaces of merus, manus, and carpus of at least 2nd and 3rd ambulatories; it is arranged along anterior and posterior borders of each segment and is persistent enough to make it a reliable diagnostic character—the only one I have found; the only specimens examined in which it is lacking are some examples received from Yankeetown, from which all pile and setae had been previously removed for special purposes. In the female, of which I have seen only three individuals, pile is also present, but on the meri only, again along anterior and posterior ventral margins, of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs; all have the gonopore with antero-inner margin of lip slightly raised, but not in the form of a tubercle.

From sympatric species along the Gulf, *minax* and *pugnax virens*, *r. longisignalis* is again most clearly distinguished by the pile on the ventral margins of the ambulatories, as described above, and, additionally, from *pugnax virens* alone, by the strongly vertical eyebrows; subdistal crest on pollex characteristically stronger than in the other two species, but experience is needed in comparing them. Even in females of *longisignalis* the front is narrower and the ambulatory meri wider than in female *minax*, while the eyebrows, although also strongly bent, are narrower than in *minax*.

Examination of the types and of additional material in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington has led to the following conclusions on the characters used in the type description. On the major cheliped these characters include an unbroken tuberculate ridge inside the carpus; in 4 males from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, this series is interrupted, as in *p. virens*; in *r. rapax* from southern Florida and elsewhere and in *minax* it is sometimes interrupted and sometimes not. The degree of tuberculation inside the palm and details of the oblique ridge prove to be similarly unreliable characters because of a wide range of variation; similarly, the differences cited in the minor chelipeds of *p. virens* and *r. longisignalis* are undependable. In most, but not all, the examples I have seen of *r. longisignalis*, the anterior flange of the gonopod projects somewhat less than that of most specimens of *p. virens*; again, the degree of projection proves to be variable and overlapping in the two forms.

Although *r. longisignalis* as far as known is a smaller species than *minax*, the several females examined are confusingly similar to those of the larger species, especially since few specimens of *minax* from Gulf Coast populations seem to exist, and they may well prove to have local distinctions. Large, well-preserved series of all three of the local *Minuca* are urgently needed.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Minuca) rapax* (Smith, 1870)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (M.) rapax rapax*, below.

*Uca (Minuca) rapax rapax* (Smith, 1870)*Gelasimus rapax*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Smith, 1870: 134; Pl. 2, Fig. 2; Pl. 4, Fig. 3. Atlantic coast of Panama: Aspinwall.

Aurivillius, 1893: 34. West Indies: St. Barthélemy. Morphology; amphibious characteristics; ecology.

*Gelasimus minax* (not of LeConte)

Nobili, 1897: 3. Venezuela: Puerto Cabello. (Synonymy *fide* Maccagno, 1928: 45.)

*Uca pugnax rapax*

Rathbun, 1902.1: 7. Puerto Rico. Taxonomy, reducing *G. rapax* to a subspecies of *U. pugnax*.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 397; Pl. 140 (photos). U.S.A.: Florida: Miami, Key West. West Indies: Cuba; Haiti; Puerto Rico; St. Thomas; Jamaica, Curaçao; Trinidad. Panama: Colon. Colombia: Sabanilla. Venezuela: Puerto Cabello. Brazil: Pernambuco (= Recife), Plataforma, Bahia (= São Salvador), Maruim, Itabapuaana. Taxonomy; habitat. (Not specimens listed from Alabama and Texas.) (Part USNM !)

Rathbun, 1920: 342. Curaçao. Local distribution.

Rathbun, 1924.3: 19. Curaçao. Local distribution.

Maccagno, 1928: 45; Text Fig. 29 (claw). Curaçao. Venezuela: Puerto Cabello. Taxonomy.

Oliveira, 1939.1: 134. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Taxonomy; habitat.

Crane, 1943.2: 40; Text Figs. 1a, b, c. Western and eastern Venezuela. Taxonomy; color; waving display. (!)

Crane, 1957. Subtropical and tropical western Atlantic. Preliminary classification of waving display; in Table 2 its characteristics are included under the species name, *pugnax*.

? *Uca salsisitus*

Oliveira, 1939.1: 131; Pl. 3, Figs. 7-15; Pl. 4, Figs. 19-21; Pl. 5, Figs. 23, 24; Pl. 7, Fig. 40; Pl. 8, Figs. 43, 44; Pl. 11, Figs. 57, 58. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Type description. (See p. 196.)

*Uca pugnax brasiliensis*

Oliveira, 1939.1: 136; Pl. 6, Figs. 29-32; Pl. 7, Fig. 36; Pl. 10, Fig. 56; Pl. 11, Fig. 57; Pl. 12, Figs. 59, 60. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Type description.

Oliveira, 1939.2. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Ecology.

*Uca pugnax* (not *Gelasimus pugnax* Smith)

Gmitter & Wotton, 1953: 271; Text Figs. 16-18 (all captioned under the name *Uca pugnax rapax*). West Indies: St. Thomas. Brief, general taxonomy.

*Uca rapax*

Tashian & Vernberg, 1958. Illus. U.S.A.: eastern Florida. Taxonomy (specific distinctness of *rapax* and *pugnax* restored); color; display; habitat.

Gerlach, 1958.1: 672. Brazil: Estado São Paulo (near Cananéia). Ecology.

Holthuis, 1959.3: 266; Text Figs. 64d-f, 65; Pl. 14, Figs. 4-6; Pl. 15, Fig. 3. Surinam. Taxonomy; habitat.

Barnwell, 1963. Illus. Brazil. Endogenous daily and tidal rhythms of melanophore and motor activity.

Miller, 1965. U.S.A. Morphology, physiology, and ecology in relation to distribution.

Vernberg & Costlow, 1966. Development of right or left handedness.

Crane, 1967. Illus. West Indies: Trinidad. Combat and its ritualization.

Salmon, 1967: 450. Illus. U.S.A.: Florida. Local distribution; display; sound production.

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1967: E 1291. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1967.1. Illus. West Indies: Trinidad. Kinaesthetic orientation to burrow.

von Hagen, 1967.2. West Indies: Trinidad. Tape-recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

Salmon & Atsides, 1968.2. Illus. U.S.A. Included in their general paper on visual and acoustical signaling in *Uca*.

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 214; Text Figs. 73a, b. West Indian distribution: Bimini I.; Cuba; Jamaica; Hispaniola; Puerto Rico; St. Thomas; St. Croix; Antigua; Guadeloupe; Providencia; Bonaire; Curaçao; Los Roques; Trinidad. Taxonomy; habitat.

Warner, 1969: 382-85. West Indies: Jamaica. Ecology.

von Hagen, 1970.1: 226. Caribbean distribution. Taxonomy.

von Hagen, 1970.4. Illus. West Indies: Trinidad. Adaptations to a particular intertidal level.

*Uca (Minuca) rapax longisignalis*

Salmon & Atsides, 1968

*Gelasimus vocator* (not *Cancer vocator* Herbst)

Herrick, 1887: 44; Pl. 5, Fig. 4 (outer major claw). U.S.A.: Alabama: Mobile B. Brief taxonomy; synonymizes *G. pugnax* Smith with *vocator*; attributes *vocator* to von Martens.

*Uca longisignalis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Salmon & Atsides, 1968.1: 279;  
Text Figs. 1-4, 6, 7. U.S.A.: Florida: Yankeetown;  
Mississippi: Ocean Springs; Louisiana: Cameron.  
Color; waving display; sound production.

Salmon & Atsides, 1968.2. Illus. U.S.A. No new  
material. Included in this general paper on visual and  
acoustical signaling in *Uca*.

### 34. *UCA (MINUCA) [GALAPAGENSIS] PUGNAX* (SMITH, 1870)

(Temperate and subtropical western north Atlantic)

PLATE 27 E-H.

MAPS 10, 14.

FIGURES 39 H; 46 J; 67 E; 81 J; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

#### INTRODUCTION

A small fiddler with an often lethargic display, *Uca pugnax* is the most abundant of its genus on the eastern coast of the United States. From Cape Cod to northern Florida it often associates more or less closely with (*Celuca*) *pugilator*, although *pugnax* occurs typically on muddy substrates, while *pugilator* lives on sandier strips of shore. Throughout these latitudes waving members of the two species can be distinguished in the field, even at a considerable distance, by the slower, less frequent display of *pugnax*, the waving always showing distinct traces of jerks. The degree and directions of circularity in the waves are also different; that of *pugnax* is much less broadly circular and of the usual form, the cheliped moving obliquely-out-and-up-then-in-and-down, instead of the reverse wave (up-and-out-obliquely-down-and-in) characteristic of *pugilator*. In addition, color differences are an additional help to fiddler-watchers unfamiliar with the species along the same coasts; except in the extreme southern part of its range, *pugnax* during the summer can be relied on to show at least some individuals with blue or blue green fronts, eye-stalks, or both, while a member of the same species never has a purple or red spot on the carapace, as do many individuals of *pugilator*; finally, but least helpfully, many individual *pugilator* pale to a color more nearly approaching display white during display than do *pugnax*.

The third species of *Uca* sharing the same, temperate range with *pugnax* is *minax*. Because it lives characteristically when adult in marshes with waters of very low salinity, close sympatry in the field with *pugnax* rarely occurs. The wave of the much smaller *pugnax* is much more frequent and its jerks are slight, in comparison with the uncommon wave of *minax* with its very strong jerks; in addition, *minax* in summer usually shows distinctive, narrow red rings around the segment joints of the major cheliped.

Two species considered closely related to *pugnax* were described by Salmon & Atsides, 1968.1. One is here termed a subspecies of *pugnax*, *U. p. virens*, and the other of *rapax*, *U. r. longisignalis*. The first, *virens*, originally reported only from Mississippi and Texas, has since been found in old collections from

Mexico; the second, *longisignalis*, is known at present from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and north-west Florida. The authors report that in *virens* the anterior one-third of its carapace, except for a white anterior border, is green in males, while *longisignalis* (which overlaps in range with *virens* and lives in close sympatry with it in Mississippi), has the front bright turquoise in both sexes, blending into a blue green band more posteriorly.

Both forms of *pugnax*, like other northern species, produce sounds in the evening; these differ from those both of each other and of the two subspecies of *rapax*.

The introduction to the preceding species (*rapax*, p. 190) includes remarks on the relationships of *pugnax*; the general section on sympatry (p. 529) in Chapter 7 discusses peculiarities of the zone of overlap with *rapax* on the eastern coast of Florida.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### Diagnosis

Distinguishing characteristics from related broad-fronted *Uca*, except from the two members of its superspecies, are as in the first paragraph of the diagnosis for *galapagensis*, with allowance for relative weakness of oblique ridge on major palm. From these closest relations, *galapagensis* in the Pacific and *rapax* in the Atlantic, *pugnax* is distinguished most reliably in the following respects: From both in having merus of 2nd ambulatory comparatively slender, its dorsal margin always practically straight except at each end; in having extreme apex of oblique ridge on major palm low, with its tubercles relatively small and irregular; and, in the Atlantic subspecies only, in having the eyebrow slanting so steeply it is practically or wholly vertical. Additionally, from *galapagensis* only, in having postorbital groove on carapace very shallow and in having a tubercle beside female gonopore. Additionally, from *rapax* only, in having center of major palm clearly tuberculate, never almost smooth, and in the definite continuation of tubercles of oblique ridge upward around carpal cavity.

## Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus. Very close to its Atlantic allopatric, *rapax*, from which it differs most reliably in the following respects.

### MALE

*Carapace.* Sides of front converging less, the tip therefore appearing slightly broader in most individuals than in *rapax*; eyebrow usually narrower, and, in the Atlantic form only, more depressed than in the Atlantic subspecies of *rapax*, often practically vertical and so facing forward; in the Gulf of Mexico these relationships of the eyebrows are reversed; proximal margin of eyebrow apparently never beaded, instead of often so in large specimens of *rapax*.

*Major Cheliped.* Palm with oblique ridge almost always weaker than in *rapax*, being both lower as a whole, with the apex usually slightly lower than adjacent part of ridge, the tubercles being relatively small and often in an irregularly compound row, especially in distal part of ridge where they are sometimes obsolescent; traces of the distinct break and overlap of rows of tubercles near the ridge are often discernible, especially when the observer is familiar with the corresponding structures in *rapax* and *galapagensis*; the ridge variations are further discussed in association with the major cheliped of *rapax*, p. 192. Beyond apex the ridge tubercles are always, instead of rarely, continued distinctly, although for a variable distance, upward around carpal cavity. Center of palm always covered with tubercles that mingle proximally with those of the upward continuation of oblique ridge; usually they are of moderate to large size for the area, but sometimes so small that their diameter relative to the space is well within the range of this character in *rapax*, a species noted for the fineness of any granulation of its palm. Tip of pollex with a small, outer, dentate crest that is usually weaker and with its tubercles less closely spaced than in *rapax* and *galapagensis*; it is nevertheless clearly a homologous structure derived, as in the other two species, from the displaced distal end of the median row of the pollex' prehensile edge.

*Ambulatories.* Meri, although moderately widened throughout, are less so than in *rapax*; dorsal margin of 2nd merus practically straight except proximally, and distally where it curves down to the segment's ends.

*Gonopod.* Inner process apparently always straight, unlike *rapax*, where it is sometimes slightly curved.

### FEMALE

*Gonopore.* A small tubercle indicated in the Atlantic form, absent in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All from <i>p. pugnax</i> , Long Island; measurements of <i>p. virens</i> are comparable)				
Largest male	12.0	19.0	33.0	23.5
Largest claw (detached)	—	—	37.0	25.0
Moderate male	10.0	16.0	25.0	10.0
Largest female	13.0	18.0	—	—
Moderate female	9.0	13.0	—	—

## Morphological Comparison and Comment

As in other closely related species of *Minuca*, the few morphological characters that present themselves for taxonomic use are extremely variable, both within and among populations. Accordingly, identifications can be made with confidence only after a certain amount of experience with preserved specimens; even then it is more than usually important that series be examined. In most areas, of course, the ranges of these particular species do not coincide, and when displaying populations are observed they are easily identified.

A most interesting point concerns the chief differences between *rapax* and *pugnax*. When the several characters are looked at as a whole, it is apparent that in *rapax* both the palm and the pollex tip are distinguished by armature facilitating regularity of ridge-rubbing in performance of the heel-and-ridge component during combat. In *pugnax*, on the other hand, the tuberculate palm, low ridge with irregular rows of small tubercles, and the weak pollex crest seem conducive to a less precise juxtaposition of palm and pollex. A detailed comparison of heel-and-ridge performance in these two species has yet to be attempted.

Diagnostic differences between *pugnax pugnax* and *minax* are summarized on p. 177; between *pugnax pugnax* and *pugillator* on p. 225. These species are the only *Uca* known to occur on the Atlantic coast north of Florida.

## Color

*Displaying males:* Display whitening poorly or not at all developed, the carapace usually brown, sometimes lightening to pale gray at least on branchial regions on individuals that have dried in the sun more thoroughly than usual; no purple or red spot ever present on carapace; anterior region of carapace, eyestalks, and anterior parts of 3rd maxillipeds often blue to blue green (turquoise) in specimens from Massachusetts to St. Augustine; the color appears, strongly or weakly, on any or all of these areas; in St. Augustine it was slight and in few individuals (Crane, unpublished); farther south Salmon (1967) found it absent. In Texas and Mississippi Salmon & Atsides

(1968.1, in the description of *virens*) found the anterior one-third of carapace, except for an anterior border, bright green in males. Major cheliped lightens to various degrees of light brownish or yellowish, the manus being dull yellowish orange to yellowish white in the brightest examples in the northern states mentioned, with fingers always white or nearly so; proximal and distal ends of segments not red. Manus and dactyl of minor cheliped white. Ambulatories dark, banded with darker. Females similar to males, including development of blue and blue green, but not as strongly as in male.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Lateral, weakly circular, at low intensity almost straight. Jerks almost always distinguishable but very variably so and very weak in comparison with those of *minax* and *rapax*; in all areas they are strongest in northern and western (Mississippi and Texas) parts of range and weak to practically absent near the zone of overlap with *rapax* in eastern Florida; jerks ranging from 3 to 14 on the cheliped's rise and from 1 to 7 on its descent. A pause at apex of wave, longer than that at end, present or absent, variable in occurrence even within populations. Minor cheliped makes a roughly corresponding motion. Body held raised throughout waves of a series; one or more ambulatories kicked out during display, but in the leg-waves (waving component 12) the meri do not touch as in sound-producing leg-wagging (sound component 5). Curtsy present during high intensity courtship between waves, the cheliped held flexed during the component, which is often or always accompanied by stamping (see under Acoustic Behavior, below). Minimal herding sometimes takes place; Salmon (1967) observed this component in areas where waving was partly obscured by vegetation. (Component nos. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

Female follows male down his burrow after high intensity waving display with stamping. At night females are attracted by sound production achieved by the males through motions of the ambulatories, both with leg-wagging, the meri vibrating in intermittent contact as usual in agonistic behavior (component 5), and with stamping (11) (Salmon, 1967; Salmon & Atsides, 1968.1, 1968.2).

### *Hood Construction*

Hood-building has been observed only on Long Island, at Port Jefferson, and there the habit was rarely

and minimally developed. In these examples the male's burrow was always on the side of a small elevation, such as a clump of weed; over the entrance hung a small, roughly formed half-dome, which I first interpreted as a chance result of pushing up the soft substrate during excavation; however, in several examples the male added as I watched to the ceiling of the structure from outside the burrow, in the fashion characteristic of the builders of turrets and hoods in *Celaca*.

## *Acoustic Behavior*

Salmon & Atsides (1968a) found that both subspecies of *pugnax* made sounds through movements of the ambulatories at night for periods of up to several hours. "Each sound . . . was composed of several pulses produced in a series. In [*U. p. pugnax*] the sounds were usually composed of 2-3 pulses and intervals between successive sounds that averaged about 7 seconds. In [*U. p. virens*] most sounds contained 2 pulses, but the intervals between successive sounds were about 3 seconds. . . . The signals described above were all produced by lone males." The stamping component was of lower frequency than that of the leg-wagging. Films of *pugnax* made during the daytime at St. Augustine and on Long Island also show stamping during the leg-waving of courtship, and, in agonistic situations, leg-wagging without stamping. (Components 5, 11.) (See also general remarks in Chapter 5, under Acoustic Behavior, p. 482.)

## *Combat*

The following components are known, all observed on the south shore of Cape Cod: Manus-rub, subdactyl-&-subpollex-slide, dactyl-slide, upper-&-lower-manus-rub, interlace, heel-&-ridge. (Component nos. 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12.)

## RANGE

Temperate western north Atlantic along the eastern and southern coasts of the United States from Massachusetts, on the northwest coast of Cape Cod at Provincetown (lat. 42° N) to the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico. The Atlantic subspecies (*p. pugnax*) extends as far south as Daytona Beach on Florida's east coast; the other subspecies (*p. virens*) is known from Ocean Springs to the neighborhood of Coatzacoalcos, slightly north of lat. 18° N.

## BIOTOPES

Salt marshes and other sheltered shores close to bays, inlets, and estuaries, the substrate ranging from mud

to sandy mud and muddy sand. (Biotope nos. 6, 12, 16.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

On the Atlantic coast sometimes associated marginally with (*Minuca*) *minax* or (*Celuca*) *pugilator* (pp. 178 and 226); in the zone of overlap in Florida with (*Minuca*) *r. rapax* (Vernberg & Tashian, 1953; Salmon, 1967); in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, with *r. longisignalis* (Salmon & Atsides, 1968.1), where the two species occur within sight of each other (Salmon, personal communication).

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 606.)

*Observations and Collections.* United States: Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, near Cotuit; Connecticut; New York on Long Island; New Jersey, near Brigantine; Florida, near St. Augustine.

*Films.* Long Island; St. Augustine.

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca pugnax* (Smith, 1870)

**TYPE MATERIAL.** In Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven. Cat. no. 1060; West Haven. Measurements of extant specimen in mm: length 11; breadth 16.5; propodus 24; dactyl 19. (!) The other type-specimens have not survived. The extant specimen has the right cheliped closely similar to and almost as large as the left, the propodus measuring 20 and the dactyl 15. The anomaly was described by Smith (1870: 133), who noted in addition: "The specimen which was examined while alive was very active and used both hands with equal facility." This specimen is also the subject of a preliminary note by Smith (1869.2), headed "A Fiddler-crab with Two Large Hands," in which he remarks: "It does not appear to differ from the common *Gelasimus palustris* except in the right cheliped. . . ." (For comments on *palustris*, see p. 324.)

*Uca virens* Salmon & Atsides, 1968

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 121598. Type-locality: Port Aransas. Measurements in mm: length 12; breadth 21; propodus 34; dactyl 24.5. (!)

*Additional type material.* Same locality: paratype male; cat. no. 122205. (!)

*Uca (Minuca) [galapagensis] pugnax pugnax* (Smith, 1870)

(From the northeast coast of Cape Cod to Daytona Beach)

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

In both sexes, *p. pugnax* differs from *pugnax virens* in having the eyebrow almost always strongly inclined and somewhat narrower; and in never having the anterior margin of the front appearing truncate; female gonopore with posterior edge slightly raised, and a minute tubercle present or absent.

The distinctions between *p. pugnax* and *r. rapax* in their zone of coincidence are given on p. 197.

From the other two *Uca* occurring north of Florida, *p. pugnax* is distinguished on pp. 177 and 225.

*Uca (Minuca) [galapagensis] pugnax virens* Salmon & Atsides, 1968

(Gulf of Mexico, from Ocean Springs west and south to Coatzacoalcas, Mexico)

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

In both sexes *pugnax virens* is distinguished from *p. pugnax* as well as from two sympatric *Minuca* along the northern Gulf coast, *minax* and *rapax longisignalis*, by never having the eyebrows strongly inclined; from *rapax longisignalis*, *p. virens* differs clearly, in both sexes, by the absence of pile on the lower margins of the ambulatories.

Examination of additional material has shown that several characteristics given in the type description, although sometimes diagnostically helpful, are unreliable, because of variation in *p. virens* or in the other two sympatric *Minuca* in the north. While the tuberculate ridge inside the major carpus is always interrupted, being divided into two parts, as described, in *p. virens*, a similar interruption sometimes occurs in *r. longisignalis* and in *minax*. Again, while in most specimens of *p. virens* the front appears somewhat truncate, at least in an antero-dorsal view, this characteristic is occasionally ambiguous or absent. The tuberculation of the palm also proves to be too variable to provide trustworthy characters.

Finally, the gonopod, as in related forms in this subgenus, shows no characteristics of diagnostic reliability, its form and extent of variation appearing closely similar to those of *p. pugnax* and about equally similar to both subspecies of *rapax*. Examination of the type material showed that the spines around

the pore, referred to in the type description and illustrated in its accompanying figure, are a combination of stiff bristles (often very deceptive in these species) with the narrow tips of the inner process and both flanges, all of which project slightly beyond the pore. Although the anterior flange usually projects distinctively this projection forms at best a supplementary character; sometimes, too, its narrowness is apparent only, since it is then joined to the pore by a slanting, transparent section. In one individual

the tip of the anterior flange appeared broken, perhaps during copulation.

In Tampico, Mexico, and doubtless slightly farther south, *p. virens* is sympatric with *vocator*; in the male the absence of pile on the ventral surfaces of the ambulatories in *p. virens* distinguish it easily, as do the strong development of the oblique ridge inside the palm and the very different form of the gonopod; in the female the flat edge of the gonopore contrasts with the uneven, tuberculate margin found in *vocator*.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Minuca) pugnax* (Smith, 1870)

*Note.* *U. pugnax* is one of the species of *Uca* that have been used extensively in laboratory investigations. These have concerned principally endogenous rhythms of various kinds and the hormonal control of chromatophore activity. Key references appear on p. 448.

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (M.) pugnax pugnax*, below.

### *Uca (Minuca) pugnax pugnax* (Smith, 1870)

#### *Gelasimus vocans* (not *Cancer vocans* Linnaeus)

Gould, 1841: 325 (part). U.S.A.: Massachusetts. Taxonomy, habitat, and habits (digging), all treated briefly.

#### *Gelasimus vocans*, var. A

De Kay, 1844: 14; Pl. 6, Fig. 10. U.S.A.: New York. Taxonomy; habitat.

#### "A Fiddler-crab with Two Large Hands"

Smith, 1869.2: 557. Preliminary note on the type-specimen now extant.

#### *Gelasimus pugnax*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Smith, 1870: 131; Pl. 2, Fig. 1; Pl. 4, Figs. 2-2d. Type-locality (= of specimens figured): New Haven; other localities on northeast coast, U.S.A. (Yale, 1 male !)

Verrill, 1873: 367, 377, 466, 468, 545. U.S.A.: Massachusetts. General (not local) distribution; basic ecology and habits; no display or combat.

Verrill & Smith, 1874: 73, 83, 172, 174, 251. A reissue of Verrill, 1873.

Kingsley, 1878: 321. U.S.A.: Georgia. Local habitats.

#### *Uca pugnax*

Rathbun, 1900.2: 585. Key.

Rathbun, 1905. U.S.A.: northeastern states. Local distribution.

Fowler, 1912: 454. U.S.A.: New Jersey. Taxonomy; habits.

Schwartz & Safir, 1915. U.S.A.: New York. Ecology; habits.

Hay & Shore, 1918: 451. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Taxonomy; color; ecology; habits, including breeding season.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 395; Pl. 139 (photos). East coast of U.S.A. from Provincetown, Massachusetts, to Myrtle Bush Creek, South Carolina. Not the specimen from New Orleans, Louisiana. Taxonomy. (Part USNM !)

Pearse, 1928: 231ff. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Ecology; tests on toleration of desiccation and fresh water.

Boone, 1930: 220; Pl. 74. U.S.A.: New York. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1943.3: 217. U.S.A.: northeastern states. Taxonomy; color; waving display.

Crane, 1957. U.S.A.: northeastern states. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Teal, 1958. Illus. U.S.A.: Georgia. Local distribution; ecology; experiments on tolerances for different foods, temperatures, and salinities, as well as on substrate preferences; comparisons with sympatric species.

Teal, 1959. Illus. U.S.A.: Georgia. Respiration and its relation to ecology.

Miller, 1961. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Feeding mechanisms and their adaptations.

Miller, 1965. U.S.A.: Morphology, physiology, and ecology in relation to distribution.

Salmon, 1965. Illus. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Waving display and sound production in courtship.

Salmon, 1967: 450; Illus. U.S.A. Distribution in Florida. Waving display; sound production.

Salmon & Atsides, 1968.2. Illus. U.S.A. Included in their general paper on visual and acoustical signaling in *Uca*.



*Uca (Minuca) pugnax virens*  
Salmon & Atsoides, 1968

*Uca virens*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Salmon & Atsoides, 1968.1: 281;  
Text Figs. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7. U.S.A.: Mississippi: Ocean

Springs; Texas: Port Aransas. Color; waving display; sound production. (USNM !)

Salmon & Atsoides, 1968.2. Illus. U.S.A. No new material. Included in their general paper on visual and acoustical signaling in *Uca*.

35. *UCA (MINUCA) ZACAE* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 28 A-D.

MAP 14.

FIGURES 68 F; 100.

TABLES 9, 10, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca zacae* at the moment appears to be a somewhat unimpressive member of its subgenus. The crabs are almost the smallest in the group, dark in color, with only a single jerk in their waving display, infrequent drumming, minimal combats, and a known range covering a short strip of coast. Nevertheless a few populations observed briefly in life were all easily accessible, crowded, lively, and showing hints of aggressive behavior that nowadays would demand analysis. These fiddlers will certainly repay some concentrated attention.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front wide; orbits strongly but not extremely oblique, with antero-lateral margins short but definite. Outer major pollex with a shallow, triangular depression supraventrally at its base; palm without an oblique, tuberculate ridge which is represented if at all by a few minute tubercles close to carpal cavity; center palm entirely smooth; a few granules present sub-dorsally; proximal ridge at dactyl base not diverging from distal; manus not tumid; no backwardly directed heel. Gonopod with anterior flange projecting scarcely or not at all beyond posterior flange; inner process narrow, flat, tapering. Gonopore crescentic.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Minuca* (p. 154).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Front only moderately wide for the subgenus, contained about 4 times in width of carapace between antero-lateral angles, where it is widest; angles project scarcely or not at all, being about rectilinear; orbits strongly but not extremely oblique; antero-lateral margins distinct, short, straight or slightly convex, slightly converging, broadly angled posteriorly; dorso-lateral margins moderately converging. Upper postero-lateral stria long; lower short, weak, or absent. Suborbital region and adjacent floor of orbit not densely setose; crenellations mod-

erately developed externally, weak to absent internally. H-form depression with traces of pile. 3rd to 6th abdominal segments partly fused.

*Major Cheliped.* Ventral margin of merus with two rows of fine serrations proximally, changing distally, especially in anterior row, to small tubercles. Manus of normal thickness and not unusually broad in comparison to its length, being at least 1.5 times longer than broad; fingers clearly longer than palm in specimens with a carapace length approaching 6 mm. Lower part of outer manus with a row of tubercles supramarginally, small and beaded proximally but large and separated in distal half and stopping at pollex base; a shallow, triangular depression, distinctly bounded, at base of pollex. Large tubercles covering less than upper half of outer manus. Palm without tuberculate, oblique ridge; central part of palm smooth, not granulate or tuberculate; beaded inner edge of dorsal margin curving down around carpal cavity, there being no connection from carpal cavity to depression of upper palm; this depression is weakly tuberculate; proximal ridge at base of dactyl not diverging from distal ridge. Pollex and dactyl both normally shaped for the subgenus, not short, deep, and thick, the dactyl curving down beyond pollex as usual. Prehensile edge of pollex with inner row of tubercles obsolescent to absent and outer row weak, although median row is strong; just before the tip a large tubercle stands close to outer edge, followed distally by two small ones; these three apparently belong to the middle, rather than outer, row and represent in rough form the small, outer, distal crest found in the superspecies *galapagensis*. Proximal half of dactyl's prehensile edge usually with several, rounded tubercles, enlarged and about equally spaced.

*Minor Cheliped.* Palm normal, not broad and thick. Gape narrow, but broader than usual in the subgenus.

*Ambulatories.* Meri slender, their dorsal edges practically straight. Legs without pile, except for sparse patches sometimes present dorsally on carpus and proximal manus of each, but easily abraded and perhaps variable.

*Gonopod.* Flanges broad, of similar breadth and length, scarcely concave. Inner process narrow, ta-

pering, thin enough to be translucent, closely applied to posterior flange, the anterior being completely uncovered as is the path of the canal throughout the length of the flanges except at their extreme base; pore opening posteriorly, not distally, the flanges appearing fused in front of canal. Thumb well developed, but arising far below flanges and ending below their base.

#### FEMALE

*Gonopore*. Crescentic; outer lip thickened but without tubercle.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Holotype male	6.9	11.0	15.1	9.5
Largest female	6.1	9.1	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although not as extremely paedomorphic in form as *pygmaea*, *zacae*'s most obvious specializations are along the same lines, the orbits being markedly oblique, claw not strongly leptochelous, and with tuberculate, oblique ridge of palm absent. In comparison with more characteristic members of the subgenus *Minuca* its front is relatively narrow, the gape in the small chela somewhat wide, the legs unusually narrow and, finally, the gonopod more similar to those of certain *Celuca*. All of these characters, in fact, have much in common with the less specialized members of that subgenus, although it shares a majority of characters with *Minuca*, including the jerking form of its waving display. Undoubtedly it should be considered an intermediate species.

Adults of *zacae* are easily confused with young *galapagensis*, from which they differ as follows: Orbits more oblique in *zacae*, fingers longer than palm, merus of each ambulatory slender, relatively so even in females. Finally, the male gonopods do not have the anterior flange projecting distinctly beyond the posterior, as is always true in *g. herradurensis*, while the inner process is relatively inconspicuous, unlike its form in other *Minuca*, both adults and young.

Two males and a female of the subgenus *Minuca*, all now in bad condition, were taken on Cocos Island, well off the coast of Costa Rica. The larger male, measuring about 9 mm long with a propodus of 22.5 mm, is much larger than other known specimens and its peculiarities may be due only to size. Its characteristics include less oblique orbits than are found in *zacae* as now understood, and there are traces of an oblique ridge on the palm. The other specimens are small and in even less good condition.

Certain identification must await more material. Because of the geographical interest combined with the questionable identity, the large male is listed on p. 327.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent. Carapace dark, marbled with gold color and black; major cheliped with outer manus reddish brown to pinkish orange; fingers white.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral straight, the cheliped unflexing obliquely upward, usually with one jerk during elevation; sometimes, instead, the elevation is unbroken while a jerk occurs on the descent. During elevation one or both of the middle ambulatories on each side are raised high off ground, held there at wave's peak, then brought down along with cheliped with apparent force. At higher intensities cheliped is not brought all the way to ground between waves. Body held fairly high during waving and a few steps usually are taken during each wave. Duration of wave about 4 to 5 seconds. (Components 4, 6, 11, 12; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

##### Acoustic Behavior

Major manus drumming (component 9) observed but not filmed at burrow mouth during courtship. Its use, and that of other possible acoustic components, not observed clearly enough during agonistic behavior for description.

#### RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific from Los Blancos, El Salvador, to Golfito, Costa Rica; questionably from Cocos Island.

#### BIOTOPES

Mud and muddy sand flats close to mouth of streams, usually near mangroves, sometimes on the stream banks themselves when flat or gently sloping; sometimes on flats behind the fringing mangroves; occasionally in almost or wholly fresh water slightly upstream from mangrove limits. (Biotope nos. 9, 12, 14, 15.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

As in *U. galapagensis* (p. 186).

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 607.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto; San Juan del Sur. Costa Rica: Golfito.

*Films.* Golfito.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca zcae* Crane, 1941

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137426 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,112); Golfito, Costa Rica; length 6.9 mm (see p. 207). Also deposited: 27 paratypes, males and females, cat. no. 137427 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,113): Golfito, Costa Rica. (!)

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## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Minuca) zcae* Crane, 1941

*Uca zcae*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 175; Text Figs. 4c, 5; Pl. 2, Fig. 5. Nicaragua; Costa Rica. (USNM !)

Holthuis, 1954.1: 41. El Salvador. Habitat.

Holthuis, 1954.2: 162. Reference to 1954.1, above.

Barnwell, 1968.1. Illus. Costa Rica. Chromatophoric responses to light and temperature.

*Uca macrodactyla glabromana*

Bott, 1954: 168 (part). El Salvador. Some of paratypes should be referred to *zcae*. (Frankfurt !)

### 36. *UCA (MINUCA) SUBCYLINDRICA* (STIMPSON, 1859)

(Western north Atlantic: Gulf of Mexico)

PLATE 28 E-H.

FIGURES 67; 100.

MAP 11.

TABLE 9.

#### INTRODUCTION

A small crab with an almost cylindrical body, *Uca subcylindrica* is a challenging species of which we know almost nothing. So far we have no information whatever on the living fiddler, and only a handful of preserved specimens, all from southern Texas and northern Mexico.

In addition to an unusually rounded body, this fiddler has a gonopod of striking form. The proportions of the parts are so distorted from their customary arrangements that it is not at all certain that the species should be included in the subgenus *Minuca*. Once we have learned something of its display and other characteristics, a change in its suggested systematic position will perhaps be indicated.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

Front broad; no oblique tuberculate ridge on major palm; body subcylindrical; gonopod with distal part of inner process divided, appearing fringed.

##### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus (p. 154).

##### MALE

*Carapace.* Highly arched, hepatobranchial and branchial regions being the most tumid, boundaries between regions indistinct to absent. Front contained about 3 times in carapace breadth; widest part of carapace is behind antero-lateral angles which are almost rectilinear, not produced; antero-lateral margins slightly diverging, sharply angular posteriorly at least on one side; dorso-lateral margins weak to absent, sometimes present only on major side, sometimes not connecting with antero-lateral margin; upper postero-lateral stria moderately long, but weak, sometimes absent; lower stria very weak to absent. Suborbital crenellations small but well formed throughout, similar, scarcely enlarged around orbit's outer angle; suborbital region with long, curved setae but no pile. Abdomen unusually broad.

*Major Cheliped.* Ventral margin of merus with two rows of tubercles, sometimes irregular, sometimes partially joined by transverse rugosities. Manus with outer surface entirely covered with small tubercles of similar size throughout, scarcely or not at all larger near upper margin; slightly bent over; subdistal groove absent but a strong row of close-set tubercles present along most dorsal part of manus, ending distally in a direct line with upper border of proximal, subdorsal groove on dactyl; ventral margin with a tuberculate keel and adjacent groove above it, the tubercles close set, almost beaded, throughout, largest distally near pollex base where it ends abruptly; lower distal part of manus also with a tuberculate ridge that continues to run along middle of pollex where the tubercles decrease in size and die out, although the ridge itself may continue almost to pollex tip; no marked groove above this ridge; pollex base above ridge depressed, the depression continuing partway along pollex as a shallow groove but not as well marked as in Indo-Pacific *Deltuca*; no enlarged heel on manus. Palm with lower triangle smooth; oblique, tuberculate ridge absent but central area and region of ridge covered with small tubercles; beaded, upper edge of carpal cavity scarcely curving downward, so that cavity connects by a trench, scarcely interrupted by granules, with the predactyl area; both predactyl ridges strongly tuberculate, with proximal ridge parallel to adjacent groove. Prehensile edge of pollex with tubercles of outer and inner rows weak to obsolescent, but of inner row strong; a small, distal, tuberculate crest, similar to that found in the superspecies *galapagensis*, but with its tubercles usually not individually distinct. Dactyl little longer than manus with a strong, subdorsal groove, a faint suggestion of a lateral groove beneath it, running at least half the outer dactyl's length, and a row of large tubercles proximally on prehensile edge.

*Minor Cheliped.* Fingers both broad, gape almost absent.

*Ambulatories.* Moderately slender, the dorsal margins of meri being usually slightly convex; meral armature extremely weak, and virtually absent on ven-

tral margins; these margins, as well as the usual areas more distally, have exceptionally long, curved, spaced, moderately stiff setae.

**Gonopod.** Anterior flange narrow and short, projecting little or not at all beyond pore; posterior flange very broad, its base apparently traceable far down shaft, its outer half (farthest from pore) greatly produced; this portion of the flange alone is covered by the minutely divided distal half of the inner process, the most anterior "fringes" being short while the rest are progressively longer, the most posterior extending slightly beyond distal projection of posterior flange. Pore large, its opening distal, between the flanges. Thumb vestigial, represented by a broad, slight shelf, displaced by the tip's torsion from its usual relation to the other elements.

#### FEMALE

Gonopore extremely large, oval, with the long axis directed antero-posteriorly, the margin slightly raised except antero-internally. A small tubercle, variable in size, at the rim's antero-external boundary; in one of the three cotypes this tubercle engages closely with a similar tubercle on the concealed, anterior part of a projecting spermatophore. The spermatophores in all three examples are partly soft, smooth, and slightly arched over the sternum. The appearances and large sizes of gonopore and spermatophore are unique in the genus.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Cotype)	11.5	18.5	21.5	15.5
Largest male (USNM)	11.0	(damaged)	25.0	16.5
Moderate male	10.0	16.0	18.0	11.0
Largest female (Cotype)	12.0	20.0	—	—

#### RANGE

Known only from the United States, near the southwest shore of Texas, and from the adjacent part of Mexico, on the Rio Grande.

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus subcylindricus* Stimpson, 1859

**COTYPES.** In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts: cat. no. 1327; 1 male, 3 females, type-locality: Matamoros, Mexico, on the Rio Grande; collected by M. Berlandier; deposited by Lieut. Couch, U.S. Army. (!) Measurements: see above.

In the Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, are 2 male *subcylindrica* collected by Stimpson in the type-locality. They are listed by the museum as questionable "types non spécifiés." Rathbun (1918.1: 419) concurs: "Perhaps these also are cotypes." (!)

Since no confusion exists, no lectotype has been designated.

#### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Minuca) subcylindrica*  
(Stimpson, 1859)

*Gelasimus subcylindricus*

**TYPE DESCRIPTION.** Stimpson, 1859: 63. Matamoros, Mexico. (MCZ !)

Smith, 1870: 137; Pl. 4, Figs. 6-6b. Types discussed and illustrated.

*Uca subcylindrica*

Rathbun, 1900.2: 585. Key.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 419; Pl. 155; Pl. 160, Fig. 5. Corpus Christi and near Santa Rosa, Cameron Co., Texas, U.S.A. (USNM !)

IX. **CELUCA** SUBGEN. NOV.

*Typus: Uca deichmanni* Rathbun, 1935. (East and west coasts of America; Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 29-43.

GONOPOD DRAWINGS: FIGURES 68 (part), 69-71.

DENDROGRAMS: FIGURES 96, 101.

MAPS 7, 15, 16, 17, 21.

TABLES 1, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Very small to moderate-sized *Uca* with front moderate to wide; antero-lateral margins varying from short to long but always posteriorly angled, not curving. Carapace profile strongly arched (except in *inaequalis* and allies) and sometimes fully semi-cylindrical. Eyestalks of moderate length and diameter, not nearly filling orbits; suborbital marginal crenellations, although rarely absent, usually definite and often large throughout, never obscured by projecting setae. Special armature sometimes present on lower proximal palm and anterior surface of 1st major ambulatory; carpal cavity often with beaded ridge on upper margin; cavity sometimes extended distally; major pollex sometimes with ventral carina; tip of major dactyl sometimes with a minute crest; major manus with all tubercles small except sometimes near upper margin which is then strongly bent over, often flattened. Small cheliped various but with gape sometimes very wide with serrations vestigial to absent. Gonopod with flanges present or absent, the tip often a projecting tube; thumb often vestigial, represented by a nubbin or shelf far from gonopod's tip. Female gonopore never with a tubercle except in one subspecies of *speciosa*. Segments of male abdomen sometimes partly fused.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the genus (p. 15).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Front moderately wide, its breadth between eyestalks always more than twice basal breadth of erected eyestalk; not spatulate, the narrowest part not lying between eyestalk bases, but tapering gradually to a broadly rounded tip; frontal breadth measured between inner eyebrow margins contained from about 6 to about 3 times in carapace width between tips of antero-lateral angles. Orbits usually slightly oblique; rarely moderately to strongly oblique (*argillicola*, *helleri*, *triangularis*) or virtually straight

(*crenulata*, *latimanus*); always moderately sinuous, because of projecting inner eyebrow and, sometimes, antero-lateral angle. Antero-lateral angles usually rectangular or nearly so, uncommonly acute and produced antero-laterally. Antero-lateral margins distinct from dorso-laterals except in *triangularis*; short except, rarely, as long as is characteristic of the subgenus *Minuca*; edge straight or slightly concave; direction ranging from slight convergence through straight to divergence; continuing into dorso-lateral margins either with an angular or rounded turn. Dorso-lateral margins ending about mid-cardiac region; well developed except in several species; never absent. Postero-lateral striae present except in *triangularis*, although variable within species, sometimes weak, and in some individuals absent; usually one pair only of raised, obliquely transverse lines, curved or straight, roughly parallel to end of dorso-lateral margin, about midway between end of that margin and postero-lateral angle of carapace; rarely two pairs of striae. Vertical lateral margin strong and continuing to angle between antero-lateral and dorso-lateral margins, except for weakness in the dorsal half in *beebei*, *stenodactylus*, *triangularis*, and *lactea*, and its total obsolescence in *musica*. Armature of the above dorsal and lateral margins and raised lines is confined to minute beading, often extremely fine and difficult to distinguish even under high power and with a fine needle; sometimes it appears altogether lacking; there is individual variation within species; when present in one locality it is usually also visible in the others; serrations, tubercles, and spinules are altogether absent; beading of vertical lateral margin, when present, usually continues posteriorly along ventral margin of carapace above bases of 3rd and 4th ambulatories, ending at the postero-lateral angle. Lateral carapace margins little converging except in *triangularis*. Carapace profile in lateral view strongly arched, except in *inaequalis* and several related forms; it is virtually semi-cylindrical in *beebei*, *stenodactylus*, and *latimanus*; hepatic and branchial regions in the most convex species usually tumid and confluent; branchial region sometimes partly divided by a longitudinal furrow; furrows between regions

deeply marked only in *oerstedii*. Dorsal surface smooth, except for minute granules antero-laterally in several species, and for patches of pile in *speciosa*, *oerstedii*, *inaequalis*, and *tomentosa*.

Suborbital region flat or slightly concave; setae confined, at least in preservative, almost always to a submarginal row. Pterygostomian region moderately convex, strongly so in all species having the carapace nearly semi-cylindrical; slightly rugose or tuberculate, especially antero-laterally; always covered entirely with setae, sparse to moderately plentiful, which thin out laterally.

Frontal margin slightly raised, usually continuous, rarely weak or absent distally; entire margin always completely smooth with no trace of beading. Eyebrow always distinct, slightly or moderately inclined, the lower margin curved, broadest toward end of inner quarter or third, tapering externally; inner boundary a definite, oblique, raised line, well beyond outer base of eyestalk, confluent with base of frontal margin; outer boundary except in *saltitanta*, *lactea*, and *deichmanni* always extending beyond level of base of eye when eyestalk is depressed. Maximum width ranging from less than one-quarter the diameter of adjacent part of depressed stalk to slightly more than its breadth; both extremes are rare. Upper and lower raised margins always well developed, the lower slightly the stronger except in *lactea*; fine beading almost always distinguishable on both and traceable externally beyond eyebrow, on upper orbital margin, as far as base of antero-lateral angle; this beading, however, is sometimes so little developed that it is distinguishable chiefly by contrast with the smoothness of the adjacent front and antero-lateral angles. Like the margin itself the beading is almost always stronger on lower than upper edge.

Floor of orbit smooth, without mound, ridge, or tubercles, except in some *triangularis*; a single submarginal row of short setae. Suborbital margin projecting but scarcely or not at all rolled outward, although the marginal crenellations are set obliquely, being directed in general forward and upward; sinusosity of margin slight to moderate. Crenellations always present even internally except in some *inaequalis* and its allies, although often fused except distally; inner smaller than outer, often much smaller; extent from close to inner corner of orbit at least to antero-external angle and sometimes, as isolated, often slightly smaller tubercles, continuing completely around external margin of orbit; details, both of this outer extent and of the individual forms of crenellations and tubercles, often notably variable within species, including the two sides of the same individual. A narrow, channel-like groove, free of tubercles, always present on outer, posterior margin of orbit, beneath base of antero-lateral angle. Lower side of antero-lateral angle sometimes rounded but usually

marked by a definite edge, blunt or sharp; probably always in intact specimens with a row or cluster of setae in its basal part, rarely with one or two minute basal tubercles or spinules; distal portion of edge, whether sharp or blunt, always unarmed (except in some *triangularis* and *lactea*), extending to apex of antero-lateral angle. Eyestalks relatively short and thick (except in *lactea*), although still not fitting orbits closely.

*Second Maxilliped.* Spoon-tipped hairs moderate to numerous, attaining the largest numbers in the genus.

*Third Maxilliped.* Ischium with central portion ranging from almost flat to strongly convex, the longitudinal grooves weakly marked, medially absent in convex forms. Merus very short. Gill small to vestigial, without distinct books.

*Major Cheliped.* Ischium with or without a few minute tubercles, variable, on some part of distal margin.

*Merus* without high crests or large tubercles, but always with rugosities on parts of dorsal and posterior surfaces, and with small tubercles, serrations, rugosities, or a combination of these armatures along the margins.

Postero-dorsal margin developed only proximally, except in *triangularis*; the corresponding region distally consists of the unangled, convex merging of dorsal and posterior surfaces. In its developed, proximal portion this margin is usually marked by rugosities which are longest and strongest toward end of margin, before middle of merus; here the latter projects posteriorly in a more or less pronounced heel-like convexity; often the margin is a low, blunt ridge, unarmed except for a few rugosities at its end on the convexity; rarely the margin is simply the faintly angled boundary between dorsal and posterior surfaces.

Dorsal surface proximally always almost or completely flat; smooth, except, sometimes, for a few setae; this area is of variable length and breadth, usually about one-fourth to slightly more than one-half length of merus and roughly trapezoidal in shape, the distal margin being oblique. The remaining, more distal part of dorsal surface, which projects beyond carapace, is bent at a slight angle to the proximal part, and is slightly convex or flat but never concave; it is abruptly rugose, the rugosities all definitely tuberculate, strong or weak, and always weakest in postero-distal part of surface.

Antero-dorsal margin convex at least distally, sometimes strongly arched throughout; always distinct for entire length of merus, though sometimes blunt proximally. Tubercles, serrations, rugosities, or some combination of these forms present at least distally, where they are always largest, often as the culmination of a graduated series. Extreme, cuff-like



end of merus with or without minute distal tubercles dorsally and antero-dorsally.

Anterior surface vertical, flat, usually smooth except for a small cluster of tubercles or rugosities distally just below end of antero-dorsal margin; rarely this cluster is lacking; rarely the entire anterior surface is finely granulous.

Ventral marginal armature ranging from an irregular band of small tubercles, extending slightly submarginally on each side, to a single row of large, strong serrations; armature always strongest distally.

Posterior surface ranging from moderately rugose to, rarely, practically smooth. The roughest portion is always that of the posterior protuberance, while the rugosities are always weaker and less numerous there than on highest parts of dorsal surface.

Details of the armature of all parts of the merus are unusually variable even within populations. On the dorsal and posterior surfaces, as well as proximally on the postero-dorsal margin, the rugosities vary in spacing, length of the striae, and size of the surmounting tubercles. The armatures of the antero-dorsal and ventral margins are even more variable. Sometimes a particular series is best described in one individual as a continuous band of small tubercles, in a second as a row of serrations, in a third as a margin of short rugosities, and in a fourth as a combination of these structures. Often, also, the proximal part of any margin may be wholly unarmed in some specimens, minutely tubercled or rugose in others. Because of the prevailing variation, only unusual characteristics of diagnostic value, or of potential functional interest, will be mentioned in the descriptions of species.

*Carpus*: Postero-dorsal surface usually rugose, at least in dorso-distal half; rarely tuberculate or smooth. Anterior margin usually sharp, bent over, with a few small tubercles proximally; distal portion often concealed by pile; rarely poorly marked and unarmed. Anterior surface usually with an indistinct, low, blunt, smooth, oblique ridge that is rarely surmounted by one or more tubercles.

*Manus*: Outer surface usually appears smooth in comparison with species in *Deltuca* and *Afruca*; small to very minute tubercles, however, always cover the entire area, except close to pollex and dactyl. Usually the tubercles are slightly enlarged on upper manus, but again smaller or altogether absent near the dorsal margin, or the surface is often roughened by various devices; adjacent to the subdorsal groove the tubercles are often minute or altogether absent; tubercles smallest near ventral margin, absent from neighborhood of pollex base, and almost absent from cuff bounding base of dactyl. Rarely a longitudinal band of slightly enlarged tubercles covers a secondarily convex area near base of lower dactyl and of gape. Sometimes part of upper manus appears

eroded because of irregular linear arrangements of the tubercles which are sometimes raised on rugosities and sometimes enclose smooth cells.

Upper part of outer manus usually characterized by definitely bending toward the inside and by broadening, flattening, and conspicuous roughening of the dorsal margin which, because of the bending, proximally overhangs the carpal cavity. These specializations are achieved by a variety of means, largely species-specific and, in comparison with merus armatures, only moderately variable within species. The general range is as follows: About at level of cuff, upper third or less of manus begins to bend gradually inward to varying extents, so that dorsal margin coincides proximally with that of upper part of carpal cavity, which it overhangs; more distally, the margin broadens, usually to form a narrowly triangular area that continues to base of dorsal part of dactyl. With a few exceptions, the triangle is more or less flat and partly or wholly tuberculate; usually the tubercles differ from those of nearby outer surface in various characteristics; often these tubercles are smaller, sometimes pointed and slanted distally, sometimes arranged in oblique rows directed distally and internally. A submarginal groove usually bounds most of area externally, starting proximally and continuing almost to dactyl base. Above and contiguous with the groove is the margin's best-defined portion, usually consisting of a beaded edge along uppermost part of carpal cavity and usually continuing distally, after cavity edge has curved downward, as a row of more or less regular tubercles. Inner boundary of triangle, however, is usually indistinct, differentiated from adjacent upper palm chiefly by the beginning of the palm's verticality, and often by the absence of tubercles on adjacent area inside palm. Occasionally there is a definite inner edge, characterized by special tubercles; sometimes neither outer nor inner edge of dorsal margin is defined in distal portion.

Cuff outside base of dactyl almost always smooth except for a vertical row of several large tubercles marking start of outer subgape row of tubercles on pollex. Rarely a few minute tubercles are scattered on ventral portion; very rarely the cuff is absent, there being no groove bounding the region at base of dactyl from rest of manus.

Lower distal outer manus at pollex base always flattened about to level of adjacent pollex, almost always smooth and sometimes with a large, indistinct, very shallow depression (exceptions are *argillicola* and *triangularis*, each having the depression small, definite, and relatively deep). Along lower edge of this flattened area a keel sometimes starts which continues along the outer side of pollex and is sometimes tuberculate. Ventral margin of manus ranging from merely angled, through a regular row of tubercles or beading, to strongly keeled; keeled margins are usual-

ly surmounted by tubercles; the margin, whatever the type of armament, is often flanked externally by an adjacent groove. These ventral specializations always start slightly distal to proximal end of manus, which is always roughened, and end either at pollex base or continue throughout part or all of pollex. Tubercles and groove are sometimes strongest proximally, rarely distally, under pollex base, and sometimes they are equally developed throughout. Heel always well rounded but never strongly projecting posterolaterally.

*Palm* with proximal lower part forming a characteristic triangular area bounded by carpus, lower carpal cavity, the steeply sloping oblique ridge, and ventral margin; it is always covered at least in lower part by minute or extremely minute tubercles; usually they extend over entire surface and almost always are larger proximally and near ventral margin than elsewhere; sometimes they show a faintly vertical or reticulate formation, the spaces between being smooth; sometimes there are groups of specially enlarged tubercles in lower, proximal part only, and rarely the area is crossed obliquely by a series of parallel striae.

Oblique ridge inside palm ranging from high to rudimentary; rarely it lacks tubercles. Apex almost always near horizontal level of base of gape, rather than lower; apex high or low in height, sometimes lower than portion of ridge midway to pollex base. Tubercles always small at distal end of ridge near pollex base, usually largest on apex, but sometimes below level of apex when that part of ridge is higher; tubercles sometimes stopping short at apex, sometimes continuing partway or entirely to level of predactyl area below dorsal margin, rarely turning at apex and following lower edge of carpal cavity, which in these cases is unusually sharp and thin, for a short distance proximally. Arrangements of tubercles on oblique ridge and around cavity various, but usually in a moderately or wholly regular row of single tubercles, contiguous or slightly separated, and often graduated between pollex base and apex, but more or less irregular, compound and often interrupted when continued toward dorsal margin.

Central area of palm flat, usually smooth, merging gradually with the slight depression at pollex base, the latter depression almost always smooth; rarely a definite depression in upper part of palm, below predactyl depression.

Carpal cavity showing a wide range of size and depth, lower margin thick, thin, or part of carpal attachment; distal part either gradually or steeply sloping; upper part sometimes with a long extension into predactyl area, its width and depth diminishing distally; in other species the cavity is more or less sharply cut off from this area by the downcurving, beaded,

inner edge of dorsal margin, by other tubercles, and by a predactyl ridge or plateau.

Predactyl area, in species lacking a long extension from carpal cavity, usually with a small cavity, more or less surrounded by small tubercles and set off from the adjacent midpalm area by ridging, or merging with it without barriers; predactyl area sometimes rugose, or almost smooth, instead of tuberculate.

Proximal and distal ridges inside base of dactyl usually present and tuberculate, the proximal almost always strongly developed and parallel to adjacent groove and dactyl base, longer than distal ridge, the tubercles larger and the more ventral tubercles largest; tubercles of proximal ridge rarely subequal. Tubercles of distal ridge (cuff) in ventral portion only, small, few, sometimes vestigial or absent. In *lactea* only the distal row, instead of the proximal, is well developed. Groove between ridges almost always well developed.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Almost all species of *CelUCA* are clearly leptodactylous, brachydactylism being rare, and there being only a slight range within species, in contrast with the prevalence of wide variation within species of Indo-Pacific subgenera. Pollex and dactyl always tapering and moderately compressed; almost always clearly longer than manus, slender, the dactyl being clearly convex along dorsal margin in about distal half or less, curving downward just beyond tip of the usually straighter pollex, ending slightly below it; viewed from above, the dactyl also curves slightly inward, its distal portion, when closely apposed to that of pollex, almost always lying against a slight depression on inner surface of pollex tip. Pollex usually deeper than dactyl; sometimes it is very deep proximally, giving it a triangular shape, the proximal end of dactyl being then strongly oblique and upper part of manus correspondingly obliquely truncate. Gape width near middle usually slightly greater than depth of adjacent part of pollex, but rarely either narrower or wider. Long external grooves always absent, although a broader depression is rarely present. Outer, proximal, subdorsal groove on dactyl present or absent, but proximal dorsal tubercles always present, varying in size and extent. Sides of both pollex and dactyl, externally and internally, either smooth or covered, partly or wholly, by tubercles which are either minute or, rarely, small. All three rows of gape tubercles represented to some degree in both pollex and dactyl; distally all marginal rows are usually weak but sometimes form keels, with or without tuberculation. Pollex with inner marginal row almost always continuing proximal row of tubercles at base of dactyl, while the outer marginal row sometimes similarly continues tuberculation of outer cuff: the inner marginal row proximally is usually far separated from median row, the inter-

vening space being smooth except, sometimes, for profuse pile; sometimes the space is achieved through the proximal absence of the median row; uncommonly, the outer marginal row is separated from the median. Armature of median row in both pollex and dactyl various and variable but usually without either striking enlargements of individual tubercles or large teeth with tuberculate edges; an arrangement often occurring in individuals throughout the subgenus consists of one tubercle slightly enlarged near middle of pollex and two tubercles on dactyl, well separated from both dactyl ends and from each other. Curved distal part of dactyl sometimes with median row forming a keel surmounted by a graduated series of minute, contiguous tubercles, always sharp, sometimes serrate; in this area enlarged tubercles or tuberculate teeth never occur in any species, whether or not the specialized keel is present. Pile on proximal pollex at base of gape present or absent, sometimes long and dense.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus with dorsal margin weakly armed with spinulose tubercles, or with continuations of the more or less vertical rugosities of postero-dorsal surface; antero-ventral margin smooth and rounded; postero-ventral margin always with a distinct row of tubercles, usually spinulose; postero-dorsal surface with vertical or oblique rugosities, usually tuberculate, often few and feeble and concentrated dorsally and distally; in *triangularis* only this surface is markedly tuberculate; anterior and ventral surfaces smooth; dorso-distal margin either with slight irregularities or a series of minute tubercles; predistal, dorsal ridge, similarly armed, well developed. Carpus with subdorsal ridge ranging from distinct with minute tubercles to absent. Manus rarely conspicuously slender or deep. Mano-pollex ridge almost always well developed, starting at or near middle of manus and continuing throughout most of pollex. Dactyl ridges and intervening groove weak to absent. Dactyl almost always clearly longer than manus; dactyl and pollex tips usually normal but in several species neither distally expanded nor meeting perfectly, being slender, tapering, and not making contact at the tips. Gape various, ranging from narrow, with regular serrations, except proximally and distally, on prehensile edges to extremely wide, both pollex and dactyl being arched and without armature. Setae always sparse, except for the usual brush on inner distal margins of dactyl and pollex; no setae in close-set row or tuft on upper part of palm.

Except for the almost constant mano-pollex ridge and for the strong serrations on the prehensile edges in some species, the armature of the minor cheliped in this subgenus is comparatively weak throughout. Its general trend is from stronger armature in rough-

ly the first half of the species in the order listed to conspicuous weakness in the variously specialized species placed in the second half. That is, rugosities, ridges, and serrations are weakest and sometimes absent in the latter forms. Throughout the subgenus all these characters show considerable individual variability in the degree of weakness. With few exceptions, only the width of the gape and the form of the armature on the prehensile edges are useful in practical taxonomy.

*Ambulatories.* Usually slender in comparison with those of other subgenera, the meri of even the 2nd and 3rd legs moderate to narrow, their dorsal margins slightly convex to practically straight; in only several species are these meri notably wide with strongly convex dorsal margins. Armature of margins weak. Posterior surfaces of meri with finely tuberculate vertical striae present, vestigial or absent. Anterior surfaces of part or all of carpus, manus, and distal part of merus with 1st ambulatory, usually of major side only, often with ridges or tubercles in species having corresponding specializations on manus of major cheliped. Pile rarely present, then confined to intersegmental areas, ventral surface of manus or dorsal parts of carpus and manus.

The weakness and variability of the armature of the margins and posterior surfaces in this subgenus make them impractical characters for taxonomic use, although definite species differences do exist and would yield, as in the case of minor characteristics on the major cheliped, to detailed analysis (see p. 462).

*Abdomen.* Middle segments sometimes more or less fused.

*Gonopod.* Various, ranging from forms with flanges wide to absent, the pore from small, below lip of confluent flanges to large and funnel-like at extreme end of the protruding, narrow corneous shaft. The only characteristic in common is the relation of pore to thumb, the latter always ending well below the former, often far below; in some of the latter examples the thumb is vestigial. Inner process always flat, closely applied to shaft or flange, inconspicuous, often translucent; usually either narrow and spinous or triangular, the apex sharp. Torsion absent or slight.

#### FEMALE

With the characteristics of females in the genus (p. 17), when the following annotations are taken into account. Otherwise as in male, as described above.

Because of the superficial feminization of the carapace in males through its arching and armature, the carapace in females differs little or not at all from

that of males in breadth, degree of arching, shallowness of grooving, and length of antero-lateral margins, although in almost all species the orbits are slightly less oblique, while the eyebrow is wider and less inclined, as characteristic of females in other subgenera. The armature, including ridges, beading, tuberculate striae, and serrations on carapace and cheliped, is in most species slightly stronger than in males, as elsewhere in *Uca*; only the ambulatories, however, are always clearly much more strongly armed than in males, their meri as usual somewhat broader. The suborbital crenellations, which in some other subgenera are larger and more extensive than in males, in *CelUCA* are little if at all larger and then only toward the inner end; in the more specialized species, arranged in this study in about the second half of the subgenus, the crenellations of both sexes are markedly large and extensive and, in several species, are even stronger in males than in females.

A detail of interest in the armature of the female cheliped concerns the variable presence of minute tubercles or granules on the antero-ventral margin of the merus. This area in males is apparently always rounded and unarmed, save for the usual short proximal and distal ridges. In females, one side is almost always armed with minute tubercles surmounting the ridges, with or without non-linear granules between; there is considerable individual variation, and sometimes the roughening is present on both sides; in only one species, *festae*, does it take the constant form of a well-marked row of small tubercles throughout the margin's length.

As elsewhere in the genus, fine granulation over part or all of the carapace sometimes occurs, although absent in males except in one species (*latimanus*). When pile occurs on the carapace in males in a species-specific pattern, it is found similarly in females; in several species characteristic patches are present in females only.

Gonopore usually without characteristics of taxonomic convenience. Tubercles almost always absent, as are sculpturing of the rim and other external complexities.

Abdomen with all segments always distinct.

### Size

Small.

### Color

A high degree of display lightening occurs in at least some populations of 15 among the 26 species of *CelUCA* recognized in this study. Of these 15, 9 attain a striking state of polished white; in most of the group completely white individuals are sometimes seen, but the extreme phase is usual only in *saltitanta*

and *l. lactea*; in *saltitanta* it is confined to males; in *l. lactea* it seems to be the prevailing color of both sexes, probably even in the non-breeding seasons. A pre-white yellow phase has not been found in this subgenus and general bright yellow is known only in some populations of *triangularis* where the color is apparently not at all connected with display periods. Occasional yellow dots in both sexes often form part of the pattern in the marbled and mosaic effects of the dark carapaces of *inaequalis* and its allies. Eyestalks are sometimes greenish yellow. Spectrum orange is unknown, the nearest being the orange yellow claws of 2 subspecies of *lactea*. Reds occur frequently but usually only on the major cheliped and occasionally on the ambulatories; in both areas the hue ranges from orange red or spectrum red to purple red, and is most vivid in displaying populations; sometimes, as is of frequent occurrence in *lactea annulipes* and *stenodactylus*, the intensity of the red increases as the carapace lightens. A similar correlation also takes place in the orange yellow claws of *lactea perplexa*, particularly in the most eastern populations. Except for uncommon adult females of *lactea annulipes* which are entirely rose red without obvious relation to their state of receptivity, red does not occur on carapaces. The nearest approach to these hues is a purple or purple red spot on some *pugillator*. Blue and green are uncommon and usually appear on the carapace, as in *uruguayensis*, *cumulanta*, *beebei*, *stenodactylus*, and *deichmanni*; in several other species the eyestalks show these colors; sometimes the small chelae are blue, especially in adult females, erratically distributed in a population. An exception to these localized blues and greens is *oerstedii*, in which not only the carapace, both antero-dorsally and anteriorly, but the frontal aspects of the 1st ambulatories are an intense blue green. Another exception is *lactea*, where blue often combines variously with a darker or lighter transverse pattern across the carapace. In crabs that remain generally dark even during display, somewhat lighter tones, often orange brown as in *inaequalis*, distinguish the lower major manus and sometimes the merus, at least on its inner side. The vivid phases summarized above are highly fugitive, while the young throughout the subgenus are dull.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

The variety of components as shown by single species of *CelUCA* in waving display, threat and combat is high, the only other subgenus with forms attaining comparable diversity being the related *Minuca*. Special components confined to high intensity courtship are less rare than usual, and attain the maximum complexity found in the genus. Sound components and their ritualized versions are often incorporated

into waving display. Lateral waving in a number of species is at the fastest rate attained in the genus; because of the small amplitude of vertical waves in, for example, *Deltuca*, the rates of vertical and lateral waves are not considered comparable. Again, more time is devoted to waving display than in other subgenera by at least a number of species, both as individuals and in the duration of the intertidal display period. Territoriality is strongly developed. In construction chimneys are absent but turrets and hoods, with two exceptions in *Minuca*, are confined to *Celuca*. Displacement activities are prevalent. Females are normally attracted below ground, matings or attempted matings on the surface being rare.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Comparisons with other groups will be found on p. 19 in connection with the discussion of the subgeneric dendrogram.

The 26 species recognized in the subgenus *Celuca* defy tidy subdivisions. Although some of them are of course obviously more closely related to one another than to the rest of the group, practically no morphological and behavioral characters are held in common only by members of one of these subgroups, since the character in question also crops up in one or more species in one or more other parts of the subgenus. Most of the species are confined to the short stretch of coast extending from El Salvador to northern Peru; therefore allopatric speciation has been limited.

Nevertheless the subgenus does divide fairly naturally into two major groups, with a number of anomalous species showing less clear-cut relationships. When I first started serious work on the phylogeny of this subgenus, after becoming aware of the importance of gonopod structure in other parts of the genus, I was confused for a long time; a very obvious division in *Celuca*, in accordance with strongly tubular tips and those with large flanges, did not agree at all with divisions concerned with other basic characters, including form of the small chelae and overall pattern of armature. For example, the group of species eventually included in the superspecies *crenulata* and its allies showed contrasting forms of gonopods, although their relationships in a number of other details seemed very close. The answer, of course, as in some members of the subgenera *Deltuca* and *Uca*, proved to be that the form of the gonopod is on occasion plastic, apparently in conformity to the needs of sympatry.

The other early difficulty in seeing relationships within the subgenus was that the definition of a *rap*—termed *drumming* in this study—broke down. It is now clear, first, that drummings on the ground occur in other subgenera, and, second, that not all apparent drummings, even within small groups of related

species, touch the ground. In some the cheliped vibrates in the air and in some the drumming is against the suborbital regions, while some species perform all versions of this general vibration of the major cheliped. Therefore one of the old distinctions between crabs of Groups 4 and 5 (Crane, 1941.1) has proved to be invalid.

In spite of the deficiencies of both gonopod form and drumming techniques in dividing large groups of species, in *Celuca* a basic division into two informal categories remains useful; they correspond in general to the old Groups 4 and 5, and are shown as the two largest assemblies on the dendrogram, on the left and right, respectively. In addition the subgenus includes a number of associated species, shown as separate branches arising more or less closely to the bases of the large groups.

In an overall view, the large group on the left includes *crenulata* and its many allies; in general these species are less specialized for a semi-terrestrial life than are those of the second group, of which *deichmanni* is a characteristic example. In addition, the members of the first group are less active socially, although their morphological specializations for threat and combat are not only comparable in complexity to those of the second group but most of the components appear sporadically in both; usually however they are more prevalent in one group than in the other. On a subbranch placed about midway between the two groups are *beebei* and *stenodactylus*. Three species, *argillicola*, *pugilator*, and the Indo-Pacific *triangularis*, appear to have no close relations although their morphological characteristics place them firmly in *Celuca*. The relationships will now be reviewed in more detail.

The first and largest group of species is characterized by small chelipeds with the narrow gapes and fine serrations that occur throughout the rest of the genus; most of them live in mud or sandy mud and are little subject to desiccation; the time devoted to display is—with the notable exception of *saltitanta*—moderate but not excessive. The arching of the carapace accordingly does not—except in *saltitanta*—reach the extremes found elsewhere in the subgenus. Many of the species show unique specializations on the outer, upper manus; here sharp bending is sometimes accompanied by conspicuous flattening of the area and a patterning of the tubercles. The pollex is often proximally broad with a triangular projection, but the tips of the major cheliped are simple, lacking in particular a crest on the dactyl's tip.

This large group is viewed as composed of 15 species. Five of the species have ranges that are geographically distinct; these forms are therefore treated as a superspecies. They are: *uruguayensis* in the south Atlantic; *cumulanta* in the tropical Atlantic; *speciosa* (with two subspecies) also in the Atlantic

but ranging from the north tropical to the warm temperate zone; *crenulata* (two subspecies) in the subtropical and warm temperate Pacific; and *batuenta* in the tropical Pacific. Display whitening is apparent in four of the five and is strong in two; palm-ambulatory stridulating apparatus occurs in three; specializations of the upper manus are notable in all five. Both the pollex and dactyl are normally elongate, without anomalies except in *batuenta* which shows in moderate form structures that are exaggerated to various degrees in other related species in the Pacific. On the whole the superspecies members are less specialized morphologically than their closest relations and, except for *batuenta*, their waving displays are not elaborate; only *cumulanta* is known to erect structures, and these are turrets or poorly formed hoods, always of rare occurrence.

One member of the superspecies, *batuenta*, is grouped with three other species in the tropical Pacific to form a local alliance; by definition the four forms are closely sympatric in the strictest sense. In a certain order these species are *inaequalis*, *oerstedii*, *batuenta*, and *salitanta*. The arrangement is from the least to the most convex, from the least to the highest degree of display lightening, and from the least to the most active in waving display, although in any other subgenus each would be considered extremely active. Each of them has a unique and striking display; in each except *oerstedii* drumming components, sometimes ritualized, are incorporated into the waving display; palm-ambulatory apparatus is developed in only one of the four, *inaequalis*; there it is used not only in threat but at least sometimes as an integral part of combat. Although no structures are built by members of the alliance, in these other particulars they appear definitely to be more specialized than do the members of the superspecies.

Three other members of the group, *tenuipedis*, *tomentosa*, and *tallanica*, are obviously closely related to the local alliance, both by morphology and in waving display; the display characteristics are known through the recent work of von Hagen in Peru (1968.2). Since we do not yet know whether they occur in close sympatry with the members of the alliance, I have omitted them on the dendrogram from inclusion in the unshaded bracelet marking the local alliance. In general they have most in common with *inaequalis*, including a deep pollex, patterned pile on the carapace, and major-manus-drumming incorporated in display; display white is not known to develop.

The remaining four species in the group are *leptochela*, *helleri*, *festae*, and *dorotheae*. The first two are so little known that no constructive remarks can be made concerning them here, except that the form of their gonopods indicates clearly that both belong in this general section of the subgenus, while the rela-

tively wide gape in the small chela of at least *helleri* probably points toward the second group; they are thus given satellite positions. A species clearly less closely related to the superspecies *crenulata* and its allies is *festae*; here the elongation of the chela is more extreme than in any other *Uca*; this length affects the armature of the appendage; major-manus-drumming is not incorporated in its waving display, and the display is relatively simple; in general the species is probably best viewed as belonging on the fringes of the large group, with its affinities at least equally close to the stock that culminates in *beebei* and *stenodactylus*. The last species in the group of 15 is *dorotheae*, also of an intermediate position and therefore placed closest on the dendrogram to the *beebei-stenodactylus* branch. The form of its predactyl ridges and of its major cheliped place it with the large group, its small chela tends toward the second large group (that includes *deichmanni*), while the form of the ambulatory apparatus, its usual color, and its construction of turrets are characteristics having more in common with those of *beebei*.

The elongate branch that divides distally for *beebei* and *stenodactylus* is designed to indicate both their intermediate position and the presence of unique specializations. The form of the small chela, with narrow gape and serrations, is characteristic of the left-hand group on the dendrogram; the serrations are stronger, however, than anywhere else in the genus except in (*Australuca*) *seismella*. The carapace shape is strongly arched, although not quite to the extent found in the extreme forms centering around *deichmanni*; these fiddlers spend prolonged periods waving, and the display is relatively unspecialized though rapid; one of them, *beebei*, attains the fastest circular wave in the genus. The armature of the claw shows in full measure the specializations of both large groups, with strong palm-ambulatory equipment, upper manus peculiarities, and a tuberculate crest near the dactyl's tip. In *stenodactylus* the herding of females is more strongly developed than in any other *Uca*, being incorporated into courtship display. Finally, *beebei* constructs turrets.

The right-hand group on the dendrogram is composed of seven species: *lactea*, *leptodactyla*, *limicola*, *deichmanni*, *musica* (two subspecies), *latimanus*, and the aberrant *triangularis*. In the light of recent work, it now seems likely that the Indo-Pacific species *lactea* should be diagrammed as a more widely separated form; its distinctions from the rest of the group consist chiefly of the less advanced structure of the oblique ridge and carpal cavity on the palm, the arrangement somewhat resembling those more characteristic of non-American subgenera; in addition waving periods in *lactea* are more restricted than usual in *CelUCA* and more firmly tied to short portions of the lunar cycle; these characteristics, it seems likely,

are indications of the early branching of the ancestral American stock of *Celuca* (p. 436). In spite of these dissimilarities, *lactea* seems related most closely to *deichmanni* and its relations, as shown by its suitability for semi-terrestrial life and the complex similarity of all forms of its social behavior; the resemblances seem to have developed too many details for them to be the result of parallelism. Similar remarks apply to the other Indo-Pacific species, *triangularis*, which does not appear to be closely related to any species of *Celuca*, and which is shown at the base of the second group.

Of the five remaining species, *leptodactyla* occurs in the Atlantic and the other four in the eastern Pacific. These are found only in the tropics except for one subspecies, *m. musica*. The Atlantic *leptodactyla*, in morphology and relatively simple waving display, appears to have much in common with *limicola*, and the two are considered to form a superspecies. The two subspecies, *m. musica* and *m. terpsichores*, are exceedingly similar except for size and for details of the palm-ambulatory equipment; its palmar component attains a degree of specialization unknown elsewhere in the subgenus and is shared in any form in the right-hand group only by *deichmanni*. Three of the five species sometimes live in close sympatry, and have much in common morphologically. These three, consisting of *limicola*, *deichmanni*, and *m. terpsichores*, are therefore treated as

forming the third alliance shown on the dendrogram. The last species, *latimanus*, appears aberrant because of the juvenile form of its major cheliped; in all other features it is an advanced member of its group. Several of these species, in fact, represent at least morphologically the pinnacle not only of the subgenus *Celuca* but also of the genus, showing extreme adaptations to a semi-terrestrial life and specializations for threat and combat; it is here that semi-cylindrical carapaces combine with widely gaping small chelae fitted for picking up sandy substrate. Here too are remarkable elaborations of the cheliped's armature, in particular the stridulating ridge on the palm in *musica*, and the minute precision of distal crests. No other species, except for *saltitanta*, equal these fiddlers in the vigor, prevalence, and duration of waving display. Finally, in three of the species—*leptodactyla*, *m. terpsichores*, and *latimanus*—the peak of construction capability is reached, the hoods achieving a perfection of form, relative size, and smooth finish found in no other species.

#### NAME

*Celuca*: From the Latin adjective *celer*, "swift," in recognition of the rapid motions of these highly active *Uca*. The name, therefore, in the selected meaning of the root, signifies "fast-moving fiddler."

37. *UCA (CELUCA) ARGILLICOLA* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 29 A-D.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 68 J; 101.

TABLES 9, 10.

## INTRODUCTION

Living close to fresh water, *U. argillicola* has striking paedomorphic characteristics of shape and armature along with a persistently pale color. On my second visit to the type locality in Pacific Costa Rica, it was clear that the name *argillicola* is partially unsuitable, since the species is not confined to clay substrates.

As yet we have learned nothing about its social behavior. Even the general waving pattern is unknown, in spite of observations which supplemented a week's sporadic observation of field populations with two months' close checking of a small group brought to the Trinidad crabberies. At the time of these observations (1961) I had not yet become aware of the importance of threat stridulation and combat behavior in relation to morphology, and took no note of any such activities that may well have occurred. The impression in both field and crabbery was of inactive individuals, their burrows grouped in close proximity, as in the field; although they fed normally, they spent long periods without motion, even though tides and weather were optimal for other species, which in parts of the field and in the crabberies, waved and were otherwise active with peripheral intermingling. Inevitably, the relative social lethargy of *argillicola* recalled that of certain species in the subgenus *Deltuca* and, among *Celuca*, *triangularis*.

The peculiar characteristics of *argillicola*'s shape and weak armature make further observations highly desirable. In addition, an adequate collection must still be made.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad; orbits strongly oblique; antero-lateral margins practically absent; palm without oblique, tuberculate ridge; heel of manus without backwardly directed projection; fingers clearly shorter than palm.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 5 times in that of carapace. Orbits moderately oblique. Antero-lateral angles broadly acute, slightly produced. Antero-lateral margins variably very short, always moderately convergent and rounding into dorso-lateral margins. Two pairs of postero-lateral striae; on each side the upper stria is very long and bent sharply, the angle located about midway between end of dorso-lateral margin and postero-lateral angle of carapace; anterior arm extending far forward, paralleling dorso-lateral margin while the 2nd arm is short, paralleling posterior border of carapace; lower stria very short, lying just above postero-lateral angle of carapace. Breadth of eyebrow more than half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations near antero-external angle little enlarged, continuing as separated teeth completely around outer margin of orbit, ending on posterior side of channel. Edge of lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt to moderately sharp.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus*: Antero-dorsal margin straight, sharp and unarmed except at extreme distal end, which is arched and serrate. Ventral margin with a single row of large, regular serrations, largest in distal third. *Carpus*: Anterior margin poorly marked, scarcely bent over, with only several proximal irregularities.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface minimal. Outer tubercles graduated in size from minute ventrally to moderate subdorsally. Dorsal outer groove present. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity flat, its edges diverging distally, each definite and tuberculate, tubercles of inner edge serrate; dorsal surface between these edges smooth except for sparse tubercles. Cuff outside dactyl base rough with tubercles except dorsally; no vertical row of tubercles starting here and continuing on subgape region of pollex; groove weak. Flat area outside pollex base with a distinct, narrowly triangular depression adjacent to middle of pollex side. Ventral margin with a row of large, graduated tubercles, largest distally and ending on pollex about a third of way to tip. Ventral, outer groove shallow.

*Palm* with lower triangle smooth except for a few



widely scattered minute pits and, near the rudimentary oblique ridge, well-spaced tubercles, small and low. Oblique tuberculate ridge almost absent, traceable as a low, broad blunt ridge stopping short on the very low apex at carpal cavity; tubercles small, low, non-linear, covering the ridge and continuing with the slightly smaller ones adjacent on mid-palm and the very small ones below on triangle, where they die out. Center palm with moderate-sized tubercles starting below end of circumcarpal beading; tubercles smallest close to oblique ridge. Carpal cavity with lower margin very short, occupied by carpal attachment; distal part of cavity shallow, sloping gently to merge with center palm. Beaded, inner edge of proximal dorsal margin curving disto-ventrally around upper cavity, stopping abruptly about level of middle of dactyl. Predactyl area completely smooth, with a slight, elongate, median hollow, cut off from dactyl base by a few tubercles.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Clearly shorter than palm; both broader than usual, but pollex not strikingly broad proximally; dactyl wider and longer; gape toward middle narrower than breadth of adjacent pollex. Pollex with depression outside pollex base continued slightly distally, and with corresponding depression inside continued farther, diminishing to a point. Dactyl with proximal subdorsal groove traceable throughout outer proximal half of dactyl, diminishing in size; upper proximal dactyl very rough with pointed tubercles that slant distally; they are arranged in several rows, the uppermost being weakest but longest, and traceable almost to dactyl tip. Gape teeth, especially proximally, large, low, rounded, close-set. Pollex with inner marginal row of gape tubercles in proximal half far separated from and lower than median row, the intervening area being broad, concave and smooth, slanting inward, dying out distally; proximal tubercles of inner row large; subdistal tubercles of median row large, low and rounded. Pollex tip trifid, each point being the terminal tubercle of a row. Dactyl with tubercles of median row few and large, one near proximal end much enlarged, several subdistal less so, being lower and rounded. Gape pile present.

*Minor Cheliped*. Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. Serrations strong, not in contact.

*Ambulatories*. All meri unusually broad for a *Celuca*; dorsal margins moderately to strongly convex. First carpus on both sides anteriorly with a regular, longitudinal row of minute, close-set tubercles along middle of segment throughout almost its entire length.

*Gonopod*. Corneous tip alone shows torsion in orientation. Flanges well developed, about equal in breadth, confluent and forming the gonopod's distal,

truncate edge just beyond pore. Pore narrow; proximal to the pore the shaft projects slightly from flange level. Inner process short, flat, triangular, the apex pointed, arising and ending near free edge of the posterior flange, not overlying shaft. Thumb well developed, moderately short, not nearly reaching corneous base of specialized tip.

#### FEMALE

Gonopore without tubercles; outer rim clearly higher than inner.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Male holotype	7.8	12.2	13.5	8.0
Female paratype	7.3	10.8	—	—
Female paratype (immature)	5.6	8.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. argillicola* is the only *Celuca* in the eastern Pacific without a tuberculate oblique ridge on palm but with the orbits strongly oblique. Its relatively narrow front distinguishes it from all the members of the subgenus *Minuca*—*panamensis*, *vocator*, *pygmaea*, and *zaca*—that also lack the oblique ridge on palm. In addition, *argillicola* is apparently a larger species than *pygmaea* and *zaca*, while its orbits are less strongly oblique; in contrast, it is much smaller than *panamensis* and *vocator*, with orbits more oblique. The gonopods of all the species are distinctive from one another, while other characters in one or more of the species, such as pile on carapace, projecting heel on manus, and form of tuberculation of pollex tip, are minor aids in identification. Fortunately, two males from the American Museum of Natural History were available to compare with the holotype.

#### Color

Carapace and ambulatories clear, creamy white; this color is not fugitive and is characteristic of both sexes in young as well as adults. Both chelipeds of males and females with dorsal parts of segments apricot buff. In the type locality several populations occurred on yellowish white clay, with which the crabs blended well; on darker substrates the observed individuals were always conspicuously pale, closely similar to the others.

#### RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific from the Gulf of Dulce in Costa Rica to Buenaventura, Colombia.

## BIOTOPES

The largest groups were found on the steep banks of streams little affected by tides, the water probably almost fresh, close to or slightly beyond the upstream limit of mangroves. Several populations were in vertical banks of white clay or brown loam. Two others were on high, flat ground, under tall ferns, behind the mangroves that fringed a stream; the soil here was either sandy or clayey. Scattered individuals or very small groups occurred further downstream in muddy or sandy soil, rarely among mangrove shoots, sometimes with the ground covered with rotting coconut husks, among rank ferns and monocotyledons, or between buttresses of swamp palms and other trees. All these areas were largely shaded, the sun reaching them briefly and in patches. (Biotopes 14, 15.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The largest aggregations of *argillicola* were not mixed with other *Uca*; they occurred farther upstream than any eastern Pacific fiddler except *brevifrons*. The small groups and scattered individuals found closer to and within the mangrove limits were associated

with three species of the subgenus *Minuca*—*vocator ecuadoriensis*, *galapagensis herradurensis*, and *zacae*.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 607.)

*Observations and Collections.* Golfito, Costa Rica. Several specimens also sent alive to the crabberies in Trinidad from Buenaventura, Colombia; they were positively identified by me before being placed, with other live examples from Golfito, in the crabberies; unfortunately they were not secured as specimens when they died.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca argillicola* Crane, 1941

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 137400 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,134); 2 paratype females, cat. no. 137401 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,135). Measurements: p. 221. Type-locality: Golfito, Costa Rica. (!)

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*Uca (Celuca) argillicola* Crane, 1941

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 183; Text Figs. 4j; Pl. 1, Fig. 3; Pl. 2, Fig. 6. Costa Rica: Golfito. (USNM !)

Garth, 1948: 61. Panama: Perlas Is., on San José I., banks of lower Rio Marina. Colombia: Humboldt Bay. (!)

### 38. *UCA (CELUCA) PUGILATOR* (BOSC, 1802)

(Subtropical and temperate western north Atlantic)

PLATE 29 E-H.

MAP 16.

FIGURES 37 K; 69 F; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

#### INTRODUCTION

Probably more biologists know the sand fiddler, *U. pugilator*, by name than any other *Uca* except its familiar associate, *pugnax*. For many years the two species have provided much of the material for experimental work on crustacean hormones and biological rhythms. During the first half of this century *pugilator* was already suspected of signaling to females by drumming on the ground, and throughout the 1960s the species was a chief subject of pioneer experiments on acoustical signaling in the genus. Recently we have learned that this species, as well as the eastern Atlantic *tangeri*, both use a sun compass in a simple form of homing. Key contributions on these varied topics are listed under the annotated references for *pugilator* (p. 227) and are noted as well in appropriate chapters of Part Two.

Louis Bosc, a keen naturalist, watched the crabs in Carolina and, when he named the species in 1802, gave us the first detailed account of living fiddlers. He called the crabs *pugilator* because "as soon as a man or an animal appeared in their midst they bent their great claw, holding it in front of them as though it were a challenge to combat, and then escaped, running sideways and keeping it always in the same position." Apparently he never had the pleasure of watching a combat between males, or observed either waving or digging. He was especially impressed by the vast numbers of the crabs on the seashore and on the banks of tidal streams, "... thousands and even millions. . . ." He continued, "They have a great number of enemies among otters, bears, birds, turtles, alligators, etc. but their abundance is such that the devastation accomplished by these animals is not discernible."

In similar places, all through the days of the young coastal settlements, small boys and grown-ups, whether Indians or Europeans, doubtless used the crabs for bait. Nowadays these fiddlers, already reduced by pollution and the destruction of their habitats, are rarely plentiful enough to supply the sheds that offer "LIVE BAIT—FIDDLERS." Instead, in north-eastern states summer fishermen learn that the crabs come from Florida, shipped by the crateful by collectors who also supply laboratories. How long the

species can stand the several threats forms the usual regrettable question.

A number of *pugilator*'s characteristics are unique or rare in the genus. It lacks close relations. It is one of only five species with ranges primarily in the temperate zone. With them it is adapted to subfreezing temperatures, hibernating regularly where cold is encountered. Apparently in adaptation to short northern summers, *pugilator* actively and regularly courts both by day and at night; in the dark it uses acoustical signals instead of waving display in attracting the attention of females. In the more southern parts of its range the rare characteristic of droving is highly developed. Its combat behavior, still incompletely known, appears to be unusually complex, both in form of components and in the relation of ritualization to forceful fighting; it is one of the few species in the genus that lacks an oblique ridge inside the palm, and the only one where the relation of this lack to combat technique has so far been learned. Finally, although there seems to be no reliable morphological basis for distinguishing subspecies, slight differences in waving display are shown between New England and southern populations, while droving seems to occur only in the south; as usual, a morphological comparison of adequate population samples from numerous localities has not been undertaken. In a study still incomplete, the peripheral population on Cape Cod, the species' northern boundary, appears to be relatively inactive socially for undetermined reasons. In view of all these distinctions, the survival of numerous populations—large, vigorous, well distributed and in the midst of normal habitats—must forcefully be encouraged: without any question, this species counts as one of biology's prized assets.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

Front wide; no oblique, tuberculate ridge on palm; antero-lateral margins slanting strongly outwards; meri of ambulatory legs in male slender, with mid-dorsal margin of 3rd merus straight in both sexes: carapace in female granulate.

## Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

### MALE

**Carapace.** Front very wide, similar to those in the subgenus *Minuca*, contained less than 3 times in carapace breadth. Antero-lateral margins also as in most *Minuca*, being long, slightly diverging, and rounding into dorso-lateral margins. Breadth of eyebrow about half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations near antero-external angle little enlarged, continuing as separated teeth along outer orbital margin almost to channel. Edge of lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt.

**Major Cheliped. Merus:** Antero-dorsal margin straight except for arching near distal end; blunt and rugose throughout. All rugosities strong for the subgenus, continuing across upper part of anterior surface; lower part of this surface finely granulate. **Carpus:** Dorso-posterior surface covered with close-set, rounded tubercles; oblique ridge of inner surface with indistinct tubercles.

**Manus:** Bending of outer, upper surface distinct. Outer tubercles large for the subgenus and mingled in two sizes throughout most of lateral surface; tubercles near ventral margin abruptly smaller; subdorsally largest. Dorsal outer groove present. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity broad, slightly convex, strongly tuberculate throughout but without specially armed edges. Cuff outside dactyl base rough with tubercles except dorsally. Flat area outside pollex base not smooth but covered with minute tubercles; lower edge of area with a weak, tuberculate keel that starts more proximally, at about middle of manus, well above ventral margin, and continues along most of pollex in its ventral half; keel often poorly developed and lacking tubercles distally or altogether. Ventral margin with a row of large and similar tubercles that die out in proximal third of pollex. Ventral, outer groove shallow, developed near pollex base only.

**Palm** with lower triangle covered with minute tubercles, somewhat rugose proximally, merging with larger tubercles of center palm on and near area of oblique ridge. This ridge is practically absent, represented only by an obtuse edge marking the usual distinction between lower triangle and center palm; apex and linear tubercles lacking, the area being covered with a continuation of the minute tubercles of lower triangle. Center palm distinctly convex, covered with tubercles of varying sizes ranging from small to moderate, all much larger than those of lower triangle, largest near base of gape. Pollex cavity moderate for the subgenus, not slight. Carpal cavity with lower margin thin; distal part of cavity steeply sloping except dorsally, turning at an angle

into center palm. No downward turn of inner edge of dorsal margin, the upper part of carpal cavity extending distally in a narrow, shallow, smooth projection that almost fills predactyl area. Tubercles of proximal ridge at dactyl base sometimes in an irregular, angled, or multiple row; those of distal row always multiple.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Pollex with tip turned slightly upward; dactyl with entire distal half clearly convex; gape near middle much wider than adjacent part of pollex. Outer pollex with a faint, long crease above the adjacent low keel that starts on lower manus. Dactyl with subdorsal, external, proximal furrow moderate. Both pollex and dactyl completely covered externally with minute tubercles; those of upper, proximal dactyl larger; slightly serrate on dorsal margin where they are traceable, diminishing regularly in size, throughout most of dactyl's length. No gape tubercles conspicuously enlarged; locations of minor enlargements variable. Pollex tip distinctly trifid. Gape pile present or absent.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. Serrations few, strong, in middle portion only, not in contact.

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri slender, their dorsal margins scarcely convex. 1st ambulatory on major side with merus, carpus, and manus roughened anteriorly with tubercles on lower anterior surface.

**Gonopod.** Flanges well developed, about equally broad; each a little produced beyond the subdermal pore. Inner process narrow, blunt, covering canal, ending just below pore. Thumb long, slender, not nearly reaching base of flange.

### FEMALE

Entire dorsal and postero-lateral surface of carapace finely granulate, except for posterior margin. Suborbital armature stronger than in male. Gonopore roughly triangular, with outer edge slightly concave externally and inner edge medially angled.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Large male (Florida)	14.0	21.0	35.0	27.0
Large male (New York)	13.0	20.0	34.0	26.0
Moderate male (New York)	11.0	17.0	25.0	20.0
Large female (New York)	14.0	19.0	—	—
Moderate female (New York)	11.0	16.0	—	—

### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Throughout almost all its range, *pugilator* may be distinguished from other *Uca* by the absence of an

oblique tuberculate ridge inside palm; the only exception, *subcylindrica*, which is also ridgeless, is known only from close to the Rio Grande and differs strikingly from *pugilator* in its cylindrical form, small size, short fingers, and unique gonopod. In *pugilator* the strong, tuberculate ridge along the side of the major pollex is another distinctive character among United States fiddlers.

Along the Atlantic coast north of Florida, the only other species of *Uca* are *minax* and *pugnax*. Diagnostic differences between *pugilator* and *minax* are summarized on p. 177. From *pugnax*, with which it often mingles marginally, *pugilator* differs not only in the absence or presence, respectively, of the palm and pollex ridges mentioned above, but also in its more arched, less uneven carapace which is smooth in the male but granulate in the female. Finally, in characteristic biotopes populations of *pugilator* include larger adults than do those of *pugnax*.

The affinities of *pugilator* remain puzzling. The morphology of both carapace and, in part, the major cheliped has a number of features in common with most *Minuca*; yet in details of its armature and, particularly, in its waving display *pugilator* seems obviously closer to *Celuca*. Yet it shows no outstanding similarities to any of the subgroups in either of the subgenera. As usual, its anomalous position adds to the interest of the species.

In the future, work with large population samples may make desirable a division of *pugilator* into species, or, more probably, subspecies. Already we have a growing knowledge of regional differences in display, acoustic behavior, and physiology. Yet the necessary morphological background is missing and any present attempt at subdivision seems to be unwarranted.

### Color

Display whitening conspicuously present and fugitive in both sexes, but the hue is usually yellowish white and the shiny, high reflectance found in some tropical forms is never attained. The other distinctive characteristic of displaying males is a fugitive, purplish violet patch occupying the cardiac region that often disappears with further whitening: in more southern populations including non-displaying groups, it is sometimes pink rather than purplish and confined to the gastric region. In non-display phases the carapace is often variously marked in semi-reticular patterns of brown, or is completely brown with small gold-colored or light brown spots. Major cheliped in displaying males buff to yellowish white; base of chela often pale orange. Eyestalks buff or grayish white; never green. Third maxilliped white, standing out from the duller underparts. Minor cheliped with manus and chela white. Ambulatories attain white, but anterior sides of 1st ambulatory meri sometimes

show persistent dark purplish brown or reddish purple.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Wave lateral-circular, but in the reverse direction characteristic of other species. Specifically, in *pugilator* the cheliped is raised at once in front, still partly flexed, then is unflexed outward, brought down and folded inward. The usual pattern in the genus, in the numerous species having characteristic circular waves, is for the cheliped to be unflexed first outward, close to ground level, then raised and finally brought down to the flexed, resting position. In *pugilator* there is a short pause at the wave's highest point. In northern populations, including those of Cape Cod, Connecticut, and Long Island, no jerking of the wave has been detected, either by observation or in film analyses. In contrast, in the most southern populations, particularly those near Miami, the cheliped during elevation makes a single jerk midway to its highest reach; sometimes this irregularity is detectable only in film analysis and usually occurs only in displays of moderate intensity. Carapace raised and lowered during each wave. Minor cheliped makes a small roughly corresponding motion. Ambulatories not raised or kicked outward, except for a rare elevation of a leg during a high stretch. At high intensity 4 or 5 displays form a series, the cheliped is not lowered quite to the ground between waves, and the body does not sink completely to rest position. In a series there is no pause between waves, so that the accent comes on the brief hesitation at high point of wave. Chela remains practically closed during display, the dactyl not being raised. The crab often remains in one spot during waving but sometimes moves several steps to the side. Manus-drumming sometimes occurs in conjunction with waving at mouth of male's burrow, during high intensity courtship, after the male has attracted a female's attention and just before the male descends. (Waving components 4, 7, 9, 10, plus the occasional single jerk, component 6, described above; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### Precopulatory Behavior

Female follows a male, after his major-manus-drumming, down his burrow, at least during diurnal courtship (p. 502).

### Acoustic Behavior

Salmon and his associates (Salmon & Atsades, with refs., 1968, 1969; Horch & Salmon, 1969) have accumulated extensive data on the acoustical characteristics of major-manus-drumming in *pugilator*, its ap-

parent means of perception by the female, and the employment of this component during courtship; the work will be reviewed under the general discussion of sound production, p. 480. Burkenroad observed (1947) that the major manus, when vibrating vertically at the mouth of the burrow, did not touch the ground in the individuals he was watching, and he therefore argued that the motions called "rapping" (now calling "drumming") that Dembowski (1926) and Crane (1943) believed might well produce sounds, must have been similar vibrations in the air. Salmon's work has since confirmed the existence of actual drumming on the ground. But analysis of films I have made on Long Island and in Florida, along with subsequent field observations, have shown clearly that Burkenroad was also correct in his own conclusions that the claw did not touch the ground: not only is major-manus-drumming common in the species but also major-merus-drumming (against the suborbital region and, probably, the side of the carapace) occurs frequently, especially in agonistic situations; I do not yet know if it is ever used in courtship. Burkenroad additionally did not detect, through observation, this contact of the cheliped with the carapace; it is probable that in some instances the motion is confined as he believed to vibration in the air (p. 483). The list of acoustic components in *pugilator* that are now known to me are as follows: major-merus-rub (component no. 1); ?palm-leg-rub, inferred from morphology (4); leg-wagging (5); major-manus-drum (9); leg-stamp (11).

### Combat

Combat in this species was closely observed only on the southern shore of Cape Cod, in a marginal population. In general it was notable for its rarity; when present, high ritualization was shown between males; however most combats took place when a burrowless crab, returning from feeding at lowest tide levels to the burrow area, forcefully expelled a smaller crab of either sex from a hole. The expelled individual then promptly seized a burrow belonging to a still smaller crab. Eventually the smallest dispossessed individual, ending a series of 4 or 5 evictions, simply crept under a bit of shell as the tide washed in. This type of behavior was observed day after day during June and July of 1968. The rare encounters between adult males included the following components: manus-rub with taps, pollex-rub, pollex-under-and-over-slide, pollex-base-rub, dactyl-slide, upper-and-lower-manus-rub, dactyl-submanus-slide, interlace, pre-gape-rub, and supraheel-rub. In the absence of an oblique ridge on the palm, the pregape-rub and supraheel-rub apparently take the place of the single component, the heel-and-ridge, that is so common in a number of other fiddlers; in the pregape-rub the pollex longitudinally rubs the strongly tuberculate, cen-

tral palm, while in the supraheel-rub the dactyl moves vertically up and down on the lower, proximal part of the outer manus; meanwhile the pollex, held away from the palm, remains inactive; these two components are described on p. 490. (Component nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13.)

### RANGE

Eastern and Gulf coasts of the United States of America. Rare on northern shore of Cape Cod (Massachusetts), occurring at least to the Little Pamet R., near Truro; locally common on the Cape's south shore. From there south locally abundant in suitable habitats as far as Key West, Florida. Present also on the west coast of Florida and the Gulf of Mexico west to Corpus Christi, Texas. Single records: Old Providence I., Bahamas and Santo Domingo.

### BIOTOPES

Sheltered shores with sandy to muddy sand substrate, often with scattered shells and stones. Where the burrows are in sand, there is usually a layer of mud not far below the surface, or at least mud forms the substrate near low tide levels, where the crabs then often feed. (Biotopes 5, 6.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The only other *Uca* that occur in the more northern temperate part of *pugilator*'s range are *pugnax* and *minax*. Both live typically in mud or sandy mud, rather than in sandier habitats, yet individuals of all the species sometimes mingle, especially near habitat margins. Since both *pugnax* and *minax* are members of the subgenus *Minuca*, they are not at all close sympatric associates.

In southern Florida, (*CelUCA*) *s. speciosa* and *pugilator*, closer sympatrics, sometimes occur in adjacent populations; their waving patterns and tempo are markedly distinct. In Florida populations of *pugilator* also sometimes mingle marginally with (*Minuca*) *rapax*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 607.)

*Observations and Collections.* United States: Cape Cod, near Truro and Cotuit; Connecticut: Greenwich; New York: Stony Brook, Port Jefferson, Huntington, Cold Spring Harbor, Pelham Bay; New Jersey: Brigantine; Florida: Fort Lauderdale, Key Biscayne.

*Films.* Massachusetts, New York, Florida.

*Videotapes.* Massachusetts.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca pugilator* (Bosc, 1802)

Bosc's type of *Ocypoda pugilator* is not extant.

Type-locality: Caroline. Since no taxonomic confusion exists at present, the designation of a neotype does not seem to be indicated.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) pugilator* (Bosc, 1802)

*Note.* *U. pugilator* is one of the species of *Uca* that have been used extensively in laboratory investigations. These have concerned principally endogenous rhythms of various kinds and the hormonal control of chromatophore activity. Key references appear on p. 448.

*Ocypoda pugilator*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Bosc, 1802: 197. "Caroline." Color; habitat; habits (p. 187).

Olivier, 1811: Vol. 8: 418. "Caroline." No new material.

Bosc, edited by Desmarest, 1830: 241-44, 250. "Caroline." Morphology; confused synonymy; habits, paraphrased from the type description.

*Ocypode pugilator*

Latreille, 1802-1803: 47. America. No new material.

Say, 1817-1818: 70, 443. America. Taxonomy; general habitat and habits (digging).

*Gelasima pugilator*

Latreille, 1817.2: 519. America. No new material.

*Gelasimus vocans* (not *Cancer vocans* Linnaeus)

Gould, 1841: 325 (part). U.S.A.: Massachusetts. Taxonomy; habitat; habits (digging); all comments brief.

De Kay, 1844: 14 (part); Pl. 6, Fig. 9. U.S.A.: New York. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus pugilator*

Desmarest, 1825: 123. Apparently no new material. Brief taxonomy.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 149; Pl. 4, Fig. 14. Taxonomy.

Stimpson, 1859: 62. U.S.A.: south side of Cape Cod in Massachusetts to Texas. Record from Mexico questionable.

Smith, 1870: 136; Pl. 4, Fig. 7. U.S.A.: Massachusetts to Gulf States. Taxonomy.

Verrill, 1873: 336, 364, 462, 464, 467, 545. U.S.A.: Massachusetts. General distribution (no local limits); basic ecology and habits; no display or combat.

Verrill & Smith, 1874: 42, 70, 168, 170, 173, 251. A reissue of Verrill, 1873.

Bolau, 1878: 149. Probably the first record of specimens of *Uca* kept in captivity (Hamburg Aquarium).

Kingsley, 1878: 321. U.S.A.: Georgia. Local habitat. Spelling: *pugillator*.

Kingsley, 1880.1: 150 (part). Only those specimens recorded from the east coast of the United States from Nantucket in Massachusetts to Florida. Taxonomy.

Kingsley, 1880.2: 399. U.S.A.: North Carolina: Beaufort; Florida: Sarasota Bay.

Young, 1900: 274 (part). Only those specimens recorded from the United States; no detailed localities. Taxonomy.

Yerkes, 1901: 417. Morphological variation; right- and left-handedness.

*Uca pugilator*

Rathbun, 1900.2: 585; Text Figs. 3, 4. Key.

Rathbun, 1905: 1. U.S.A.: northeastern states. Local distribution.

Sendler, 1912: 191. U.S.A.: New York. Taxonomy.

Fowler, 1912: 446. U.S.A.: New Jersey. Taxonomy; habits.

Hay & Shore, 1918: 452. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Taxonomy; color; ecology; habits.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 400; Pl. 141; Pl. 160, Fig. 2. U.S.A.: Numerous localities throughout the species' range from Corn Hill and Truro (near Boston), Massachusetts to Key West, Florida and, along the Gulf of Mexico, to Galveston, Texas. Taxonomy. Brief habits. (USNM, part !)

Hyman, 1920. Illus. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Post-embryological development.

Stephenson, 1921. Illus. U.S.A.: Biology. [Reference not translated.]

Hyman, 1922. Illus. Habits.

Dembowski, 1925. U.S.A.: Massachusetts. Habits, including possible sound production.

Dembowski, 1926. U.S.A.: Massachusetts. Habits.

Pearse, 1928: 231ff. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Ecology; tests on toleration of desiccation and fresh water.

Maccagno, 1928: 44; Text Fig. 28 (claw). U.S.A.: Eastern coast, including North Carolina at Beaufort. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1943.3: 220. U.S.A.: Connecticut; New York. Taxonomy; waving display; "rapping."

Coventry, 1944: 542. Bahamas: Old Providence I. Predation by birds.

Burkenroad, 1947. U.S.A. Courtship; experiments on sexual discrimination; discussion of possible methods of sound production; nocturnal activity.

Fingerman, 1957. U.S.A.: Mississippi. Tidal rhythms in relation to burrow position.

Crane, 1957. U.S.A.: Connecticut; New York; Florida. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Teal, 1958. U.S.A.: Georgia. Local distribution; ecology; experiments on tolerances for different foods, temperatures, and salinities, as well as on substrate preferences; comparisons with sympatric species.

Teal, 1959. U.S.A.: Georgia. Respiration and its relation to ecology.

Salmon & Stout, 1962. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Sexual discrimination and sound production in courtship.

Salmon, 1965. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Waving display and sound production.

Miller, 1965. U.S.A. Morphology, physiology, and ecology in relation to distribution.

Vernberg & Costlow, 1966. Development of right- or left-handedness.

Herrnkind, 1966. U.S.A.: Florida. Orientation by polarized light. (Abstract.)

Knopf, 1966. U.S.A.: Massachusetts. General ecology; behavior, all non-social except for displacement feeding.

Salmon, 1967. U.S.A.: Distribution in Florida. Sound production.

Herrnkind, 1967. U.S.A.: Florida. Development of celestial orientation. (Abstract.)

Herrnkind, 1968.1. U.S.A.: Florida. Illus. Visual orientation.

Herrnkind, 1968.2. U.S.A.: Florida. 4 text figs. U.S.A.: Florida. Breeding in captivity and mass-rearing of progeny.

Herrnkind, 1968.3. U.S.A.: Florida. 11 text figs. Adaptive, visually-directed orientation.

Miller & Vernberg, 1968. U.S.A. Thermal requirements in relation to geographic distribution.

Salmon & Atsides, 1968.2. U.S.A. Included in their general paper on visual and acoustical signaling in *Uca*.

Salmon & Atsides, 1969. U.S.A.: Florida. Experiments on sensitivity to substrate vibration.

Horch & Salmon, 1969. U.S.A.: North Carolina. Experiments on the production, perception, and reception of acoustic stimuli.



### 39. *UCA (CELUCA) [CRENULATA] URUGUAYENSIS* NOBILI, 1901

(Subtropical western south Atlantic)

PLATE 30 A-D.

FIGURES 68 I; 101.

MAP 15.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

#### INTRODUCTION

This species, along with the west African *tangeri*, extends farther south than any other Atlantic members of the genus. *U. uruguayensis*, a distinct form known only from southern Brazil and Uruguay, belongs to a group of five allopatric forms and five other closely related species that occur in the tropics of both the Atlantic and Pacific shores of America.

Some share similar structures, apparent acoustical equipment, on the lower part of the major palm and on the 1st ambulatory, and all have characteristic combat armature on the claw.

#### MORPHOLOGY

##### *Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide. 1st ambulatory in male on each side with a ridge on lower, anterior side of manus. Major cheliped with outer manus strongly tuberculate dorsally, its subdorsal ridge and associated groove well developed, as is the proximal, subdorsal furrow on dactyl; no inner keel on pollex tip. Female gonopore with outer margin almost straight.

##### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

##### MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 5 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins straight or slightly concave, scarcely converging. The single pair of postero-lateral striae located close behind ends of dorso-lateral margins, rather than about midway to postero-lateral carapace angle. Carapace profile practically semi-cylindrical, but hepatic and branchial areas not specially expanded above rest of carapace. Breadth of eyebrow about equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations near antero-external angle enlarged, continuing as separated teeth along outer orbital margin almost to channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus*: Rugosities weak except on posterior convexity. Antero-dorsal margin proximally straight, blunt, and practically unarmed, arched and armed only distally. Anterior surface finely tuberculate.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface distinct and, beside dorsal margin, flattened. Outer tubercles all small, increasing slightly in size upward, becoming suddenly much larger near dorsal margin. Dorsal outer groove present. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with outer edge distinct and tuberculate; inner edge indistinct; intervening surface tilted inward, scarcely flattened, armed with irregularly scattered, sharp tubercles. Ventral margin with a row of minute and similar tubercles that die out close beyond pollex base. Ventral, outer groove absent. Dorsal pile usually conspicuous.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with minute tubercles arranged, at least in center of area, in irregularly vertical rows, not raised on rugosities. Oblique tuberculate ridge high, its central part slightly higher than apex, and its tubercles slightly larger than on apex; they continue a short way up distal margin of carpal cavity. Center palm with small tubercles in upper part, which show tendency to arrangement in vertical rows. Carpal cavity with lower margin moderately thick; distal part of cavity steeply sloping except dorsally, turning at an angle into center palm. Beaded inner edge of proximal dorsal margin curving disto-ventrally for a short distance only, stopping above beginning of distal extension of carpal cavity; this extension is narrow, shallow, and smooth, almost filling predactyl area.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Dactyl with subdorsal, external, proximal furrow moderate. Both pollex and dactyl completely covered externally with extremely minute tubercles; those of upper, proximal dactyl much larger and on dorsal margin traceable, diminishing in size, along more than half length of dactyl. No gape tubercles conspicuously enlarged; a series of several slightly enlarged tubercles usually present toward middle of pollex and a similar series proximally on dactyl, other minor enlargements being present or absent. Pollex tip weakly bifid. Gape pile present.

*Minor Cheliped.* Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, narrowing distally. Serrations few, strong, in middle portion only, not in contact.

*Ambulatories.* 2nd and 3rd meri moderately broad, their dorsal margins slightly convex to almost straight. A distinct ridge, the crest entire, on lower, anterior manus of 1st ambulatory on both sides; extending along about the distal two-thirds of the segment near ventral margin, it is apparently unique in the genus; in position it corresponds roughly to the anterior, ventral margin of the manus that is usually weak or absent in *Uca*.

*Gonopod.* Flanges large, of similar width, the anterior slightly produced. Pore practically terminal although flanges are continuous in front of it. Inner process triangular, with a broad base overlying canal and posterior flange, the pointed tip reaching gonopore. Thumb short, slender, not nearly reaching base of flange.

*Abdomen.* 4th to 6th abdominal segments in male fused, although boundaries between segments are sometimes faintly indicated.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital armature scarcely or not at all stronger than in male, but sometimes extending slightly farther laterally on outer orbital margin and even onto lower margin of orbital angle. Gonopore with outer margin thin, almost straight; inner margin strongly curved.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Maldonado)	10.5	16.5	30.0	19.0
Moderate male (Maldonado)	8.0	13.5	19.1	11.5
Largest male (Rio de Janeiro)	7.0	12.0	22.0	15.0
Moderate male (Rio de Janeiro)	6.5	10.0	14.5	9.5
Largest female (Maldonado)	10.5	16.5	—	—
Moderate female (Maldonado)	9.0	14.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The only other small *Uca* with ranges coinciding in part with that of *uruguayensis* are *leptodactyla* and, very rarely, *cumulanta*. The diagnosis should differentiate males of the species satisfactorily. The females are superficially similar, differing principally in proportions. The carapace of *uruguayensis* shows an intermediate degree of arching between that of *cumulanta* and *leptodactyla* while the legs are of

similarly moderate length and breadth; the form of the gonopore is subject to distortion, apparently by spermatophores, and can also be an unsatisfactory character, although more useful than the others. There is, however, no substitute, in attaining certain identifications, for familiarity with the females of all three species. At present the known range of *uruguayensis* coincides with those of the two northern species only near Rio de Janeiro; *cumulanta* is known to occur there only from several specimens in the Smithsonian Institution.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display white strongly developed, preceded by a green carapace, the major cheliped ranging from dark red to orange red. Sometimes the cheliped remains red while the rest of the crab whitens; sometimes it too becomes polished white.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Lateral, strongly circular. (Observation casual only.)

#### RANGE

From Rio de Janeiro (Guanabara Bay) in Brazil south to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### BIOTOPES

Sandy mud to mud, in full sunshine near mangroves, or partially in their shade. (Biotope nos. 9, 12.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The only other *CelUCA* with a range coinciding at all with that of *uruguayensis* is *leptodactyla*. The populations appear to be separated, at least in the Rio de Janeiro area, by differences in habitat, since *uruguayensis* congregates on muddy, not relatively sandy, substrates. On Ilya Pinheiro, populations of both (*Minuca*) *burgersi* and *rapax* were active within a few meters.

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 608.)

*Observations and Collections.* Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca uruguayensis* Nobili, 1901

HOLOTYPE. In Regio Museo Zoologico di Torino. Label follows name with "Tipo. Dr. F. Silvestri.

1900." Measurements in mm: length 9.5; propodus 27. (!) Type-locality: La Sierra, Uruguay.

Type Material of *Uca olympioi* Oliveira, 1939. In Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro. Types not seen by me, but Dr. Oliveira showed me the living crabs, which I collected, on Ilya Pinheiro, the type-locality in Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro. Now that the characteristics of gonopods and palm-ambulatory stridulating mechanisms are known in the group, it is clear that *olympioi* should be considered a synonym of *uruguayensis*. Oliveira's 4 specimens (1939.1: 130) that he referred to the latter species were all

unusually large for the island; the smaller ones, on which he based *olympioi*, were from characteristic, displaying populations. The major chelipeds are in general more leptochelous and attain adult proportions at a smaller size, in the Rio de Janeiro region than in the specimens I have seen from Uruguay; nevertheless, since Oliveira did secure large, brachychelous examples on Pinheiro, a division into subspecies appears at present to be unwarranted. The superficial resemblance of leptochelous *uruguayensis* to *leptodactyla* led him to believe that *olympioi* was most closely related to that species, rather than to *uruguayensis*.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Celuca) uruguayensis* Nobili, 1901

#### *Uca uruguayensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Nobili, 1901.2: 14. Uruguay: La Sierra. (Torino !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 413; Pl. 150. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro and, in Santos, East Piassaguera. Uruguay: Maldonado and elsewhere. Taxonomy.

Luederwaldt, 1919.1: 384, 400. Brazil: Santos. Color.

Luederwaldt, 1919.2: 435. Brazil: São Sebastião, Santos.

Maccagno, 1928: 38; Text Fig. 23 (claw). No new material. Taxonomy of type.

Luederwaldt, 1929: 54. Brazil: São Sebastião I. Oliveira, 1939.1: 130; Pl. 8, Figs. 45, 46. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Taxonomy.

Gerlach, 1958.1: 672. Brazil: Estado São Paulo (near Cananéia). Ecology.

#### *Uca olympioi*

Oliveira, 1939.1: 128; Pl. 8, Figs. 41, 42, 48; Pl. 14, Figs. 63, 64. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Type description; color (p. 140).

# 40. *UCA (CELUCA) [CRENULATA] CRENULATA* (LOCKINGTON, 1877)

(Subtropical and warm temperate eastern north Pacific)

PLATE 30 E-I.  
FIGURES 70 D, G; 101.

MAP 15.  
TABLES 9, 10, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Although the form here designated *U. crenulata crenulata* still occurs in southern California on the Pacific coast of America, it has become scarce. Certainly it is the only *Uca* now found in the eastern Pacific north of the Mexican border. The few biological observations were made before the middle of this century (p. 233). We know nothing of the biology of the form here regarded as a subspecies, *c. coloradensis*, and restricted to the Gulf of California.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

Front moderately wide. Major cheliped with upper part of manus bent over moderately to sharply, its top more or less flattened, with a distinct marginal ridge and groove; surfaces of pollex and manus finely tuberculate or granulate; oblique, tuberculate, ridge inside palm strong; Gonopod with thumb well developed. Female carapace sometimes with two patches of pile posteriorly.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *CelUCA* (p. 211).

### MALE

**Carapace.** Frontal breadth contained less than 4 times in that of carapace. Orbits practically straight. Antero-lateral angles either slightly acute and produced or rectangular. Antero-lateral margins straight, diverging, turning at an angle into dorso-lateral margins which are either strong throughout or weak posteriorly. Often 2 pairs of postero-lateral striae, but upper pair, close behind ends of dorso-lateral margins, sometimes weak or absent. Vertical lateral margins slightly weak dorsally. Eyebrow more than half as wide as diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with strong crenellations, differing little in size, not continuing around outer orbital margin. Lower side of antero-lateral angle rounded.

**Major Cheliped. Merus:** Antero-dorsal margin moderately arched throughout; blunt but tuberculate.

Anterior surface granulate. **Carpus:** Oblique ridge of inner surface granulate.

**Manus:** Bending of outer, upper surface moderate to strong, notably flattened. Outer tubercles minute in lower three-quarters, abruptly large in upper, outer, bent-over quarter and, proximally, near articulation with carpus; tubercles forming variable, irregular rugosities near dorsal margin in some individuals and, stopping, leaving a nearly smooth band, alongside the strong outer dorsal groove. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with outer edge distinct and tuberculate, inner edge indistinct, intervening surface relatively narrow, little flattened, covered closely with sharp tubercles in irregular, obliquely transverse rows, directed intero-distally. Ventral margin with a row of minute and similar tubercles that die out at pollex base. Ventral, outer groove absent.

**Palm** with lower triangle covered with minute tubercles either completely or only in about proximal half. Oblique tuberculate ridge moderate, apex and ridge of about uniform height or apex slightly higher; tubercles close set and of similar size throughout, continued far upward around carpal cavity's low distal margin to its distal extension. Carpal cavity with ventral margin low, thick, convex; distal part of cavity steeply sloping to tubercles on upward extension of oblique ridge. Beaded inner edge of proximal dorsal margin curving disto-ventrally for a short distance only, stopping above beginning of distal extension of carpal cavity; this extension is short, diminishing gradually in depth and width, bounded above and below by tubercles as described above and incompletely separated from predactyl area by scattered tubercles. Predactyl area centrally smooth, marked by a small depression and bounded ventrally by a low, blunt ridge with one or more coarse tubercles.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Similar to *uruguayensis*, but with minute tubercles or granules differently distributed and sometimes present on inner as well as outer surfaces; tubercles on proximal, dorsal part of dactyl smaller and less extensive. Gape pile present or absent.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape much narrower than pollex. Serrations in general well developed but variable, not in contact.

*Ambulatories*. 2nd and 3rd meri moderately broad, their dorsal margins little convex to almost straight. 1st carpus on major side, minor side, or both anteriorly with a longitudinal row of minute tubercles or granules, often vestigial, in proximal half of segment.

*Gonopod*. Differs from that of *cumulanta* (p. 241) in lacking a projection on inner edge of pore lip, in sometimes having the external distal edge of tube produced, in having a longer inner process, and in sometimes having an exceptionally long thumb.

#### FEMALE

A pair of large patches of pile on posterior part of carapace, one above base of each 4th ambulatory, present or absent. Suborbital crenellations markedly more deeply excavate than in male, with less fusion at outer anterior angle of orbit. Gonopore either straight or curved.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>c. coloradensis</i> (All from near mouth of Colorado R.)				
Largest male (holotype)	12.5	20.0	33.0	29.0
Moderate male	10.5	16.0	22.0	16.5
Largest female	12.0	17.5	—	—
Moderate female	9.5	12.5	—	—
<i>c. crenulata</i> (All from west coast of Lower California)				
Largest male	13.0	19.0	36.0	25.5
Moderate male	11.0	17.0	29.0	21.0
Largest female	13.0	18.5	—	—
Moderate female	12.0	17.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. crenulata* should be easily distinguished as follows from the few other moderate- to broad-fronted *Uca* with ranges known to be partially coincident, or that may prove to be so. *U. c. coloradensis* differs from *m. musica* in its less arched carapace, wider front, flattened dorsal manus, and lack of parallel striae on triangular area of major palm. *U. c. crenulata* differs from *stenodactylus* in its wider front, marginal ridge with groove on upper manus, and large thumb on gonopod; it differs from two *Minuca*, *brevifrons* and *galapagensis*, in its narrower front and, especially, in its straight antero-lateral margins with sharp posterior angles.

The forms here considered subspecies differ so slightly, when compared with other members of the superspecies, that their reduction from specific rank seems justified. This step is taken in spite of, or rather partly because of, a collection of specimens in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard, that con-

tains representatives of both forms from Guaymas. When, however, the material is carefully compared with examples from the head of the Gulf of California and from the west coast of Lower California—that is, from characteristic parts of the range of each form—anomalies are apparent in some specimens. For example, the degrees of bending and flattening of the dorsal part of the major manus show more variation than usual, appearing intermediate in several individuals. The Guaymas series (listed under both subspecies under Material Examined, p. 608), are insufficient for a comparative study which, it is hoped, someone will soon undertake in this distributionally interesting locality. Specimens from San Felipe, on the Gulf's northwest coast, although less ambiguous than some of those from Guaymas, show traces of *coloradensis* characteristics; they are referred here, however, to *c. crenulata*.

A comparison of all the members, including *crenulata*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

(I made the following observations on September 30, 1944, in bright sunshine during a tidal period that reached low in mid-afternoon, at Newport Beach, Los Angeles. Only several males displayed; they were of small size and presumably belonged to the year's brood, although they may have been of normal size for their latitude.) Fugitive display whitening present, starting development an hour or more before low. Lightest males, including the two displaying individuals: carapace grayish white. Major cheliped with merus bright crimson red outside; inner merus, outer manus, and outer chela brilliant white; palm and inner chela creamy to white. Eyestalks ranging from yellow green to pale turquoise. Minor chela pinkish. Ambulatories with anterior merus of 1st crimson red; otherwise all segments marked with brown and cream.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Each of the two displaying individuals gave a single series of lateral, straight waves, each wave lasting less than .75 second; jerks absent; several waves in series with a small pause between each 2 waves. No signs of courtship were observed. (Observed component: 4.)

#### RANGE

Western shores of Mexico and United States of America, from Tenacatita Bay in Jalisco and the Gulf of California north to near Los Angeles. Dis-

tribution details under subspecies. More southern records, from Costa Rica (Boone, 1930: 221) and from Salvador (Bott, 1954: 171), refer to other species.

### BIOTOPE

At Newport Beach the crabs lived on the edges of salt lagoons well sheltered from the sea. The burrows were in sloping banks, the lower portions of which were muddy changing to sandy at upper levels. (Biotope no. 16.)

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 608.)

*Observations and Collections.* Los Angeles (Newport Beach).

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca crenulata* (Lockington, 1877)

HOLOTYPE of *Gelasimus crenulatus*. Not extant. Type-locality: Todos Santos Bay, Lower California. A male labeled "tipo" from the type-locality is deposited in the museum of the University of Torino (cat. no. 872). (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus gracilis* Rathbun, 1893. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 4622. 1 male specially labeled "type" plus 33 additional males and 6 females from La Paz, Lower California. (!)

*Uca crenulata coloradensis* (Rathbun, 1893)

HOLOTYPE of *Gelasimus coloradensis*. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male holotype cat. no. 17459. Measurements on p. 233. Type-locality: Horseshoe Bend, Colorado R. (!)

*Uca (Celuca) [crenulata] crenulata coloradensis* (Rathbun, 1893)

(Head of Gulf of California; Guaymas)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species. *Carapace*: Antero-lateral angles practically rectangular. Dorso-

lateral margins weak posteriorly. Upper pair of postero-lateral striae sometimes present. Female with a pair of large patches of pile on posterior part of carapace. *Major Cheliped*: Upper, outer part of manus sharply bent over and strongly flattened. Palm with apex and ridge of oblique ridge of about uniform height, the tubercles of similar size throughout. Pollex and dactyl with external granules confined to surfaces close to gape. Gape pile present or absent. *Gonopod*: External distal edge of tube produced; thumb not exceptionally long. *Female Gonopore*: Anterior, outer edge very slightly raised, thin, curved.

*Uca (Celuca) [crenulata] crenulata crenulata* (Lockington, 1877)

(From Tenacatita Bay in Jalisco north on the Gulf of California's east shore to Guaymas; on its west shore from La Paz north to San Felipe; on the west coast of Baja California and California from Todos Santos Bay to Newport Beach, near Los Angeles)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species. *Carapace*: Antero-lateral angles slightly acute and produced. Dorso-lateral margins well marked throughout. Upper pair of postero-lateral striae always absent. Female without patches of pile on posterior part of carapace. *Major Cheliped*: Upper, outer part of manus, while moderately bent over, is less sharply so than in *c. coloradensis*, and less flattened. Palm with apex slightly higher than in *c. coloradensis*, with its tubercles a little larger than those on remainder of oblique ridge. Fine tuberculation of pollex and dactyl not confined to surfaces close to gape, as in *c. coloradensis*, but generally distributed externally, as in *uruguayensis*, and also extending over inner surfaces as well, except along middle of inner side of pollex; there the slight depression originating on palm at pollex base extends more distally than usual. Gape pile absent. *Gonopod*: External distal edge of tube less produced, resembling instead the rounded edge found in *cumulanta*. Thumb much longer than in any related form, almost reaching corneous base of specialized tip instead of ending far below it. *Female gonopore*: Slit-like, its axis anterior-posterior.

# REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

## *Uca (Celuca) crenulata* (Lockington, 1877)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (C.) crenulata crenulata*, below.

## *Uca (Celuca) crenulata crenulata* (Lockington, 1877)

### *Gelasimus crenulatus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Lockington, 1877: 149. Mexico: Todos Santos Bay on west coast of Lower California.

### *Gelasimus gracilis*

Rathbun, 1893: 244. Mexico: La Paz, at south end of Lower California. Type description.

### *Uca gracilis*

Rathbun, 1898.2: 603. Mexico: Gulf of California (Pichilingue Bay). Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1900.2: 586. Key.

### *Uca crenulata*

Holmes, 1900: 75; Pl. 1, Figs. 7-9. No new record. Taxonomy; reported reexamination of Lockington's material.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 409; Pl. 146. U.S.A.: San Diego. Mexico: Lower California from Todos Santos

Bay to San Felipe: ? Guaymas; Mazatlan. (USNM !)  
Schmitt, 1921: 279; Text Fig. 164. U.S.A. California. No new record. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1923.1: 632. Mexico: Lower California.  
Rathbun, 1924.4: 377. Mexico: Gulf of California: Balandra Bay, Carmen I.

Maccagno, 1928: 43; Text Fig. 27 (claw). Mexico: Todos Santos Bay. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1941.1: 198. No new records. Taxonomy.

Garth, 1960: 110. Mexico: west coast Baja California. Distribution.

## *Uca (Celuca) crenulata coloradensis* (Rathbun, 1893)

### *Gelasimus coloradensis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1893: 246. Mexico: Horseshoe Bend, Colorado R. (USNM !)

### *Uca coloradensis*

Holmes, 1900: 76. Mexico: Guaymas. Taxonomy.  
Rathbun, 1900.2: 586. Key.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 210; Pl. 147. Mexico: Colorado R., opposite mouth of "Hardy's Colorado" R., Sonora; Guaymas. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Garth, 1960: 113. Mexico: mouth of Colorado R. Distribution.

41. *UCA (CELUCA) [CRENULATA] SPECIOSA* (IVES, 1891)

(Subtropical and warm temperate western Atlantic)

PLATE 31.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 68 G, K; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Two forms hitherto considered separate species, *Uca speciosa* and *U. spinicarpa*, are here classed as subspecies, since the chief specific characters have proved to be unreliable. Both are known principally from the subtropical and warm temperate shores of the United States of America, although one extends south to Yucatan. At least in Florida *speciosa* uses sound production in nocturnal courtship, a behavior pattern that is proving to be common among species from higher latitudes (pp. 238, 501).

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front broad; antero-lateral margins straight, sharply angled posteriorly. Major cheliped with oblique, tuberculate ridge present on palm and continued strongly upward around carpal cavity to subdorsal area; tuberculate ridge on outer side of pollex absent; upper, outer manus smooth to casual inspection up to level of dorsal groove and ridge. Female either with plentiful pile, a tubercle beside gonopore, and a normally rounded front, or with practically no pile, no tubercle beside gonopore, and a front with posterior edge of distal marginal border truncate.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Front wide, contained about 3 to 3.5 times in carapace breadth. Antero-lateral angles broadly acute, slightly produced. Antero-lateral margins long, straight or slightly concave, scarcely converging, angling sharply into dorso-lateral margins which are sometimes weak posteriorly. One or two pairs of postero-lateral striae, strong or weak, the short, lower striae being sometimes absent. Pile on dorsal part of carapace very variably present in patches on hepatic and branchial regions and in H-form depression.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Antero-dorsal margin moderately to strongly arched throughout, the distinct edge covered with minute tubercles. *Carpus:* With

or without an enlarged tubercle at upper end of tuberculate, oblique ridge of inner surface; it may be present or absent in both subspecies and varies in size.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface distinct, moderately to strongly flattened near dorsal margin. Outer tubercles minute throughout, scarcely to distinctly enlarged dorsally, sometimes very slightly larger near base of gape. Dorsal outer groove shallow to pronounced. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with outer edge distinct, slightly raised, and tuberculate; inner edge indistinct; intervening surface scarcely flattened, narrow, armed with tubercles larger than any on outer surface and arranged in irregular, oblique rows directed interno-distally. Ventral margin blunt, scarcely angled proximally, definitely rounded distally, the minute tubercles of outer manus continuing uninterrupted onto palm except for a regular row of very minute tubercles which do not have an outer groove adjoining them.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with minute tubercles. Oblique tuberculate ridge moderate below apex which is moderately to strikingly high; tubercles largest on apex and continued far upward around carpal cavity's low, distal margin to the region of its distal extension, if any, into the predactyl area of upper palm. Center palm with a scattering of small to moderate tubercles in predactyl area only. Carpal cavity and predactyl area about as in *crenulata*, but the cavity is sometimes confluent with predactyl area instead of always set off by a low ridge.

*Pollex and dactyl:* Differ from both *uruguayensis* and *crenulata* as follows: Dactyl in one subspecies less convex, the gape being narrower, sometimes barely wider near middle than adjacent pollex. Dactyl always with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove absent or rudimentary, its dorsal and subdorsal tuberculation being small and virtually confined to proximal end; extremely minute tubercles present marginally and submarginally on both outer and inner sides of pollex and dactyl, but absent in central areas except on outer side of pollex, which is entirely covered. Gape pile absent.

*Minor Cheliped.* As in *crenulata*.

*Ambulatories.* 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender, their dorsal margins slightly convex to almost straight. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory.



*Gonopod.* Flanges well developed, continuous distally in a truncate or slightly convex edge beyond the subdistal pore on inner surface. Flanges almost equal in width. Inner process triangular, with or without a broad base, overlying canal and posterior flange, not reaching distal margin of flange. Thumb moderately short and slender, its tip not reaching base of flange.

*Pile.* Very variably present in patches on posterior hepatic regions, in H-form depression, postero-dorsally on major merus and carpus, dorsally on major manus, and, on each of first 3 ambulatories, on dorsal merus and on dorsal and posterior parts of carpus and manus. Through abrasion, variability, subspecific differences, or all three, pile is often practically absent.

#### FEMALE

Carapace and legs sometimes with very abundant pile, sometimes with practically none, depending on abrasion and the subspecies. Gonopore in one subspecies with a well-developed tubercle on antero-lateral part of margin, unique in the subgenus *CelUCA*.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>U. speciosa speciosa</i>				
Largest males				
(Tortugas, Florida)	10.0	15.0	31.0	24.0
(Sarasota, Florida)	10.0	15.0	27.0	21.0
Moderate male				
(Miami, Florida)	8.5	12.0	17.5	11.5
Largest female				
(Sarasota, Florida)	10.0	14.5	—	—
Ovigerous female				
(Miami, Florida)	8.5	11.5	—	—
<i>U. speciosa spinicarpa</i>				
Largest males				
(Mississippi)	12.0	19.0	32.0	24.5
(Texas)	11.0	17.0	25.5	19.0
Moderate male				
(Alabama)	8.0	11.5	17.0	11.5
Largest female				
(Mississippi)	13.0	18.5	—	—
Moderate female				
(Alabama)	7.0	9.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The diagnosis should easily distinguish *speciosa* from *pugilator*, the only other *CelUCA* in its range. The distinctively rotund (*Minuca*) *subcylindrica*, which, like *pugilator*, lacks an oblique ridge on the major palm, is in its shape and gonopod completely different. The diagnosis distinguishes *speciosa* as well from *burgersi*, *rapax*, and *pugnax*, all of the subgenus *Minuca*, which are the only other small *Uca* in the

area, all of which may be expected to occur with it more or less sympatrically.

No series of either *s. speciosa* or, in particular, *s. spinicarpa* appear to have been collected giving numbers sufficient for satisfactory comparisons of the subspecies. It is interesting that all of the taxonomically reliable characters distinguished on the major cheliped combine to provide stronger armature in *s. spinicarpa* than in *s. speciosa*; the associated specializations extend even to the broader gape in *s. spinicarpa* which, as usual, accompanies an outstandingly high apex. All of these subspecific distinctions on the cheliped are functionally concerned, in species where the combat behavior is known, in the component here termed the heel-and-ridge (p. 490).

A comparison of all the members, including *speciosa*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

Displaying males near Miami: Carapace in February dark brown, except anteriorly where there was a wash of yellowish; in August some of the displaying individuals lightened to dull yellowish white. Major cheliped (both seasons): brown except for lower outer manus and entire chela, which were brilliant white, outside and in. Eyestalks greenish. Ambulatories, especially meri, often greenish, possibly due to algae. Females marbled with light and dark.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display (Known in *s. speciosa* only)

Wave usually a straight lateral, but sometimes circular; cheliped stretched only slightly up, the movement being confined almost altogether to an outward and inward sweep of manus and chela; jerks absent; a brief pause between waves of a series, never a peak; fingers held constantly noticeably separated. Timing at greatest speed 2 waves per second, usually slower. Minor cheliped makes a corresponding motion. Body raised only slightly at beginning of a series and held there throughout; during peak display periods more than 12 waves sometimes occur in a single series. Ambulatories not raised as a regular part of display, although occasionally one leg elevates on minor side, apparently for balance only. (Components 4, 5, 9, 11; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.)

##### Precopulatory Behavior (Known in *s. speciosa* only)

Female follows male down his burrow, preceded by rapid waving display and by major-manus-drumming at the burrow's mouth, just before his descent. This observation agrees with that of Salmon (1967), who

also observed and recorded sounds of courtship at night (see below and p. 501). On February 9, 1944, a warm day, a small group in Miami was displaying strongly; 1 ovigerous female was collected.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

#### (Known in *s. speciosa* only)

In connection with nocturnal courtship Salmon (1967) found that sound production replaced waving altogether, and concluded that the signals were of only one kind.

Observations made diurnally in the course of the present study showed that major-manus-drumming (component 9) occurs not only in high-intensity courtship but also before combats and between combat rounds. Major-merus-rubbing apparently occurs, but the filmed evidence is indistinct.

#### *Combat* (Known in *s. speciosa* only)

The drumming under these conditions of combat also occurs occasionally in alternation with waving; furthermore, single waves with drumming were sometimes performed in turn by each opponent before combat and between rounds in a fashion analogous to behavior since observed in *lactea perplexa* in Fiji and New Guinea (p. 491). At the time of the work on *speciosa* the complexities of combat were unknown, details of components were not noted, and unfortunately no films of the patterns were obtained.

### RANGE

Southern United States of America, eastern Mexico, and western West Indies, as follows. *U. s. speciosa*: Southeastern Florida from Vero Beach south to the Florida Keys; western Florida north to Piney Island, near the state's western border; Peninsula of Yucatan (holotype only); Cuba. *U. s. spinicarpa*: The limited material has been collected in Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas in the United States, and from northeastern Mexico.

The specimens previously recorded from the island of Curaçao are all representatives of the allopatric species, *cumulanta*, as is the single record from Jamaica.

### BIOTOPES

In southern Florida, *s. speciosa* occurs above mid-tide level on sheltered shores near mangroves, the muddy substrate being either bare or covered with mangrove debris (biotopes 6 and 9). The only information on the biology of *s. spinicarpa* is given by Rathbun (1918.1, p. 411) as follows: "Mr. J. D. Mitchell says of the habitat of this species: 'Drain

runs half a mile into the land from Matagorda Bay; in the head of this drain there are several shallow wells of fresh water for cattle, walled on three sides. These crabs were all around these wells.'"

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

*U. s. speciosa* is separated by habitat preference from *pugillator*, the only other *Celuca* known from Florida. *U. rapax* occupies the zone above it and *thayeri* below.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 608.)

*Observations and Collections*. Key Biscayne, Miami, Florida.

*Films*. Key Biscayne.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca speciosa* (Ives, 1891)

HOLOTYPE. *Gelasimus speciosus*: Not now in Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, although it was deposited there according to Rathbun (1918.1). Type-locality: Port of Silam, Yucatan.

*Uca spinicarpa* Rathbun, 1900

TYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington; cat. no. 22183. Type-locality: Galveston, Texas. Measurements in mm: length 9.5; breadth 13.8 (Rathbun). Holotype not designated in lot of 2 males, 1 female; formerly dried, now in poor condition; the major claws of both males, however, are intact. (!)

*Uca (Celuca) [crenulata] speciosa speciosa* (Ives, 1891)

(Florida; Cuba; Yucatan)

### MORPHOLOGY

*Carapace*: Front slightly broader than in *s. spinicarpa*, the posterior edge of its distal border slightly rounded; carapace finely granulate on anterior part of dorsal surface; posterior part of dorso-lateral margins and upper pair of postero-lateral striae weak. *Major Cheliped*: Tubercles of outer manus slightly larger proximal to base of gape than subdorsally, where the tubercles are remarkably small for the area, which is only moderately bent over and flattened with the subdorsal groove shallow; apex of

oblique ridge on palm only moderately high; tubercles and ridge proximal to predistal area of palm strong but somewhat irregular; distal tubercles of oblique ridge in irregular, multiple rows; gape slightly narrower than in *s. spinicarpa*; subdorsal, proximal groove on dactyl absent. *Gonopod*: Inner process with base very broad, tip reaching pore; thumb arising far down in shaft and ending far below base of flange. *Female gonopore*: Tubercle present. *Pile*: When not abraded, plentiful in both sexes but especially on female, where its distribution is as follows. Carapace covered dorsally with dense, short pile except, apparently, near front and orbital margins; ambulatories with dorsal and posterior surfaces similarly covered on merus, carpus and manus of at least 3rd and 4th legs and, to a lesser extent, of the more anterior appendages including minor cheliped.

*Uca (Celuca) [crenulata] speciosa spinicarpa* Rathbun, 1900

(Alabama, Mississippi, Texas; northern Mexico)

MORPHOLOGY

*Carapace*: Front slightly narrower than in *s. speciosa*, the posterior edge of its distal border markedly

truncate; carapace smooth on anterior part of dorsal surface; dorso-lateral margins and upper pair of postero-lateral striae strong. *Major Cheliped*: Tubercles of outer manus distinctly larger subdorsally than elsewhere, this area flatter than in *s. speciosa*; dorsal submarginal groove well developed; apex of oblique ridge on palm strikingly high; tubercles of this ridge both in upper part beside carpal cavity and in distal part near ventral margin regular, with little or no development of multiple rows; gape broader than in *s. speciosa*; subdorsal, proximal groove on dactyl present, although rudimentary. *Gonopod*: Inner process with base relatively narrow, its tip not nearly reaching pore; thumb moderately short, arising closer to base of flange than in *s. speciosa*, and with its tip almost reaching flange. *Female Gonopore*: Tubercle absent. *Pile*: Apparently far less plentiful in both sexes, even when not abraded, than in *s. speciosa*. A number of males lack it except for traces in H-form depression and on legs, while it is sometimes plentiful on the flattened, dorsal part of outer major manus. In the several females examined it is virtually absent.

In the several specimens from Tampico, the antero-lateral margins are relatively rounded, not strongly angled.

REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) speciosa* (Ives, 1891)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (M.) speciosa speciosa*, below.

*Uca (Celuca) speciosa speciosa* (Ives, 1891)

*Gelasimus speciosus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Ives, 1891: 179; Pl. 5, Figs. 5, 6. Mexico: Yucatan: Port of Silam (= "possibly Dzilam de Bravo"—Chace & Hobbs, 1969).

*Uca speciosa*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 408; Pl. 145. U.S.A., from south and west Florida. (Not specimens listed from Curaçao, now transferred to *U. cumulanta*.) Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Crane, 1957. U.S.A.: southern Florida. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Salmon, 1967: 450; Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Distribution in Florida; waving display; sound production.

Miller, 1965. U.S.A. Morphology, physiology, and ecology in relation to distribution.

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 215; Text Figs. 73c, d. Distribution to date, following their reidentification of Rathbun's Curaçao specimens as *U. cumulanta* and her Jamaican specimen identified as *U. spinicarpa* now referred to *U. speciosa*. New record from Cuba. Taxonomy.

von Hagen, 1970.1: 227. Distribution in West Indies (no new records). Taxonomy.

*Uca (Celuca) speciosa spinicarpa* Rathbun, 1900

*Uca spinicarpa*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1900.2: 586. U.S.A.: Texas: Galveston. Description confined to key and designation of type. (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 411. U.S.A.: Alabama: near Mobile; Mississippi: Biloxi Bay; Texas: drain near Matagorda Bay. Mexico: Maron: Laguna Madre; Tampico. (Not specimen from Kingston, in Jamaica [USNM 22313 = *cumulanta*] or from Brazil.) Taxonomy. (USNM !)

42. *UCA (CELUCA) [CRENULATA] CUMULANTA* CRANE, 1943

(Tropical western Atlantic)

PLATES 32 A-D; 47 B.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 37 N; 56 G; 60 J, K; 70 L; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Among tropical Atlantic fiddlers, displaying males of *cumulanta* and *leptodactyla* alone are known to build hoods. As in the other hood-building forms, only some members of a few known populations construct them.

Within its range, *Uca cumulanta* is always the smallest fiddler in a mixed population, the other *Celuca*, *leptodactyla*, preferring sandier habitats. Found on muddy banks near low-tide levels, *cumulanta* is usually recognizable at once in the field through the bright blue green carapaces of most displaying males.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Crab size small, front moderately broad; antero-lateral margins straight, sharply angled posteriorly. In male, no abdominal segments fused; 1st ambulatory with a row of minute tubercles on anterior side of major carpus. Ambulatories in both sexes without pile on carpus or manus. Gonopod tip appearing broadly tubular, there being no projecting flanges; a high tubercle on antero-inner edge of the wide, terminal pore. Female carapace sometimes with two patches of pile posteriorly.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained about 4 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins straight or slightly concave, very slightly diverging or converging; angling sharply into dorso-lateral margins. Each of the single pair of short postero-lateral striae curves inward to parallel the posterior margin of carapace. Breadth of eyebrow about half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with strong crenellations, differing little in size, not continuing around outer orbital margin. Lower side of antero-lateral angle rounded.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Antero-dorsal margin moderately arched throughout; proximally forming a thick blunt ridge which is wholly unarmed; distally tuberculate and rugose. Surface rugosities weak except on posterior convexity. *Carpus:* Practically smooth except for a few distal rugosities. Oblique ridge of inner surface indistinct and tuberculate.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface distinct, flattened near dorsal margin. Outer tubercles minute; slightly larger in outer part of bent-over portion, but minute or absent alongside the strong, dorsal, outer groove. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with outer edge distinct but with tubercles few or weak; inner edge indistinct; intervening surface an elevated, broad, somewhat convex lip, sometimes almost smooth, sometimes with traces of irregular, oblique rows of low, elongate tubercles directed intero-distally; dorsal margin close to dactyl base with a variable cluster of low tubercles and pits. Cuff outside dactyl base with a scattering of minute tubercles, as on nearby outer surface of manus, in addition to the usual row of tubercles starting here and continuing on subgape region of pollex. Ventral margin a rudimentary keel, low and blunt, with tubercles scarcely indicated or absent, variable, stopping at pollex base. Ventral outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles. Oblique ridge high throughout, apex highest; tubercles tending to irregularity, usually in single row between pollex base and apex, where they are largest, sometimes bicuspid; continued, still large and both irregular and variable in form and arrangement, practically or entirely reaching down-curving inner edge of dorsal margin. Carpal cavity with ventral margin low, thick, convex; distal part of cavity sloping moderately, its upper region without a distal extension, being set off from the spacious predactyl area by the two sets of tubercles just described. Predactyl area smooth or slightly lumpy, with a small depression, not set off from center palm by either ridge or tubercles.

*Pollex and dactyl:* Differ from *c. coloradensis* as follows. Dactyl with outer, proximal subdorsal groove shorter; dactyl's dorsal and subdorsal tubercles few, low, rounded, and traceable only through about proximal third of segment. Gape pile absent.

*Minor Cheliped.* As in *crenulata*.

*Ambulatories.* 2nd and 3rd meri moderately broad, their dorsal margins slightly convex. 1st carpus on major side with a short, longitudinal row of minute tubercles along middle of anterior surface.

*Gonopod.* No projecting flanges; pore very wide, terminal, with a high tubercle on its antero-inner edge. Inner process narrow, scarcely tapering, overlying canal; tip rounded, almost reaching pore. Thumb short, not nearly reaching base of projecting corneous section.

*Pile.* Two small patches of pubescence present or absent in H-form depression.

#### FEMALE

Dorsal and, behind vertical lateral margin, lateral parts of carapace finely granulate. A pair of patches of pile on posterior part of carapace, present or absent, large or small, one above base of each 4th ambulatory, as well as pile in H-form depression. Sub-orbital crenellations definitely stronger than in male.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Trinidad)	10.5	15.5	28.0	21.5
Moderate male (Trinidad)	8.0	13.0	22.0	16.0
Smallest displaying male (Turiamo)	4.9	6.8	9.0	5.8
Largest female (ovigerous) (Turiamo)	8.5	13.0	—	—
Moderate female (Turiamo)	6.0	8.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The diagnosis aims in particular to distinguish *cumulanta* from *leptodactyla*, the only other *Celuca* in its usual range, as well as from small adults of *Minuca*.

All of the specimens at hand of female *cumulanta* with pile posteriorly on the carapace come from Turiamo, Venezuela, and from Georgetown, Guyana. It is interesting that two patches of pile similarly restricted are known only in females of *crenulata coloradensis*, from the head of the Gulf of California. The small patches usually found in the H-form depression of *cumulanta* are often absent in males from Trinidad and Turiamo but regularly present elsewhere.

A comparison of all the members, including *cumulanta*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

Displaying males: No display whitening. Carapace iridescent or shining greenish or bluish, at least ante-

riorly and sometimes completely, the color varying among populations from bottle green to pale turquoise; remainder of carapace, if any, mottled, or marbled with dark and light. Major cheliped: merus outside brown, inside reddish to reddish brown; outer manus yellowish brown; palm bluish or yellowish; fingers sometimes pinkish at base and tips, otherwise white or yellowish outside and in; ambulatories reddish or reddish brown, sometimes banded with shades of gray. Females dull.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, either straight or circular; jerks absent; no pause at peak, which is higher than in Florida *speciosa*; minor cheliped makes corresponding motion; body moderately elevated with each wave; ambulatories remain on the ground. Display at rate of about 1 wave per second, the waves often separated within the irregular series by 2 seconds or more except during high intensity courtship. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 10; timing elements: Table 19, p. 656.) Many series, whether in threat, ambivalence, or definite courtship, end with major-manus-drums against the substrate close to the burrow mouth. Major-merus-drums against the carapace that sometimes occur between and after waves appear to be confined to agonistic situations between males. Often a small, natural elevation close to the burrow is climbed and used as the display site. Only one individual was ever seen to display from the top of his hood, which he did repeatedly.

##### Precopulatory Behavior

The male sometimes strokes the female with his ambulatory dactyls at the surface after high intensity waving and before drumming on the substrate at the mouth of his burrow. No attempt to copulate at the surface has ever been seen. The usual pattern is for the female to follow the male below ground, at the end of high intensity waving and final drumming. Several males, each of which was not promptly followed under these conditions by an attentive female, reemerged, mounted a small, natural mound nearby, and displayed vigorously with drumming. In each of the three examples the female suddenly dashed down his burrow, in advance of the male, which promptly followed. One of these three crabs had a well-constructed hood, but did not display from its summit.

##### Acoustic Behavior

In addition to the major-merus-drums and major-manus-drums already described, leg-wagging occurs

as usual in both sexes. (Component nos. 7, 9, 5 respectively.) Major-manus-drumming has been seen clearly to occur, well inside the burrow mouth, in response the threatened entry of an intruder as well as of an attracted female; oscillograms from recordings made in each case are included in Pl. 47.

### Combat

The following components are known to be included in *cumulanta*'s repertory: Manus-rub, dactyl-slide, interlace, and heel-and-ridge, with and without taps (component nos. 1, 6, 9, 12). Burrow-holders close to the entrance to their burrows often use either the major-merus-drum against the carapace or the major-manus-drum against the substrate, with or without waving, just before a combat. Alternating displays, each composed of both drumming and waving, by the two opponents have not been noted, unlike the observation already described for the closely related *speciosa*.

### Hood and Chimney Construction

Only three populations have been found in which some displaying males build hoods, the activity which suggested the name for the species. These places were the type-locality at Pedernales, Venezuela, Turiamo, also in Venezuela, and on the island of Curaçao. No trace of hoods was ever found in Trinidad, where *cumulanta* was often observed, both in the field and in crabberies, nor were they found in any of a number of populations checked in Guyana, Surinam, and Brazil. The hoods observed ranged from rough and poorly formed to examples as symmetrical as those of any fiddler except *musica terpsichores*. A typical hood at the type-locality measured about 38 mm in height and slightly more in width, outside dimensions. The single observation of a hood's top being used as a display site was mentioned above, under the heading Waving Display.

In Turiamo and Curaçao a few examples were seen of small chimneys that apparently belonged to the females of this species. They were being reinforced from the inside. The individuals were not captured, and their identity remains to be checked.

### RANGE

Known from the Caribbean coast of Panama at Colon; from Venezuela, Guyana, Surinam, and

Brazil, and from the islands of Jamaica (one record), Curaçao, and Trinidad; apparently absent from any other islands in the Caribbean.

### BIOTOPES

Sheltered banks and shores of mud or sandy mud close to mangroves but not in their shade (biotope nos. 11, 12). Populations are usually concentrated somewhat below mid-tide levels.

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Since *cumulanta* does not share habitats with *leptodactyla*, it has no close sympatric associate. In typical associations elsewhere, it shares the lower shore with *maracoani*, *thayeri*, or both, while *rapax* lives in the upper zone, the two species mingling at the edges. It will be noted that all four belong to different subgenera. Other members of the genus with coincident ranges usually occur in less saline habitats, except for the uncommon *major* which lives in habitats similar to that of *cumulanta*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 608.)

*Observations and Collections.* Venezuela: Pedernales (Delta Amacuro); Turiamo (Aragua). Trinidad. Curaçao: observations but no collections.

*Films.* Pedernales; Trinidad.

*Sound Recordings.* Trinidad.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca cumulanta* Crane, 1943

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137402 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 42423). Type-locality: Pedernales, Delta Amacuro, Venezuela. Measurements in mm: length 8.4; breadth 13.9; propodus 24.5. (!)

*Additional type material.* Deposited in the same institution, from the type-locality: 7 male paratypes, length 6.3 to 7.8 mm; 6 female paratypes, length 6.9 to 8.4 mm: cat. no. 137403 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 42423a. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) cumulanta* Crane, 1943*Uca speciosa* (not *Gelasimus speciosus* Ives)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 408 (part). Specimens listed from Curaçao. (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1924.3: 19. Curaçao. Local distribution. (USNM !)

*Uca spinicarpa* (not of Rathbun)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 412 (part). Specimen listed from Jamaica. (USNM !)

*Uca cumulanta*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1943.2: 42; Text Figs. 1g, h, i; Pl. 1, Figs. 4-6. Venezuela. Color; waving display; hoods; habitat. (USNM !)

Crane, 1957. Venezuela; Trinidad. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Holthuis, 1959.3: 274; Text Fig. 68a; Pl. xiv, Fig. 3; Pl. xv, Fig. Suriname. Taxonomy; habitat.

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape-recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 211; Text Figs. 71e, f. Taxonomy. Reidentification of Rathbun's (1918.1: 409; 1924: 19) specimens of *speciosa* from Curaçao as *cumulanta*.

von Hagen, 1970.1: 226. Colon, Panama (= record of material in Leiden museum). Relationships; distribution.

von Hagen, 1970.4. Illus. Trinidad. Adaptations to a particular intertidal level.

43. *UCA (CELUCA) [CRENULATA] BATUENTA* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 32 E-H.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 70 A; 93; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

A very small, partly white fiddler, *Uca batuenta* has a waving display of special interest. The conspicuous drumming motions that end most individual waves rarely or never actually touch either the ground or the carapace. These vibrations should, it seems, be considered a ritualization of a common acoustic mechanism, the major-manus-drum. This component occurs in proven functional form in two other members of the same superspecies, *speciosa* and *cumulanta*, in both of which tape recordings have been secured.

During each wave, *batuenta* holds its cheliped for an instant at the highest point attained, a habit that usually distinguishes it easily in the field even from *saltitanta*, its otherwise similar, close sympatric. The only other small fiddler in the eastern Pacific known to have a wave similarly accented is *deichmanni*, which usually does not share habitats with these mud-loving species and moreover shows no display whitening on the carapace.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Size very small. Front moderately broad; eyebrow less than half width of eyestalk; antero-lateral angles rectangular, not produced. Suborbital crenellations obsolescent except externally where, however, there is no large isolated tooth. Major pollex at base little or no deeper than base of dactyl, merging with manus dorsally in the usual concave line; no large, triangular teeth on dactyl but pollex usually with a single, very large, tuberculate projection in distal half; no supraventral keel on outer pollex. Minor cheliped with palm not unusually broad and thick. Gonopod with thumb represented by a shelf; pore without a projection on lip. Segments of male abdomen incompletely fused.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Differs from *cumulanta* as follows: Postero-lateral striae shorter, sometimes indistinct. Vertical lateral margin weak. Carapace profile more arched, the grooves less well marked. Frontal margin distally weak. Breadth of eyebrow slightly narrower than in *cumulanta*. Suborbital crenellations near antero-external angle fused into a single elongate crest.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Antero-dorsal margin straight proximally, convex distally; proximally with a low ridge which is either practically unarmed or slightly rugose. Anterior surface almost or entirely unarmed dorso-distally. *Carpus:* Practically smooth.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface distinct, moderately flattened near dorsal margin. Outer tubercles extremely minute throughout, with enlargement barely indicated in outer part of bent-over portion, but minute or absent alongside the weak, dorsal outer groove. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with outer edge raised and thickened, with its top weakly tuberculate; inner edge indistinct; intervening surface unusually narrow, smooth except for a few small pits and for weak, non-tuberculate, obliquely transverse rugosities directed intero-distally. Ventral margin a rudimentary keel, marked only proximally by small tubercles and dying out before pollex base. Ventral, outer groove rudimentary, indicated only along proximal tubercles.

*Palm* without tubercles on lower triangle; instead, its proximal portion is slightly lumpy, with minute pits; median area with small, shallow furrows, chiefly longitudinal. Distal half of oblique ridge low, blunt, tubercles small to practically absent; apex abruptly high with large tubercles; smaller tubercles continuing irregularly upward as far as the slight distal extension of carpal cavity. Center palm with small tubercles that merge proximally with large ones around carpal cavity; palm proximal to gape with small pits. Carpal cavity with ventral margin low, forming only a broad angle where the two surfaces meet; distal part of cavity sloping moderately, its upper region, although without a distal extension, not separated from predactyl area by a downward con-



tinuation of its dorsal margin or other tubercles, but only by the flat, higher plane of predactyl region. Latter spacious, without a depression, smooth except for slight pitting, not set off from center palm.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Pollex unusual in shape, its upper margin proximally concave and, in distal third, a large triangular tooth, its distal slope, ending at pollex tip, concave, and both edges serrate; lower margin of pollex slightly sinuous. Gape in proximal third slightly wider than adjacent part of pollex but narrow more distally because of tooth. Inner side of pollex with depression from pollex base continued beyond middle. Inner side of dactyl also with a faint, median concavity. Attachment of dactyl to manus slightly oblique. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove absent; dorsal and subdorsal tubercles also absent. Both pollex and dactyl wholly smooth on outer and inner surfaces. Inner marginal row of gape tubercles on pollex practically or wholly lacking; tubercles of outer marginal rows very small, forming proximal edge of triangular tooth by swerving medially; median row absent proximally but apparently giving rise to crest of triangular tooth and to the tubercles along its distal concave edge. Pollex tip simple. Dactyl with inner marginal row practically lacking; tubercles of external marginal row minute; median row complete with a few enlarged tubercles proximally. Gape pile present or absent.

*Minor Cheliped*. As in *crenulata*.

*Ambulatories*. 2nd and 3rd meri moderately wide, their dorsal margins slightly convex. No anterior modifications of 1st ambulatory.

*Gonopod*. Flanges narrow, but distinct; pore small, subterminal. Inner process narrow, tapering, blunt. Thumb vestigial, represented by an oblique shelf far below base of flange.

#### FEMALE

Manus of cheliped not especially broad and thick; some pile present on ambulatories, at least in a small, dorso-distal patch on posterior side of 1st and 2nd carpus.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (holotype)				
Canal Zone	4.8	7.6	11.8	8.2
Moderate male (paratype)				
Canal Zone	4.5	7.0	11.0	7.5
Large ovigerous female (paratype) Costa Rica	4.1	6.5	—	—
Moderate ovigerous female (paratype) Costa Rica	3.5	5.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The male's slender major pollex combined with its predistal protuberance is the most obvious, single diagnostic character for *batuenta*, setting it off conveniently from the superficially similar *salitanta*, as well as from related species with a protuberance also, but with the pollex broad; as usual this distinction must be used with care because it can be ambiguous in leptochelous individuals. The young of *batuenta* are closely similar to adults of *tenuipedis*; young males of *batuenta* may be distinguished at once by the presence of an oblique ridge inside major palm, even when the chela is still so short that it resembles that of the other species; the greater width of the ambulatory meri of *batuenta* is the other major specific character readily discernible in the young.

A comparison of all the members, including *batuenta*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening only partly developed. Carapace pale brown or yellowish, speckled and marbled variably with white. Major cheliped with merus and carpus, both outer and inner surfaces, pinkish brown; outer manus and palm, bluish white; chela polished white. Buccal and pterygostomian regions about like dorsal part of carapace. Ambulatories with meri anteriorly pinkish brown; rest of ambulatories and entire minor cheliped brown, speckled and banded with white. Eyestalks sometimes green. Females similar to males.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral; irregularly circular at least at high intensity; a brief pause at highest point reached by the chela. The irregularity of the circular motion occurs because the claw is brought down to a flexed position in front of the starting point; from here it usually returns to rest position in front of the buccal area through a series of bouncing motions, consisting of about 3 to 7 vibrations; some of these may hit the ground and so qualify as major-manus-drums, but the majority, as shown clearly in film analyses, do not touch the substrate at all; often the vibrations start in mid-air, before the cheliped is more than half lowered, so that they could be labeled minute jerks if their imminent development into drumming motions were not understood. True jerks, as the word is used in this contribution (p. 496), are altogether absent from the display. Major chela opens and closes during each wave. Minor cheliped sketches in a syn-

chronous motion, without vibration, only occasionally. Body raised and lowered during each wave. Ambulatories remain on ground. The crab often moves a few steps while the cheliped is raised. The entire display, including drumming motions, lasts about a second. (Component nos. 5, 9, 10; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### Acoustic Behavior

It seems likely, because of its incorporation into waving display and its partial or complete ritualization into visually conspicuous motion, that the major-manus-drumming behavior described above is not in this species an acoustic component (no. 9); observations and films so far obtained are inadequate bases for a decision, and no recordings of any of the components have been attempted. The other acoustic components observed, all detected in film analyses, are minor-merus-rubs, leg-wagging, and major-merus-drums (component nos. 2, 5, 7). Each occurred in agonistic situations, closely associated with waving display.

This species is one of several *CelUCA* in which displacement-cleaning of the major cheliped by the minor is often prevalent during display. Film analysis has raised the suspicion that stridulation will prove to take place during these motions, but the stroking of the claw by the minor chela occurs in so many areas, reached by a variety of routes, that the designation of any of the motions as a component would be premature (see general discussions of cleaning and of acoustic behavior, pp. 472 and 480).

### RANGE

Pacific coast of El Salvador to northern Peru.

### BIOTOPES

Mud, among unshaded mangrove shoots; sometimes

on open mud flats with mangroves nearby. (Biotope nos. 8, 11, 12.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

In rich habitats *batuenta* is sometimes found within inches of any of three species closely related to it, *saltitanta*, *oerstedii*, and *inaequalis*, usually along with a prodigal quantity of other *Uca*, as is characteristic of good habitats in the tropical eastern Pacific.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 609.)

*Observations and Collections.* Costa Rica: Puntarenas; Ballenas Bay. Panama: near Old Panama. Canal Zone: Balboa. Colombia: Buenaventura (specimens sent from here to Trinidad crabbery, where observations were made but specimens not secured for preservation). Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar: observed but not collected.

*Films.* Near Old Panama.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca batuenta* Crane, 1941

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137405 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4121). Type-locality: La Boca, Balboa, Canal Zone. Measurements on p. 245. (!)

*Additional type material.* Deposited in same institution: paratypes, male and female, from the type-locality, from Puntarenas, Costa Rica, and from Ballenas Bay, Costa Rica, cat. nos. 137406, 79399, 137404 (formerly New York Zoological Society nos. 4122, 381136, 381137). (!)

### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (CelUCA) batuenta* Crane, 1941

*Uca batuenta*

**TYPE DESCRIPTION.** Crane, 1941.1: 187; Text Figs. 4n, 5, 8; Pl. 6, Fig. 26. Costa Rica and Panama. (USNM !)

Crane, 1957. Panama; Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 411. Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Waving display resumé.

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1967. E 1292. Film of waving display.

*Uca saltitanta batuenta*

Bott, 1954: 178. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. (Frankfurt !)

Peters, 1955: 433; Text Fig. 4. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Waving display.

44. *UCA (CELUCA) SALTITANTA* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 33 A-D.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 39 I; 46 O; 70 B; 81 M; 93; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

A strikingly small species, *U. saltitanta* shows in several particulars the highest degree of development in its general group. This group comprises both the members of its tropical eastern Pacific alliance and of the superspecies *crenulata*. The outstanding specializations of *saltitanta* include its strongly semi-cylindrical carapace, which doubtless assists in moisture conservation during long periods of vigorous display on dark mudflats in blazing sunshine; a uniquely shaped pollex, yet to be observed during combat; the highest degree of display whitening; the fastest single waves in the group and among the fastest in the genus; and the greatest number of waves in unbroken series of any species of *Uca*.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Size very small. Front moderately broad; eyebrow less than half width of eyestalk; antero-lateral angles acute and slightly produced. Suborbital crenellations obsolescent, except externally where there is a strong series including, in male, a large, isolated tooth on orbit's outer margin. Major pollex at base broad, merging with manus dorsally in a straight line continuous with its prehensile edge; chela usually with two large, triangular teeth on dactyl but never with a large projection in distal half of pollex. Minor cheliped with palm broad and thick, especially in female. Gonopod with thumb represented by a shelf. Segments of male abdomen incompletely fused.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 4 to 5 times in that of carapace. Orbits almost straight. Antero-lateral angles ranging from the usual rectangular to broadly acute and slightly produced. Antero-lateral margins concave and strongly diverging. Vertical lateral margin complete but weak. Cara-

pace profile practically semi-cylindrical, the grooves scarcely marked, but hepatic and branchial areas not specially expanded above rest of carapace. Eyebrow shorter than usual and very narrow, less than one third diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations very small throughout except, near antero-external angle, for two broad tubercles, the outer being isolated. Lower side of antero-lateral angle with a short edge basally produced into a minute tubercle or spinule.

*Major Cheliped. Merus*: Rugosities all very weak except on posterior convexity; sometimes almost absent even there. Postero-dorsal margin practically absent, being smooth and rounded even at base. Antero-dorsal margin very strongly convex, more definitely a crest than in any other *Celuca*, edged throughout its length with a single row of minute serrations except at extreme distal end; here there is a small, deep cavity filled with pilous setae which project beyond it; similar setae in a patch on adjacent cuff. Anterior surface unarmed dorso-distally. *Carpus*: Practically smooth; anterior margin concealed in pile.

*Manus*: Breadth almost or altogether equal to length; upper distal boundary, giving rise to dactyl, very oblique, leaving the dorsal margin unusually short while pollex base is relatively wide, giving rise to the characteristic, triangular pollex. Area of dorsal margin unusually unspecialized, except for its shortness. Bending of outer, upper surface of manus slight, with little flattening near dorsal margin. Outer tubercles large for the subgenus over the entire lateral surface, largest in middle of side; near ventral margin they are abruptly minute, as well as adjacent to dorsal margin and to cuff at base of dactyl. Dorsal outer groove absent. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with both outer and inner edges indistinct, the narrow intervening surface virtually smooth or slightly pitted. Cuff outside dactyl base oblique, chiefly smooth or slightly granulate, with clustered small tubercles ventro-distally replacing the row of tubercles that usually continues on subgape region of pollex. Area outside pollex base sometimes with a definite, large, but very shallow depression, instead of the usual flattening; lower edge of area with a distinct keel that continues distally along most of pollex

in its ventral half. Ventral margin with a row of minute tubercles throughout its length; proximally they are slightly elevated on a low keel, with a faint, ventral, outer groove alongside; keel and groove both absent more distally, the tubercles becoming increasingly weak and dying out on proximal part of pollex.

**Palm** with lower triangle smooth except for a few small pits and, distally near oblique ridge, minute tubercles. Oblique ridge low to moderate, apex lower than middle of ridge; tubercles in distal half weak to almost absent, sometimes in multituberculate row; proximally always stopping short at apex. Center palm with a few scattered tubercles proximally and, sometimes, minute tubercles distally. Carpal cavity shallow, with ventral margin very short, low, thick, blunt; distal part of cavity sloping gradually into center palm; inner edge of proximal, dorsal margin not curving downward, the cavity having a distal extension that is smooth, shallow, and narrow, almost reaching dactyl base. Surrounding predactyl area also smooth, not set off from center palm. Distal ridge at base of dactyl with tubercles obsolescent.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Pollex notably triangular, being proximally both broad and thick; ventral margin almost straight; dorsal margin with a large subdistal tooth, triangular or convex, its margins tuberculate. Dactyl unusually long, curving far down below pollex tip, its attachment to manus very oblique; ventral margin with two well-separated triangular teeth, the edges tuberculate and each apex tubercle somewhat enlarged. Gape much narrower than adjacent pollex. Outer carina on lower pollex traceable almost to pollex tip. Dactyl with outer, proximal subdorsal groove absent; proximal upper inner (not median) part of dorsal margin with an irregular row of minute tubercles, multituberculate proximally, traceable more than half length of dactyl. Dactyl distally with a faint internal groove in downcurving part of tip; the same region, on both inner and outer sides, covered with very minute tubercles and, sometimes, pits, the roughening usually extending farther dorsally on inner side than outer. Pollex and dactyl otherwise laterally smooth. Gape with all three rows of tubercles well developed on pollex, except that outer row ends abruptly farther from tip than usual and that inner row is sometimes obsolescent in middle; outer (not inner) row and middle row widely separated in pollex' proximal half; dactyl with inner row missing but median and outer rows complete; triangular teeth described above in both pollex and dactyl arising entirely from middle rows. Pollex tip simple. Gape pile absent.

**Minor Cheliped.** Manus deep. Pollex and dactyl shorter or scarcely longer than manus. Gape very narrow, absent in middle where the strong, uneven teeth of prehensile edges articulate.

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender, their dorsal margins slightly convex. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory. Pile as in female, but less persistent, more variable, or both.

**Gonopod.** Flanges distinct, the inner slightly produced; pore subterminal. Inner process narrow, tapering. Thumb vestigial, represented by a shelf-like projection, arising far below base of flange.

**Abdomen.** 3rd to 6th abdominal segments incompletely fused.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital armature weaker than in male and manus of cheliped broader and thicker than in male's minor cheliped, and with the serrations in its gape larger. Ambulatory pile, as in *batuenta*, in a small patch on dorso-distal part of posterior surface of carpus and on dorsal and proximal part of manus, at least on 1st and 2nd legs; most persistent on 2nd.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All from Balboa, Canal Zone)				
Largest male (holotype)	6.0	8.8	12.2	10.4
Large male	5.5	7.0	12.0	10.0
Largest female	5.3	6.8	—	—
Ovigerous female	4.6	6.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The strikingly triangular form of the major pollex, combined with the strongly oblique upper distal margin of the manus, make the appearance of *saltitanta's* cheliped unique in the genus; the two widely separate enlarged teeth on the dactyl are almost always well enough developed to be a convenient diagnostic aid.

A comparison of all the members, including *saltitanta*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

Displaying males: During peak periods, polished display whitening completely envelops most individuals, although occasionally the carapace remains grayish or yellowish, or the white is sparsely marked with brown. Females dark.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, either straight or with a slightly irregular circularity that is less than in *batuenta*, the cheliped on return to the ground being closer to the buc-

cal area from which it started; the shape of the waves in both species and the inclusion of drumming motions at the end of each wave are otherwise similar. Unlike *batuenta's* wave, however, *saltitanta's* shows no pause at the peak. No films that have yet been secured show clearly whether or not the drumming motions actually touch the ground or whether, as in *batuenta*, they are largely or wholly vibrations in the air; again, tape recordings have not been made. In the field 3 or 4 vibrations were counted after each wave. Jerks absent. With every wave, the major chela opens and shuts, the minor cheliped unflexes part-way and flexes again, the body is raised and lowered, and the ambulatories are kept on the ground, except in making the several steps to one side or the other that often accompany a wave. After an instant's pause in rest position, the display is repeated. At moderate, territorial intensity the rate is less than half a second per wave, and upwards of 100 waves occur in a single series. (Component nos. 4, 5 with irregularity, 9, 10; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

Whenever a small eminence exists even as much as several inches from the burrow, the male climbs to its summit and displays only from this position except in the last stages of courtship. (No observations that include male intruders have yet been made.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

At the approach of a wandering female the male's display becomes even faster before he races down his small hill and resumes display after bracing the legs of his minor side inside the burrow mouth. Usually the female circles him at a distance of several inches. Just before he descends he stretches the ambulatories of his major side straight out, clear of the ground, the distal segments rigid as the meri vibrate in apparent contact. Almost certainly they are stridulating and both position and motion are identical with those typical of unreceptive females throughout the genus. The crab remains in this position for a second or less, then suddenly descends into the burrow. The female has been seen to follow a number of times. This is the only example I know from personal experience where leg-wagging assuredly is used in a non-ambivalent, courtship situation (cf. Salmon, 1967, quoted in the present study on pp. 194 and 195, who recorded leg-wagging in (*Minuca*) *rapax* and *pugnax*).

### *Acoustic Behavior*

In addition to its use in high-intensity courtship, leg-wagging (component no. 5) has been seen and photo-

graphed during mildly agonistic situations between neighboring males. As also described, major-manus-drumming (9) may or may not be acoustically functional.

### RANGE

Pacific coast of El Salvador to Buenaventura, Colombia.

### BIOTOPES

*U. saltitanta* occurs in greatest numbers on open flats formed of deep and sticky mud near river mouths; fringing mangroves usually grow within about a hundred meters of the populations, although in very rich areas the species both feeds and displays even farther out. A few individuals sometimes live among pioneer mangrove shoots, but never in even partial shade. (Biotope no. 8.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

When this small fiddler occurs among these pioneer shoots it sometimes mingles with *batuenta*, a species closely related and even smaller. The only usual associate of *saltitanta*, however, is (*Uca*) *ornata*, the giant fiddler that contrasts with it in practically every particular.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 609.)

*Observations and Collections.* Costa Rica: Puntarenas; Panama and Canal Zone: near Old Panama, Balboa; Colombia: Buenaventura; material sent from there examined and then observed in Trinidad crabbery but not secured and preserved.

*Films.* Old Panama.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca saltitanta* Crane, 1941

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137407 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4123). Type-locality: La Boca, Balboa, Canal Zone. Measurements on p. 248. (!)

*Additional type material.* In same institution: paratype males and females from type-locality (cat. nos. 79403 and 137408, both formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4124). (!)

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REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) saltitanta* Crane, 1941

*Uca saltitanta*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 189; Text Figs. 40, 5; Pl. 2, Figs. 10, 11; Pl. 3, Fig. 14; Pl. 6, Fig. 25. Costa Rica and Canal Zone. Color; waving display; habitat. (USNM !)

? Peters, 1955. Illus. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Morphology; waving display; ecology.

Crane, 1957. Panama. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca saltitanta saltitanta*

Bott, 1954: 177; Text Fig. 22; Pl. 19, Figs. 21a, b. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Taxonomy. (Frankfurt !)

45. *UCA (CELUCA) OERSTEDI* RATHBUN, 1904

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 33 E-H.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 70 I; 93; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Small, waving fiddlers showing greenish blue when seen from the front should turn out to be *Uca oerstedii*. At high intensity the display of this species includes a component apparently unique in the genus, the vibration of the first ambulatories; their meri appear to human eyes to be particularly vivid, approaching peacock blue. This exhibit of intense hue through a motion of display makes a good example of the untouched opportunities for experimental work on the possible functions of color in social behavior.

This species is the third member of the local alliance.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad; antero-lateral margins long, strongly diverging and posteriorly angled; eyebrow less than half width of eyestalk. Carapace in male unusually areolate, with paired patches of pile, all easily abraded, on gastric, cardiac, and branchial regions; each branchial region divided by a longitudinal furrow along outer boundary of pile. Major pollex with a median projection, long and low, on prehensile edge and a long, low, supraventral keel. Ambulatories in both sexes without pile on postero-dorsal surfaces of carpi and mani. Gonopod with thumb represented by a shelf; pore with a projection on internal (anterior) lip.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 5 to 6 times in that of carapace. Orbits almost straight. Antero-lateral margins long, straight, divergent, angling sharply into dorso-lateral margins. Each member of the single pair of short, postero-lateral striae is strong and curves inward to parallel the posterior margin of carapace, close behind end of dorso-lateral margin. Grooves between carapace re-

gions deep for this subgenus, especially outside gastric and cardiac regions, where they are continuous with postorbital furrow. Inner half of each branchial region depressed, covered with pile, bounded externally by a longitudinal groove, better developed than in the several related species in which it is usually traceable; pile also sometimes present on each side of gastric and cardiac regions, giving 4 additional patches; all pile is easily abraded. Breadth of eyebrow more than half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin almost straight, with crenellations represented internally by minute irregularities; proceeding outwards these increase very slightly in size; near antero-external angle are 3 to 6 true crenellations, still small, usually truncate and usually separated; they extend little or not at all around outer orbital margin. Lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt.

*Major Cheliped. Merus*: Antero-dorsal margin proximally a low ridge, straight and unarmed, flaring only in subdistal part of distal third into a short, low, convex, serrate crest. *Carpus*: Oblique ridge of inner surface with several proximal tubercles.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface moderate, flattening near dorsal margin slight. Outer tubercles large for the subgenus except near heel and ventral margin, where they are somewhat smaller; tubercles near dorsal margin of similar size to those below, but a few are usually raised on irregular, low rugosities. Dorsal outer groove strong, but present only as far as level of distal edge of carpal cavity. Dorsal margin above groove high, erect, its outer side with small tubercles; distal to groove and carpal cavity both outer and inner edges of dorsal margin indistinct; intervening surface convex, sometimes forming a blunt ridge, always smooth except for a few tubercles or rugosities. Area outside pollex base with a large, very shallow depression and with a low tuberculate keel along lower edge; keel traceable more proximally as a row of small tubercles and continued distally, but with tubercles minute or absent, along most of pollex, close to lower margin (mentioned under pollex below, as the supraventral keel). Ventral margin of manus with low tuberculate ridge, proximally slightly enlarged and serrate, the tubercles

dying out at pollex base. Ventral, outer groove present proximally only.

*Palm* with lower triangle smooth except for slight pitting proximally and extremely minute tubercles distally. Oblique ridge moderate, the apex higher with its tubercles abruptly larger; small tubercles continue upward around carpal cavity, the row being almost regular or slightly multituberculate, as far as predactyl area. Carpal cavity with ventral margin very low, broad, blunt; distal part of cavity sloping moderately; inner edge of proximal dorsal margin not curving downward, the cavity having a shallow, short, broad, distal extension that slopes gradually into the smooth surface, flat or convex, of the short predactyl area.

*Pollex* and *dactyl*: Upper margin of pollex with a tuberculate convexity, or a bluntly triangular tuberculate tooth, near middle. Dactyl unusually long, curving distally far down below tip of pollex. Gape much narrower than adjacent pollex. Pollex externally with a low, broad, supraventral keel continuing its entire length, less outstanding than in Rathbun's (1918.1, Pl. 152) photograph of the large holotype. Dactyl with a faint, external concavity, wide proximally and diminishing distally to end about middle of segment; outer, proximal subdorsal groove only faintly indicated but sometimes traceable almost half length of dactyl, bounded above by a row of widely spaced small tubercles and, below it proximally, by a few more. Outer and inner surfaces of both pollex and dactyl entirely smooth. The usual three rows of gape tubercles all present in both pollex and dactyl, all the marginal rows ending well before tip; tubercles edging convexity of pollex in gape arising completely from median row. In addition to convexity of pollex, a few tubercles are sometimes enlarged proximally in dactyl and a single tubercle about middle of dactyl appears to occur regularly. Pollex tip simple. Gape pile plentiful.

*Minor Cheliped*. Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. Middle section with a few, long, strong teeth almost in contact.

*Ambulatories*. 2nd and 3rd meri unusually broad for a *Celuca*, their dorsal margins moderately convex. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory.

*Gonopod*. Flanges vestigial; pore large, its internal (anterior) lip lower than the external, with a projection. Inner process small, short, flat, not reaching pore. Thumb represented by an oblique shelf far proximal to the corneous base of the specialized tip.

#### FEMALE

Carapace finely granulate, including sides behind vertical lateral margin; the only smooth portions are the cardiac and intestinal regions and the area near

posterior margin. Pile characteristic of male carapace usually rudimentary or absent. Suborbital armature not stronger than in male.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All specimens from Old Panama)				
Largest male	8.0	11.8	16.5	8.0
Moderate male	7.0	10.2	12.2	8.5
Largest female (ovigerous)	7.0	10.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

A variable amount of pile is present near center of carapace, usually in two large patches, in all specimens in this collection. The larger male paratype examined at the Smithsonian Institution, however, has no pile, and Rathbun mentions none in her description. In her diagnosis (1918.1: 414) she includes "oblique and distal ridges on inner side of palm meeting." When this area is examined from the point of view of our currently more extensive knowledge of palm armature in *Celuca*, the statement can be misleading, since the oblique ridge, although continued well up around the carpal cavity, actually merges to a variable degree with a group of predistal tubercles in this narrow region, and they, in turn, are quite distinct from the well-formed, unexceptional, proximal, predistal ridge.

The most convenient single character distinguishing *oerstedii* promptly from other *Celuca* in the eastern Pacific is the strong divergence of the long, straight, antero-lateral margins which posteriorly are sharply angled. A comparison of all the members, including *oerstedii*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

Displaying males: No display whitening. Carapace, 3rd maxillipeds, dorsal and posterior surfaces of all segments of both chelipeds except distally, and all segments of ambulatories posteriorly are usually dull purple or dull purplish blue. Lower outer manus of major cheliped white; dactyls of both chelipeds white, inside and out. All remaining inner surfaces of chelipeds, the pterygostomian areas, subhepatic regions, and the anterior surfaces of the ambulatories are turquoise blue, with the meri, especially of the 1st legs, more intensely colored than the other segments.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, straight to circular, raised upward comparatively little. Jerks absent, although the major



cheliped is returned to rest position more rapidly than it is unflexed, giving the superficial effect of a single jerk. Minor cheliped synchronously unflexed and flexed, sometimes vibrated, perhaps stridulating. Body usually raised and lowered with each wave but sometimes held in that position throughout the waves of a single series. During waving the ambulatories remain on the ground except during the usual steps to one side or the other of the burrow, or around it, chiefly during display of moderate intensity. At high intensity the 1st ambulatories vibrate in the midst of each wave, when both chelipeds unflex maximally, thus exposing fully the intense green blue of the quivering meri. The social conditions eliciting this behavior remain unknown. The wave is rather slow for the group, requiring more than a second for completion; there is a short pause between waves within a series. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 11, plus the unique ambulatory vibration described; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### Acoustic Behavior

The observed and filmed examples consist with certainty only of leg-wags (component no. 5) and major-merus-drums (7). One short scene shows good, but not conclusive, evidence of a palm-leg rub (4).

### RANGE

Gulf of Fonseca, El Salvador, to Panama City, R.P.

### BIOTOPES

Beaches of sandy mud, close to the open water of large bays, but always with some protection from the

sea such as a small stand of mangroves close to low tide levels or a nearby jetty. Also found on the edge of mud flats near mouths of streams, close to mangroves and often among their shoots. (Biotope nos. 6, 12.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The closely related species, *batuenta*, sometimes occurs among mangrove shoots with *oerstedii*, but the latter usually lives closer to open water as described, where it often occurs with two other *Celuca*, *beebei* and *deichmanni*, as well as with *heteropleura* of the subgenus *Uca*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 609.)

*Observations and Collections.* Panama: Old Panama. Canal Zone: La Boca, Balboa.

*Films.* Old Panama.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca oerstedii* Rathbun, 1904

HOLOTYPE. In Universitetets Zoologiske Museum, Copenhagen. Male. Measurements in mm: length 12; breadth 16.8 (Rathbun). Type-locality: Punta Arenas (= Puntarenas?) Costa Rica.

*Additional type material.* Female in Copenhagen. Male paratype (cat. no. 31506) in Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Length in mm: 11; propodus broken. (!)

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*Uca (Celuca) oerstedii* Rathbun, 1904

*Uca oerstedii*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1904: 161. Costa Rica: Punta Arenas. (part = USNM !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 414; Pl. 152, Figs. 1, 2. Taxonomy of type material.

Crane, 1941.1: 184; Text Figs. 2, 3, 4k. Panama and Canal Zone. Taxonomy; color; waving display; habitat. (USNM !)

Bott, 1954: 178; Text Fig. 18; Pl. 19, Fig. 23a, b. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1957. Panama. Preliminary classification of waving display.

46. *UCA (CELUCA) INAEQUALIS* RATHBUN, 1935

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 34 A-D.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 26 G; 31 F; 70 K; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 14, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*U. inaequalis*, the fourth of the species in the local alliance, is small and largely brown, the distinguishing tufts of pile on the carapace often hidden in life by clinging mud.

According to present knowledge, *inaequalis* appears more prone to combat than its close relations; before encounters and between rounds the opponents sometimes wave in alternation, in a fashion similar to that of *lactea perplexa* in New Guinea and Fiji; at these times palm-leg rubbing is also prevalent, *inaequalis* being provided with armature that is moderately well developed but not as striking as in *musica*.

For a long time I believed that *inaequalis* uses typical major-manus-drumming (formerly called "rapping") as a characteristic end to many high intensity waves, just as does, for example, the Atlantic species, *cumulanta*. Film analysis has now shown that there is probably no touching of the substrate whatever, just as there is little or none in *batuenta* and *saltitanta*. Instead, *inaequalis* definitely vibrates the major merus against the outer suborbital part of the carapace, a motion which apparently does not occur as part of waving display in either *batuenta* or *saltitanta*. The motions in all four species, superficially similar to the human eye, are of such special evolutionary interest that they would repay detailed comparison.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad; male carapace with 8 conspicuous pilous elevations across carapace, plus other lower similar structures; all present but weaker in female. 1st ambulatory on major side with a short row of small tubercles on both carpus and distal merus. Major cheliped with pollex proximally very broad with a predistal, triangular, tuberculate tooth; no distinct, pilous depression outside pollex base. Gonopod with a conspicuous projection on edge of its large, terminal pore; thumb represented by an oblique shelf.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 3.5 times in that of carapace. Orbits moderately oblique. Antero-lateral margins straight or slightly concave, their direction almost straight, but varying from slightly concave to slightly convex, angling into the dorso-lateral margins either bluntly or sharply. Carapace with 12 or more small elevations covered with pile, the latter easily detached and often partly or wholly missing in preserved specimens. Frontal margin weak. Eyebrow breadth half or less than half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin entire, except, starting at antero-external angle, for one or more enlarged crenellations or tubercles; their size, shape and number are variable; sometimes there is a single broad-based sharp tubercle, sometimes several wide crenellations that extend partway around outer orbital margin. Lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus*: Postero-dorsal margin smooth and practically absent; posterior convexity, however, strongly developed. Antero-dorsal margin strongly convex throughout, although most arched in distal third; edge a distinct low crest, proximally unarmed, distally serrate. *Carpus*: Oblique ridge of inner surface with or without granules.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface slight, with slight flattening beside dorsal margin. Outer tubercles extremely minute except for slight enlargement and traces of rugosities near dorsal margin; tubercles smallest near ventral margin. Dorsal outer groove present. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with both outer and inner edges distinct and tuberculate; intervening surface flattened, tilted toward the palm, almost smooth except for a few distal pits and tubercles or sometimes rugosities directed interodistally. Lower edge of flattened area outside pollex base with traces, usually faint, of a broad, blunt, supraventral keel that continues distally along lower part of pollex; individual variation, as in *oerstedii*, is

considerable. Ventral margin with a row of small, similar tubercles dying out on pollex, midway to tip. Ventral, outer groove absent.

**Palm** with lower triangle covered by moderate tubercles, largest proximally. Oblique ridge low, the apex little or not at all higher than median portion; tubercles small and similar throughout including distally, but stopping on or before apex. Center palm with a broad band of small tubercles proximally. Carpal cavity shallow, with both ventral and distal margins broad, blunt, and indistinct. Beaded edge of proximal dorsal margin slanting slightly downward to bound on its dorsal side the distal extension of cavity; extension is shallow, broad, pointed, and almost reaches dactyl base, the small predactyl area being convex and smooth, not set off from center palm. Ridges at base of dactyl both reduced, the proximal with only several ventral tubercles and the distal with none; groove between ridges scarcely indicated.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Pollex broad; tip curving upward; dactyl not much longer than manus; its attachment to manus very oblique. Gape narrow, more so even than width of dactyl. Pollex externally with variable traces of a supraventral keel, as stated above, in description of manus. Inner surfaces of pollex and dactyl slightly concave throughout. Upper part of dactyl proximally very thick, flattened, a narrow groove on external side of inner part of dorsal margin (representing the usual outer, proximal, subdorsal groove); groove flanked internally by a row of minute tubercles dying out beyond groove toward middle of dactyl; extremely minute tubercles also present in vicinity of groove. Pollex and dactyl with outer and inner surfaces wholly smooth. Pollex with all three rows of gape tubercles well developed, but with inner row ending far short of tip; outer (not inner) and middle rows widely separated in proximal half on both pollex and dactyl. Dactyl with inner row represented only by a few proximal tubercles. Tuberculate triangular teeth in gape weak or absent, but one tubercle of middle row usually moderately enlarged toward middle of both pollex and dactyl, the enlargement on pollex sometimes tending toward the triangular tuberculate form characteristic of related species. Pollex tip simple. Gape pile plentiful.

**Minor Cheliped.** Manus and fingers slender. Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. Serrations strong, even, in contact beyond middle.

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri moderately broad, their dorsal margins slightly convex. 1st carpus on major side anteriorly with a row, sometimes irregular, of 7 to 9 minute tubercles; in addition, the ad-

jacent 1st merus sometimes has 3 or 4 granules antero-distally, forming an angle or curve.

**Gonopod.** Flanges absent; pore very large, terminal, its internal (anterior) lip with a large projection extending beyond rest of pore margin. Inner process reaching almost to pore margin; broad, flat. Thumb represented by an oblique shelf far proximal to corneous part of specialized tip.

#### FEMALE

Carapace finely granulate, especially posteriorly and laterally, including sides behind vertical lateral margin. Suborbital armature about as in male. Pilous elevations less distinct than in male.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
(All specimens from Guayaquil)				
Largest male	6.2	10.0	13.5	9.2
Moderate male	5.5	7.5	9.0	6.5
Largest female (ovigerous)	7.0	9.0	—	—
Moderate ovigerous female	5.5	7.2	—	—

**Note.** Rathbun's (1935) type measurements: length 8.0; breadth 11.2; (propodus 16.0; dactyl 11.0—J.C.). Von Hagen's (1968.2) largest specimen: length 7.2; breadth 10.5.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although the dorsal patches of pile on the carapace are more persistent in this species than in most others where they are importantly diagnostic, they are still subject to abrasion. Nevertheless, even when pile is practically absent the 2 transverse rows of small elevations across the middle of the carapace are distinctive, each consisting as it does of 4 similar mounds. These 8 are almost always larger than the 4 or more additional elevations, with or without pile, which are also usual, especially, it seems, in more northern populations. No quantitative work on their size and occurrence has yet been undertaken.

A comparison of all the members, including *inaequalis*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent. Carapace dark brown marbled with white; buccal and pterygostomian regions brown. Major cheliped dark brown except as follows: upper surfaces of merus, carpus, manus, and base of pollex rufous (reddish orange brown); lower half of manus also rufous,

brighter than the other areas; distal half of dactyl and entire pollex white. Anterior sides of meri of at least 1st and 2nd ambulatories sometimes purple to purplish red; ambulatories otherwise dark brown marbled with white, like carapace. Females dark.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave lateral, either straight or at high intensity irregularly circular, the cheliped then being brought to the ground in front of rest position and vibrated back toward the buccal area, as in *batuenta* and *saltitanta*. In the few examples where the activity can be clearly seen, all in films, the crab at these times is lifting the cheliped's merus against an adjacent part of the carapace, in a major-merus-suborbital component that is usually a drumming but sometimes a rubbing. The motion occurs frequently enough during the display of *inaequalis* to be considered an integral part of it. In the clearest examples the backward tilting of the upper part of the major merus toward the carapace is distinct during the vibrations. A single series of these motions that end a wave number between 10 and 14—many more than have been counted in either *batuenta* or *saltitanta*. Jerks, actual or apparent, absent, although the cheliped is lowered very abruptly. Minor cheliped synchronously unflexed and flexed. Body raised and lowered during each wave. Ambulatories remain on the ground except for the usual few steps. Wave slow, lasting more than a second, including vibrations, with at least an equal period between waves. (Component nos. 4, 5 with irregularity, 9, 10.)

### *Acoustic Behavior*

The following motions have been observed and filmed. During moderate intensity waving display, as described above: major-merus-rubs (component no. 1), major-merus-drums (7), and, rarely and questionably, major-manus-drums (9). During agonistic encounters, including both threat and actual combat: minor-merus-rubs (2), palm-leg-rubs (4) and leg-wags (5).

### *Combat*

A. D. Blest of the University of London filmed an excellent sequence of a long and forceful combat in Panama that gives our only clear evidence of the occurrence of two elements of special interest in the combat of this species. First is the alternation of waving by the opponents, mentioned in the Introduction to *inaequalis*. Second is an associated, alternating use of palm-leg-rubs. The filmed combat is heterochelous and mutual; it consists of several rounds, all ending forcefully with the push-off, fling, or actual upset of

the same individual; as often happens in *lactea* combats in the South Pacific, the overthrown crab repeatedly returned for another round. Except for manus-rubs and one set of manus-taps or pushes (component no. 1), the actual combat components were too incomplete and irregular to isolate; potential interlaces (9) were incomplete and the eventual grips irregular or indistinct. In each of three rounds, however, a type of forceful push-off, not observed before, was delivered when the actor unflexed his cheliped and struck his palm against the palm or outer manus of his opponent. Also included in this same combat were clear examples of tripping and of down-pointing (agonistic component 2), both noted also in the field, and both occurring before formal combat in the wholly unrelated *tangeri*, *maracoani*, and *ornata*.

## RANGE

Pacific coast of El Salvador to northern Peru.

## BIOTOPES

Mud, often stony mud, often shaded by mangroves, the area sometimes separated from the lower part of a stream by fringing mangroves; rarely on unshaded, open mud flats. (Biotope nos. 9, 11, 12, 14.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Depending on the biotope, *inaequalis* is sometimes associated with one or another of the other members of the alliance—*batuenta*, *beebei*, or *oerstedii*. Not characteristically mingling with any particular species of the numerous *Uca* living in various combinations of the same habitats; perhaps most often found with *beebei*, although the optimum habitat of the latter species occurs in somewhat more saline localities.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 609.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto. Costa Rica: Puntarenas, Ballenas Bay, Golfito. Canal Zone: Balboa. Panama: near Old Panama. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

*Films.* Old Panama.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca inaequalis* Rathbun, 1935

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 70833 (labeled "TYPE"); in same jar under same number are 6 additional males and 3 females. Type-locality: Salada (= El Salado), Guayaquil, Ecuador. (!)

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#### *Uca inaequalis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1935.1: 51. Ecuador: Guayaquil. (USNM !)

Crane, 1941.1: 185; Text Fig. 4L, Pl. 2, Figs. 8, 9; Pl. 3, Fig. 12. Nicaragua to Panama. Taxonomy; color; waving display; habitat. (USNM !)

Bott, 1954: 176; Text Fig. 21; Pl. 18, Fig. 20a, b. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Taxonomy.

Peters, 1955: 435; Text Figs. 4, 5. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Waving display.

Crane, 1957. Panama, Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 410; Text Fig. 4a. Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy; color; waving display.

Altevogt, 1970. Illus. Peru. Form and function of vibration signal.

47. *UCA (CELUCA) TENUIPEDIS* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 34 *E-H*.                      MAP 15.  
 FIGURES 68 *H*; 101.                TABLES 9, 10, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Notable for slender legs and small size, *Uca tenuipedis* was unknown in life until von Hagen (1968.2) found it in Peru. Now, thanks to his work on its waving display, we have behavioral evidence that it should be considered a member of the group composed of *crenulata* and its allies, in accordance with its morphological characteristics of form and armature.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad. Ambulatories unusually slender in both sexes; antero-lateral margins long, slightly diverging, posteriorly angled. Carapace without pile. No oblique ridge on major palm; pollex very broad at base. Gonopod with large flanges but thumb represented by an oblique shelf.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *CelUCA* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained almost 4 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins long, straight or slightly concave, slightly diverging, angling into dorso-lateral margins. A variable amount of pile present on lower, posterior sides of carapace. Frontal margin distally weak. Eyebrows narrow, about one-fourth diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with internal crenellations minute, those in outer half much larger, but variable; the most external, around anterior part of outer orbital margin, are very large and separated. Lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus*: Postero-dorsal margin practically absent, although area is rugose as usual and posterior convexity is strongly developed. Antero-dorsal margin proximally a low ridge, straight and unarmed, flaring only in distal third into a low, convex crest which is irregularly tuberculate. *Carpus*: Apparently smooth except for pile, and apparently lacking tubercles on anterior margin.

*Manus*: Wide, being only about one-fifth longer than broad. Bending of outer, upper surface slight, with slight flattening beside dorsal surface. Outer tubercles extremely minute except for slight enlargement near dorsal margin; there they are in short, irregular rows, most of them vertical, some horizontal, forming a roughly reticulate pattern; the tubercles, unlike tuberculate striae, not set on ridges; intervening spaces smooth. Dorsal outer groove shallow, dying out subdistally. Dorsal margin with outer edge above groove beaded, confluent with margin above carpal cavity only proximally, at extreme end; indistinct distal to groove; inner edge indistinct; intervening surface broad, flattened, covered with sharp, crowded tubercles midway in size between those of upper and lower side of manus. Lower edge of flattened area outside pollex base with a keel that continues distally along most of pollex in its ventral half. Ventral margin with a row of large tubercles extending its entire length; just before pollex base they become smaller and irregularly double, dying out about halfway to tip. Ventral, outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle smooth to faintly reticulated in upper portion; tubercles wholly lacking. Oblique ridge, including apex, rudimentary, being low, broad, blunt, and reaching carpal cavity unusually far below gape level, even when the great breadth of pollex is considered; tubercles lacking throughout. Center palm smooth except for a band of sparse, very minute tubercles in upper part adjoining predactyl area; in largest specimen slight depressions give a reticulated aspect. Carpal cavity small and shallow, ventral margin very short, moderately broad; distal margin indistinct, the cavity merging with center palm. Edge of proximal dorsal margin turning slightly downward distally, but not bounding distal extension of carpal cavity; the extension is short, proximally broad, distally pointed, and merges gradually with predactyl area. Predactyl area spacious, convex, and covered closely with small, sharp tubercles that continue unbroken from adjacent dorsal margin.

*Pollex* and *dactyl*: Differ from *inaequalis* as follows: Dorsal half of dactyl covered with sharp tubercles, except for a well developed, smooth, outer groove that extends about half length of dactyl. Gape

with inner row of tubercles on pollex extending almost to tip; median enlargement on pollex gape definitely a tuberculate tooth, the margin distal to its apex being concave; no gape teeth clearly enlarged on dactyl.

*Minor Cheliped.* Gape very narrow. Strong serrations practically in contact.

*Ambulatories.* All segments very slender. Dorsal margins even of 2nd and 3rd meri almost straight. 3rd merus extending more than one-quarter of its length beyond antero-lateral angle when laid forward. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory. Inconspicuous pile present or absent, then perhaps abraded, dorsally on carpus, particularly of 2nd and 3rd legs.

*Gonopod.* Tip very similar to those of *uruguayensis* and *speciosa*. Flanges large, the anterior the larger; pore subterminal, the flanges continuing beyond it, their common distal margin narrowly rounded. Inner process triangular with a broad base, overlying canal, the pointed tip almost reaching gonopore. Thumb absent, represented only by a few bristles arising from a shelf; the latter slants obliquely toward base of appendage, far below base of flange.

#### FEMALE

Ambulatories remarkably slender, including the meri, differing very slightly in this character from those of the male, and consequently forming a serviceable character for easily distinguishing females of the species.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (von Hagen, Peru)	5.3	7.1	9.7	
Holotype male (Costa Rica)	5.0	6.5	8.1	5.8
Largest female (Costa Rica)	5.0	6.6	—	—
Largest female (von Hagen, Peru)	5.0	6.8	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (von Hagen, Peru)	4.4	5.7	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The combination of a wide manus, short fingers, and absence of an oblique ridge on the palm gives a paedomorphic appearance to the major cheliped. In contrast to such species as *pygmaea*, however, the form of the carapace suggests no paedomorphism, while the slenderness of the legs is unusual in adults of any subgenus and is never in itself a juvenile character.

A comparison of all the members, including *tenuipedis*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

(After von Hagen, 1968.2.) Display whitening absent. Males and females similar. Carapace dull brown, marbled with gray. Eyestalks and minor chelipeds gray brown. Ambulatories somewhat lighter pale gray to light horn color, on the posterior side with dark gray or brown bands. Anterior side of major cheliped of males: palm brown above, gray white below. Dactyl brown above, pollex gray white.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

(After von Hagen, 1968.2.) Wave apparently lateral-straight, with an irregular circularity occurring because the claw is brought down to a flexed position in front of starting point, as in *batuenta*. A very brief pause at highest point reached by chela. Claw brought down to a flexed position abruptly, thus making the first stroke of a major-manus-drumming against the substrate; it is brought back into the original position through the series of bouncing motions that compose the drumming, consisting of 1 to 7 vibrations (usually 4 to 5). During waving minor cheliped participates. Body raised and lowered during each wave. Ambulatories remain on ground. Duration of entire display, including drumming, about 0.5 to 0.75 second. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 10.)

#### RANGE

Costa Rica and Peru.

#### BIOTOPE

Mudbanks on shores of mangrove estuaries. (Biotope no. 12.)

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca tenuipedis* Crane, 1941

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137409 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,143). Type-locality: Ballenas Bay, Costa Rica. Measurements on this page. (!)

*Additional Type Material.* 9 male and 2 female paratypes from the type-locality in the same institution, cat. nos. 79404 and 137410 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381144). (!)

## REFERENCES

*Uca (Celuca) tenuipedis* Crane, 1941

*Uca tenuipedis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 186; Text Fig. 4m; Pl. 2, Fig. 7; Pl. 3, Fig. 13. Costa Rica: Ballenas Bay. (USNM !)

von Hagen, 1968.2: 410. Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy (= measurements and key characters); color; waving display.



48. *UCA (CELUCA) TOMENTOSA* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 35 A-D.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 70 E; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca tomentosa* is one more small fiddler that seems clearly, if not closely, related to the superspecies *crenulata*. This one has no outstanding morphological peculiarities, is dull in color, and has confusingly various amounts of pile on its carapace. The unique male holotype of *U. mertensi* Bott, 1954, and the series from Peru referred to *mertensi* by von Hagen, 1968.2, are examples of *tomentosa*. Von Hagen's field work has provided basic data on *tomentosa*'s color and waving display.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide. Major pollex not unusually broad proximally and without a strong projection on prehensile edge. 1st ambulatory on major side without special armature on anterior surface; merus of each ambulatory, especially of 2nd and 3rd, broad. Carapace in both sexes with patches of pile, but patterns various, easily abraded. Gonopod with pore large and terminal, its edge somewhat uneven but with no trace of a projection; thumb well developed.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 5 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins straight, scarcely convergent, angling bluntly into dorso-lateral margins. Dorsal surface of carapace with short pile on branchial regions in a reticulated pattern of varying extent and partly covering also mesogastric, cardiac, and hepatic regions; one patch in holotype on branchial region immediately interior to the longitudinal groove that, as in *oerstedii*, *tallanica*, and other related forms, partly subdivides branchial region. Breadth of eyebrow more than one-half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations only slightly enlarged near antero-external angle; they then extend, slightly reduced in size, around outer orbital margin as far as

channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle moderately sharp.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus*: Antero-dorsal margin proximally a low ridge, straight and unarmed, flaring only subdistally into a low crest, scarcely convex, and irregularly tuberculate. *Carpus*: Anterior margin practically erect, instead of bent over; oblique ridge of inner surface poorly marked but with a row of 7 distinct tubercles.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface moderate but practically without flattening. Outer tubercles extremely minute in lower half, increasing gradually to moderate size toward upper margin; tubercles absent adjacent to the distinct dorsal outer groove. Dorsal margin with outer edge confluent with that of carpal cavity only at extreme proximal end, distinct and tuberculate throughout entire length of margin; inner edge beyond cavity indistinct; intervening surface flattened, smooth proximally, roughened distally by an irregular longitudinal row of small, separated tubercles. Lower margin weakly keeled, surmounted by coarse, low, blunt beading that dies out near pollex base. Faint, ventral, outer groove present proximally.

*Palm* with lower triangle evenly covered with extremely minute tubercles. Oblique ridge high, the apex slightly higher than median portion but the tubercles there only slightly larger than elsewhere; tubercles continued beyond apex upward around carpal cavity to predactyl area, but few, small, and irregularly spaced. Carpal cavity with ventral margin thick, blunt; distal edge moderately sloping; no distal extension, the beaded inner edge of proximal dorsal margin curving downward to meet tubercles continued upward from oblique ridge, and hence bounding upper distal part of carpal cavity. Predactyl area spacious, practically flat, smooth, rounding into the tuberculate dorsal margin not set off from center palm.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Pollex slightly less deep than dactyl. Dactyl little longer than manus. Gape narrow, less than depth of pollex. Pollex with a faint inner depression extending through about half of length. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove well developed, surrounded by strong tubercles that dorsally extend beyond it through about half dactyl's

length. Both pollex and dactyl with all lateral surfaces smooth. Gape in both pollex and dactyl with outer and median rows of tubercles well developed but inner row absent on pollex except proximally and weak on both pollex and dactyl. Pollex tip simple. In gape near pollex tip a small, tuberculate convexity which is absent in the larger holotype of *mertensi*, instead of enlarged into the triangular tooth characteristic of most related species; a single enlarged tubercle near middle of dactyl. Gape pile present.

*Minor Cheliped.* Slender; gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. Middle section with serrations strong, distally in contact.

*Ambulatories.* All meri broad for a *CelUCA*: 2nd and 3rd with dorsal margins strongly convex. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory.

*Gonopod.* Flanges absent; pore large, with its internal (anterior) tip lower than the external but with no trace of a projection; external (posterior) lip broadly angled. Inner process narrowly triangular, flat; its rounded tip extending slightly beyond adjacent lip of pore. Thumb well developed but short, extending slightly more than its own length proximal to corneous base of specialized tip.

#### FEMALE

Carapace pile about as in male.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (von Hagen; Peru)	11.0	16.8	30.6	
Male (holotype of <i>mertensi</i> ; Bott; Salvador)	9.5	15.0		
Holotype male (Costa Rica)	6.6	10.2	14.5	9.0
Largest female (von Hagen; Peru)	11.4	17.9	—	—
Largest female paratype (Costa Rica)	7.3	11.9	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

A comparison of all the members, including *tomentosa*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

#### Color

(After von Hagen.) No display whitening observed. Male: Carapace with mosaic pattern of dark green, light green and yellow. Eyestalks emerald green. Ambulatories anteriorly light gray flecked with darker; posteriorly marbled brown and yellow. Minor cheliped light gray. Outer side of major cheliped:

manus and dactyl in juveniles light brown; in older individuals manus gray, sprinkled above with yellow; whitish below, as well as on pollex. Females: Carapace with mosaic pattern of dark brown, green, and yellow, infrequently red and olive; ambulatories anteriorly light gray or pale rose. Underside of ischium rose. Otherwise as in male.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

(After von Hagen, 1968.2.) Wave lateral-circular. A distinct pause at higher intensities at highest point reached by chela. Claw lowered into a flexed position abruptly, giving impression of jerks as it strikes the ground in front of the rest position and is then moved back into its usual place, apparently in a fashion similar to that found in *tenuipedis* and *batuenta*; unlike those species, however, *tomentosa* makes only a single stroke against the ground, instead of a series of vibrations; hence it is not a fully developed major-manus-drumming. During waving minor cheliped participates. Body tilted strongly during each wave, doubtless through bending of the more posterior ambulatories and extension of those in front. Some ambulatories sometimes raised during display. Duration of entire display, including the single stroke of major cheliped against ground, about 1.25 to 1.5 seconds. (Component nos. 5, 9, 10, 12.)

#### RANGE

From Los Blancos, El Salvador, to Puerto Pizarro, Peru.

#### BIOTOPES

Clay-like mud flats to muddy sand; smooth, superficially encrusted sand (von Hagen) (= over mud). (Approximate biotope nos. 5, 6, 8.)

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca tomentosa* Crane, 1941

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137411 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,132). Type-locality: Puntarenas, Costa Rica. Measurements on this page. (!)

*Additional Type Material.* 4 female paratypes from the type-locality in the same institution. Cat. no. 137412 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,133). (!)

Type Material of *Uca mertensi* Bott, 1954 (= holotype male). In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg,

Frankfurt a.M. Cat. no. 1863; length 9.5 mm. (!)  
Type-locality: Los Blancos, El Salvador.

The small size of the holotype of *tomentosa*, in comparison with both the holotype of *mertensi* and of the Peruvian material in von Hagen's collection,

may be one factor in the differences in amount of pile. Except for less pile and the expectably longer major chela in the holotype of *mertensi*, the specimens are closely similar, including details of armature and gonopod.

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## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) tomentosa* Crane, 1941

*Uca tomentosa*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 179; Text Figs. 4h, 6. Costa Rica: Puntarenas. (USNM !)

*Uca mertensi*

Bott, 1954: 169; Text Fig. 11; Pl. 16, Fig. 11a, b.

El Salvador: Los Blancos. Type description. (Frankfurt !)

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1967. E 1290. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 425; Text Fig. 4b, c. Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy; color; waving display; habitat (Text Fig. 20).

49. *UCA (CELUCA) TALLANICA* VON HAGEN, 1968

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 35 E-H.

MAP 15.

FIGURE 70 J.

TABLES 9, 10.

## INTRODUCTION

Von Hagen's publication of the type description of *U. tallanica* adds one more species, notably small and remarkably interesting, to this group of closely related forms. For years it seemed unwise to base a new species on the few imperfect male specimens I collected in Ecuador. Now the name *tallanica* is available, based on a series from Peru. In the following description I have combined von Hagen's data with that from the Ecuadorian specimens; the details of the armature and gonopod, however, are derived entirely from the latter.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide. Major cheliped with a small, pilous depression with definite margins at base of outer pollex; center of palm tuberculate; both ridges at base of dactyl well developed, tuberculate; a strong, tuberculate projection subdistally on pollex. 1st ambulatory on major side with a long row of minute tubercles on anterior surface of carpus; merus of each ambulatory strikingly broad, including that of 4th. Male carapace with usually 6 small, curved patches of pile; female usually with 2. Gonopod with pore large and terminal but without a projection on its edge; thumb represented by an oblique shelf.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained about 3.3 times in that of carapace. Orbits moderately oblique. Antero-lateral margins short, straight or slightly concave, converging, turning further inward posteriorly at a broadly obtuse angle. Each member of the upper pair of postero-lateral striae is long and strong and, at extreme inner end, curves sharply inward, paralleling posterior border; lower striae sometimes a single pair, sometimes represented by several, at least on one side, always short, always far lateral. Carapace with small, paired patches of pile, the larger curved

and comma-shaped, usually numbering 3 pairs, as follows: on each side of the mid-line one patch on upper and one on lower longitudinal groove of the H-formation, plus a smaller patch, sometimes straight, on branchial region immediately interior to the longitudinal groove that, as in *U. oerstedii*, partly subdivides branchial region. Breadth of eyebrow less than half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eye-stalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations distinct throughout, although small internally; they increase gradually to moderate size in neighborhood of outer angle and continue, somewhat separated, almost to outer orbital channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt on major side, moderately sharp on minor.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Postero-dorsal margin smooth and practically absent; posterior convexity strongly developed. Antero-dorsal margin practically straight; distinct and sharp throughout but not high enough to be termed a crest; unarmed in proximal half but finely serrate, the serrations increasing progressively in size, distally. *Carpus:* Oblique ridge of inner surface sometimes with several very small tubercles.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface moderate, flattening near dorsal margin slight, although a broad area below the subdorsal ridge and groove is practically smooth. Outer tubercles in lower half small but then increasing regularly until, by the time they stop abruptly along lower edge of subdorsal, smooth area, they are large for the subgenus. A few enlarged tubercles, comparable in size to the largest ones subdorsally, in an irregularly vertical row behind base of gape. Dorsal outer groove strong, continuing entire length of margin. Dorsal margin above groove high throughout, armed except proximally with a regular row of similar, rounded tubercles, so nearly contiguous that they almost constitute beading. Dorsal margin itself almost flat with variable, scattered, sharp tubercles; inner edge distal to carpal cavity indistinct. Area outside pollex base with a small, triangular depression filled with pile, the base of the triangle, paralleling ventral margin, being much longer than its altitude; the triangle is margined ventrally by small tubercles that continue a short way proximally beyond the depression, in a weak version

of the supraventral keel found in *oerstedii* and others; however the tubercles do not continue at all distally, onto the pollex. Ventral margin of manus with a row of strong tubercles, adjoined externally by a groove, running entire length but stopping abruptly beneath pilous triangle at pollex base. The tubercles are graduated in size, from minute proximally to large before and beneath triangle; pile is conspicuous between the large tubercles and in the adjoining groove.

**Palm** with lower triangle finely granulate. Oblique ridge low, broad, poorly marked by a row of tubercles scarcely larger than those of adjoining center palm area; apex scarcely evident, slightly lower even than adjoining ridge; tubercles not continuing upward around carpal cavity, except insofar as they are barely distinguishable from the center palm armature, which extends to the cavity's distal edge. Carpal cavity's ventral margin very low, broad, blunt; distal part of cavity sloping very gently; inner edge of proximal dorsal margin finely tuberculate, almost beaded, curving only slightly downward and so permitting a distal extension of the cavity, short and narrow; this extension slopes up into the smooth surface of the short predactyl area. Predactyl ridges both with well-developed tubercles.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Pollex not markedly triangular, the base, although broad, being little or not at all wider than corresponding part of dactyl; prehensile edge of pollex subdistally only with a triangular, tuberculate tooth, its distal edge being longer. Dactyl long, its strongest curvature being only distal, as it continues below tip of pollex; latter is practically straight ventrally, not curved upward. Gape moderately narrow proximally, practically absent distally in region of triangular tooth of pollex. Outer, proximal, subdorsal groove on dactyl broad, extending as much as about a third length of dactyl, flattened, smooth, flanked above and below by well-developed tubercles continuing dorsally beyond groove. Pollex and dactyl with outer and inner surfaces wholly smooth. Pollex and dactyl with outer and inner rows of gape tubercles proximally weak, distally vestigial, or represented by ridges only. Inner and middle rows widely separated proximally on pollex only; tubercles edging convexity of pollex in gape arising completely from median row; convexity is confined to about distal third, with a short proximal edge, a triangular apex, and a long, almost straight distal edge fully armed with small, sharp tubercles, similar except sometimes for one slightly enlarged near middle of the edge; no projections or enlarged tubercles elsewhere in gape, except occasionally for one tubercle in distal third of dactyl; both median rows proximally composed of very low, practically contiguous tubercles, either broadly rounded or almost flat, especially near base where gape pile is plentiful.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. Middle section with serrations strong, even, in contact beyond middle.

**Ambulatories.** All ambulatories, including 4th, strikingly broad for a *CelUCA*, more so even than in *oerstedii*; the only strongly convex dorsal margin, however, is that of 3rd leg. A long row of minute tubercles on carpus of 1st ambulatory on major side; in addition, the nearby antero-ventral margin of the merus of the same ambulatory is distally finely tuberculate.

**Gonopod.** Flanges absent; pore very large, terminal, without a projection extending beyond rest of pore margin. Inner process ending slightly proximal to pore, moderately broad, flat, and closely appressed to tube, except at distal end where its spinous tip projects freely, as the end of the tube curves slightly away from it, immediately before the pore. Thumb represented by an oblique shelf far proximal to corneous part of specialized tip.

This gonopod closely resembles that of the sympatric *inaequalis* except for the apparently narrower inner process and the distinct lack of a projection on margin of pore. It is even more closely similar to that of *helleri*, from the Galapagos, but does not have even the rudimentary indication of a pore projection and, again, the inner process is less extensive.

#### FEMALE

(From von Hagen's type description and key, plus examination of 2 immature paratypes.) Usually with only 2 comma-shaped patches of pile, but sometimes with more (4 to 6 patches in 5 out of 20 females). Lower suborbital margin with crenellations laterally separate and gradually diminishing in size, ending at channel.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (von Hagen; Peru)	7.5	11.5	17.3	
Moderate male (present collection; Ecuador)	7.1	10.3	14.5	9.5
Holotype (von Hagen; Peru)	6.9	10.3	13.3	9.0 (J.C.)
Largest female (von Hagen; Peru)	8.0	11.6	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (von Hagen; Peru)	5.8	8.4	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

A comparison of all the members, including *tallanica*, of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies will be found on p. 217.

### Color

(After von Hagen.) Male: No display whitening observed. Carapace dark brown patterned with pale yellow, sometimes with a violet sheen; posterior quarter sometimes light yellow; eyestalks gray to gray green. Ambulatories anteriorly violet, elsewhere like carapace; minor cheliped gray violet. Outside of major cheliped: outer manus like cheliped, gray below; pollex white; dactyl proximally and above gray brown. Female: Yellow pattern of the dark brown carapace darker and not as conspicuous as in male. Chelae whitish, speckled with gray. Otherwise as in male.

### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

#### *Waving Display*

(After von Hagen.) Only lowest intensity observed, accompanied by feeding motions. Similar to low intensity of *batuenta*, the major cheliped making a weak circular motion.

### RANGE

Known only from Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador, and Puerto Pizarro, Peru.

### BIOTOPES

(From von Hagen, Text Fig. 20.) Upper levels of mudbanks of estuaries, very close to mangroves, including in their shade. The single specimen taken by Crane in Puerto Bolivar was in a similar, but flatter, habitat, and not in shade. (Biotope nos. 8, 9.)

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca tallanica* von Hagen, 1968

HOLOTYPE. In Rijksmuseum Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. Male, cat. no. D 23046; measurements on p. 265. Type-locality: Puerto Pizarro, Peru. (!)

*Additional Type Material.* In same institution: 5 male and 3 female paratypes (cat. no. 23047). (!)

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### REFERENCE

*Uca (Celuca) tallanica* von Hagen, 1968

*Uca tallanica*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Von Hagen, 1968.2: 412; Text Figs. 5b, c, 6. Peru. Color; waving display. (Leiden !)

50. *UCA (CELUCA) FESTAE* NOBILI, 1902

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 36 A-D.

MAP 16.

FIGURES 71 C, D; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

The fingers of the major cheliped in *Uca festae* attain record lengths in relation to the size of the crab, although the armature shows no uncommon peculiarities. Notes made many years ago in Ecuador indicate that fighting was more prevalent, during those particular low tides, than in any other species I have encountered. Our present knowledge of combat components leads to the expectation that the long fingers will prove to be concerned with some combat characteristic, as well as with any physical and psychological advantages of large size and high visibility (p. 487). A possibly related point in the crab's evolution is that display color is dull except for the dazzling white fingers; in motion their flashing shows up well against the dark background of river shore or salt flat.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad. Major cheliped with fingers strikingly long and slender, straight except for dactyl's tip; outer manus with a small group of large tubercles close to base of gape. Gonopod with a short thumb and without a projection on pore margin. Female with pile postero-laterally on dorsal part of carapace, and on posterior part of its sides.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained about 4.5 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins straight, parallel, or slightly diverging, angling into dorso-lateral margins. Hepatic and branchial regions fused and arched moderately above level of surrounding carapace. Eyebrow breadth more than half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital crenellations in outer half large and well separated, continuing slightly around outer orbital margin, but stopping well short of channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle moderately sharp with a minute basal tubercle.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* All rugosities sparse and weak; tubercles of antero-lateral and ventral margins small.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface strong and markedly flattened. Outer tubercles extremely minute near lower and upper margins; in middle portion of palm they become abruptly much larger, especially distally, near base of lower part of dactyl; this entire middle area of larger tubercles is separately convex, projecting beyond the usual convexity of outer surface; upper flattened portion with a broad, longitudinal depression or series of pits extending through distal half. Dorsal, outer groove distinct, curving outward distally and ending just before dactyl base. Dorsal margin with outer edge distal to carpal cavity weakly beaded or tuberculate; inner edge indistinct; intervening surface narrow, flat, marked by a few indistinct tubercles that are sometimes confluent with several blunt, distal rugosities on adjacent palm. Lower margin with edge blunt and without special tubercles, the only armature being a continuation of the minute tubercles of lower, outer surface. Ventral, outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles arranged in irregular, chiefly vertical rows, the tubercles largest proximally. Oblique ridge moderate, the apex high; tubercles increasing regularly in size to apex and just above it, where they are largest; above apex slightly smaller tubercles continue upward along carpal cavity, the row varying from regular to irregular, then turn distally below predactyl area where they die out. Center palm sloping steeply upward to tubercles bordering carpal cavity; a slight depression in upper portion, below predactyl area. Carpal cavity with ventral margin steep-sided, being only moderately thick, but the edge itself is broad and blunt; distal part of cavity sloping moderately to the almost straight (vertical) distal boundary surmounted by the tubercles of upward extension of oblique ridge; no true distal extension into predactyl area, from which the cavity is incompletely set off by the area's flatter plane and, usually, lumpiness; inner edge of proximal dorsal margin not curving downward. Predactyl area small, narrow, flat, or with a faint depression; slightly lumpy or, sometimes, smooth; bounded ventrally, as noted above, by end of upward extending tubercles from oblique

ridge. Distal ridge at base of dactyl better developed than proximal, the tubercles being larger and extending farther dorsally.

*Pollex* and *dactyl*: Exceedingly long, the longest relative to length of manus (and probably to length of crab) of any species in the genus; for example, while the propodus attains a length of about 4 times the length of the carapace, the dactyl measures around 7 times that of manus. Both fingers very slender; dactyl slightly broader than pollex, notably convex throughout, curving unusually far beyond and below pollex. Gape moderate at middle, clearly wider than adjacent part of pollex. Dactyl with a slight, outer, proximal subdorsal groove or concavity, sometimes minutely tuberculate like surrounding area; both area and groove sometimes smooth in large specimens. Pollex and dactyl laterally smooth except near ventral and dorsal margins respectively, and near gape, where they are covered with extremely minute tubercles, inside and out, especially in smaller specimens. On gape, outer and inner rows of both pollex and dactyl inconspicuous and become indistinct before middle of length; tubercles of median row only slightly larger and, while distinct beyond middle, are also diminished more distally and merged among the general covering of minute tubercles. Pollex tip simple. Pollex gape without enlarged tubercles; dactyl sometimes with a single tubercle slightly enlarged at about end of proximal third.

*Minor Cheliped*. Gape very narrow. Strong serrations practically in contact.

*Ambulatories*. 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender, their dorsal margins scarcely convex to almost straight. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory.

*Gonopod*. Flanges absent; pore very large, its internal (anterior) lip lower than the external, without a projection. Inner process broad, flat, triangular, almost or quite reaching pore. Thumb small but distinct, varying in length even within populations, ending far proximal to the corneous base of the specialized tip.

#### FEMALE

Carapace regions definitely less marked than in male, the difference being unusually strong for a *Celuca*. Strong granulation dorsally and laterally on carapace; in postero-lateral part of dorsal region as well as on sides behind the vertical lateral margins the armature takes the form of true tubercles rather than granules. Pile plentiful above and below postero-lateral margins and in region of posterior striae. Cheliped on one side with antero-ventral margin armed more strongly than in any other species, there being a fairly regular row of distinct tubercles throughout its length. Suborbital margin with crenulations near outer anterior orbital angle more closely

set than in male but not larger. On 3rd and 4th ambulatories, pile present posteriorly on merus, carpus, and manus.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
From El Salvador (Bott's material, 1954)				
Male, identified by Bott as <i>U. festae</i> (cat. no. 2102)	10.0	16.0		
Male, holotype of <i>U. orthomana</i> ; juvenile	7.0	11.0		
From Ecuador (present collection)				
Largest male	13.0	21.5	53.0	46.0
Moderate male	9.0	14.5	30.0	28.0
Largest female (ovigerous)	13.0	19.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female	8.0	12.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The differences between the poorly known northern form of *festae* and the southern representatives seem too slight even to warrant the erection of subspecies. The distinctions at present appear confined to the gonopod, which has a slightly thicker thumb and thicker tip in Bott's material from El Salvador. Possibly also the gape of the major cheliped and thickness of the fingers remain of juvenile proportions when the crabs are longer than in the known populations of Ecuador.

Several juveniles from Panama in the present collection are even smaller, measuring about 5 mm in length, than are Bott's examples upon which the species *U. orthomana* and part of *U. leptochela* were erected; furthermore the Panama material is in poor condition. Nevertheless all of their specific characters are distinct and all are well developed except the gonopod thumb; this structure is represented only by an oblique shelf, as in some related species. Juveniles from Ecuador show a similarly late development of this structure. Finally, a male measuring 7.5 mm long and of mature proportions, from Contreras Island, off Panama, also has the thumb represented only by a shelf.

This species appears to have affinities slightly closer to members of the superspecies *crenulata* and its allies (p. 217) than to *beebei* and *stenodactylus*. It is essentially an intermediate form, however, unique only in the striking elongation of the major cheliped.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent. Carapace at palest appears brownish gray; buccal regions



and 3rd maxillipeds clear white. Major cheliped: Merus, carpus and manus dull greenish brown inside and out, except for narrow orange ends of connecting segments; chela shining white, as in minor chela and its manus; merus and carpus of minor cheliped and of all ambulatories purplish, at least anteriorly; elsewhere these appendages are dull monochrome, sometimes darker than the carapace. Eyestalks dull yellow or yellow orange in both sexes. Females otherwise dark.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave lateral, strongly circular at high intensity, with the carpus then kept elevated, so that the tips of the fingers slant downward at the wave's low point but do not touch the ground during a series; a brief pause at peak; the chela then swings downward abruptly and another brief pause precedes the next wave; fingers usually slightly apart, parallel, during raising of cheliped, closed on lowering. (It seems probable that during the descent of the chela in a high-intensity wave a major-merus-rub or -drum takes place; the requisite motions were described at Guayaquil, but do not appear in the films made of waving at moderate intensity in the Trinidad crabberly.) Body raised high and the position held, at least anteriorly, throughout a series, the ambulatories remaining on the ground except when one or two are raised, apparently as an aid to balance. Waving was at a maximum rate of slightly less than one to a second in the field at Guayaquil; in the crabberly the lone male waved at much slower rates. In both field and crabberly more than 50 waves sometimes occurred in single series. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 11; timing elements in Table 19, p. 000.)

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

During the observations at Guayaquil, males often chased females with the major cheliped extended, probably in a form of herding (component no. 14). When a female appeared attentive, a displaying male without any chasing approached her and stroked her carapace. No attempts at copulation were observed, and although excited males descended their own burrows as usual in *CelUCA*, no females were seen to follow.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

As already described under waving display, major-merus-rubs (component 1) or major-merus-drums (7) probably occur during some waves of high in-

tensity. Below, in the comments on combat, the frequent use of probable minor-merus-rubs is mentioned (2). Leg-wags (5) were seen both during waving display and before combat. Although I was watching for it particularly, no drumming against the substrate, either real or apparent, took place. Although a single individual sent us from Buenaventura lived and waved for months in the Trinidad crabberly, no stridulatory motions were ever observed.

## *Combat*

The numerous combats seen at Guayaquil often included three and even four opponents; after a time the third individual would leave or be ousted, while a group of four would split into conventional pairs. In species I have since come to know well, most combats occur close to the time of low tide, and have almost or completely ceased long before the rising water approaches their burrows. Contrastingly, the *festae* fights continued to be plentiful even as the water washed over the legs of the struggling males. Combats were often preceded by rapid motions of the minor cheliped which almost certainly will prove to be minor-merus-rubs. Displacement cleaning of the major cheliped by the minor between rounds was so prevalent that it should probably be considered a part of combat; it also followed numerous encounters; in this species, particularly, stridulation during these motions should be suspected.

The several low-tide periods of observation at Guayaquil started April 20, before and during new moon, which fell on April 22, with low water each day occurring around mid-afternoon.

## RANGE

*U. festae* is known from El Salvador, Panama (near Panama City), Colombia (Buenaventura), and Ecuador.

## BIOTOPES

At Guayaquil, the type-locality, *U. festae* was present in largest numbers on flat banks of the river in the town itself; it also lived in the frequently dry salt flats nearby known as "El Salado." (Biotope nos. 14, 15); in Panama the only known specimens were found in mangrove mud near a stream mouth.

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

At the Guayaquil level of the Guayas River *festae* was the only *UCA*; at El Salado, *vocator ecuadoriensis* and *g. galapagensis* also occurred in numbers, both members of the subgenus *Minuca*.

# MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 610.)

*Observations and Collections.* Guayaquil, Ecuador.

*Films.* Photographed in Trinidad crabberies from specimens sent from Buenaventura, Colombia.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca festae* Nobili, 1901

**HOLOTYPE.** In Museo di Zoologia della Università di Torino. Male, cat. no. 1438. Type-locality: Rio Daule, Ecuador. Measurements in mm: length 12; breadth 18 (Rathbun). (!)

Type Material of *Uca guayaquilensis* Rathbun, 1935. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 70831. Type-locality: Salada (= El Salado), Guayaquil, Ecuador. Measurements in mm: length 9.1; breadth 14.3 (Rathbun); under same number in same vial male and female. (!)

Type Material of *Uca orthomanus* Bott, 1954. In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a.M. Male, cat. no. 1873. Type-locality: Puerto el Triunfo, El Salvador. Measurements on p. 268. 2 paratype males, cat. no. 2074. (!)

Type Material (part) of *Uca leptochela* Bott, 1954. In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a.M. At least 2 of the 5 male paratypes are juvenile examples of *U. festae* (cat. 2073 part). (!)

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## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) festae* Nobili, 1902

*Uca festae*

**TYPE DESCRIPTION.** Nobili, 1901.4: 51. Ecuador: Rio Daule Inferiore. (Torino !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 420. Taxonomy. No new material.

Maccagno, 1928: 32; Text Fig. 18 (claw). Ecuador: Guayaquil. Taxonomy, including that of type material. (Part !)

Bott, 1954: 171; Text Fig. 12; Pl. 17, Figs. 12a, b. El Salvador: El Zunzal. (!)

Crane, 1957. Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca guayaquilensis*

Rathbun, 1935.1: 50. Ecuador: Guayaquil. Type description. (USNM !)

*Uca orthomana*

Bott, 1954: 175; Text Fig. 19; Pl. 18, Figs. 18a, b. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Type description. (Frankfurt !)

*Uca leptochela*

Bott, 1954: 176 (part: 2 paratypes). El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. (Frankfurt !)

51. *UCA (CELUCA) HELLERI* RATHBUN, 1902

(Tropical eastern Pacific: Galapagos Islands)

PLATE 36 E-H.

MAP 15.

FIGURES 70 H; 101.

TABLE 9.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca helleri* appears to be endemic in the Galapagos, and remains the only species in the genus with a distribution confined to a small group of islands. Few specimens have been collected, and information on its biology appears to be lacking. Films of waving fiddlers, lent by visitors, do not show the display characters clearly enough to describe them.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad. Orbits oblique; antero-lateral margins short, not at all divergent. Major cheliped with the minute tubercles on outer manus and triangle on proximal palm in a reticulate pattern; oblique tuberculate ridge strong but apex low; pollex not unusually wide, its prehensile edge without either a triangular protuberance or small distal crest. Minor cheliped with gape moderate, serrations weak. Gonopod without flanges, with the thumb represented by an oblique shelf, and with a small protuberance on pore's margin. Female without pile on carapace but with persistent pile posteriorly and ventrally on 3rd and 4th ambulatories.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained more than 3 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins straight, slightly converging, rounding gradually into the weak dorso-laterals. Vertical lateral margins weak. Frontal margin distally weak. Eyebrow breadth more than half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital crenellations of moderate size in outer half, continued around outer orbital margin as far as channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle blunt.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Rugosities weak. Postero-dorsal margin represented only by a blunt angle, un-

armed, between dorsal and posterior surfaces. Antero-dorsal margin convex throughout, proximally blunt-edged and unarmed; distally with small rugosities. Ventral margin proximally notably blunt and unarmed. *Carpus:* Practically smooth, the anterior margin scarcely indicated and unarmed.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface strong, dorsal portion broad and almost flat. Outer tubercles extremely minute, very slightly larger on flattened, upper surface and everywhere with a reticulate pattern; in lower third the intervening cells are smooth; in upper, the tubercles tend to be in transverse, vertical rows. Dorsal, outer groove practically absent. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity simple, little thickened, blunt, not flattened, with irregular, low tubercles continuous with those of upper outer manus. Cuff smooth, without the usual vertical row of tubercles. Area outside pollex base with a large, slight, flat depression, definitely triangular, continuing onto proximal part of pollex, and bounded ventrally by a blunt, low, indistinct keel. Lower margin with edge scarcely angled, set off only by a row of minute tubercles scarcely larger than those of adjacent surfaces, and dying out at about base of pollex. Ventral, outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles arranged in a reticulate pattern that is more pronounced than on outer manus, the intervening cells being smooth. Oblique ridge moderate, scarcely if at all higher at apex, where the tubercles are slightly enlarged; tubercles start well above ventral margin and, beyond apex, continue around carpal cavity practically to dorsal margin; the most dorsal tubercles, proximal to predactyl area, in an irregular group. Center palm with low, irregular lumpiness or rugosities in upper part. Carpal cavity with ventral margin low, thick, blunt; distal margin sloping moderately; inner edge of proximal, dorsal margin sloping slightly downward distally, but not blocking carpal cavity from predactyl area; no distal extension of cavity into predactyl area, from which it is incompletely separated by the clustered tubercles of upward continuation of oblique ridge. Predactyl area smooth, its boundaries indefinite, with a slight

depression. Distal ridge at base of dactyl weak, tubercles practically absent; groove shallow.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Gape wider than adjacent pollex. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove represented by a small, shallow depression; tuberculation in the area consisting only of a few minute tubercles. Both pollex and dactyl smooth inside and out, except for some extremely minute tubercles externally around gape. On gape, pollex with outer row of tubercles complete, inner strong proximally and traceable throughout; median row absent proximally, the space between outer and inner rows broad and flat; dactyl with outer row complete, inner row absent proximally, median almost absent in middle portion. Pollex tip bifid. All gape tubercles small, several slightly enlarged toward middle of pollex and proximally in dactyl. Gape pile almost absent.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape slightly wider throughout than width of pollex. Serrations small, few irregular, sometimes almost lacking.

**Ambulatories.** Merus of first 3 moderately broad, that of 4th slender, its dorsal margin practically straight. Pile absent.

**Gonopod.** Very similar to that of *inaequalis*, but projecting margin of lip not so much produced. Flanges absent; pore very large, terminal, its internal (anterior) lip with a slight, obtuse projection extending beyond rest of pore margin; inner process large, triangular, reaching pore margin or slightly beyond; thumb represented by an oblique shelf far proximal to corneous part of specialized tip.

#### FEMALE

Carapace slightly granulate posteriorly and laterally. Cheliped sometimes, as in type, with the small serrations larger and more numerous than in male. Ovigerous type female (the only female in good condition examined): merus of first 3 ambulatories scarcely wider than in male, but notably thicker, as in that of 4th; latter also is slightly wider. 3rd ambulatory with abundant, persistent pile as follows: on postero-ventral surface except proximally and distally, and extending onto a short, median section of ventral surface; carpus with a small, subdistal patch near postero-distal margin; manus with posterior and ventral surface entirely covered except at extreme proximal end. Pile also present on 4th leg on merus and manus near middle of ventral surface.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Male (holotype)	5.6 (Rathbun)	8.1 (Rathbun)	10.5 (J.C.)	7.0 (J.C.)
Female type (ovigerous)	7.0 (J.C.)	8.3 (J.C.)	—	—
Male, large (Garth, 1946)	8.2	12.3	21.4	15.5
Female (Garth, 1946)	8.0	11.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although the form of the gonopod is closely similar to that of *oerstedii*, *inaequalis*, and *leptochela*, the other characteristics of *helleri* combine in such a way that it appears to have no very close relations. The scarcity and fragility of material are major handicaps in understanding its position. On the major cheliped the reticulated appearance both of the outer manus and of the palm's proximal triangle is variable, never conspicuous, and sometimes almost lacking.

#### RANGE

Known only from the Galapagos, from the following islands: Narborough, Albemarle, Tower, and Indefatigable.

#### BIOTOPE

"Sandy mud beneath mangrove roots." (Garth, 1946.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

"*U. helleri* and *U. galapagensis* Rathbun are found in separate colonies and on separate islands except at Academy Bay, where they occur in adjacent coves." (Garth, 1946.)

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca helleri* Rathbun, 1902

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 24829. Distinguished from 2 smaller males in same jar under same number by Rathbun's measurements.

Additional type material, same jar and number: 1 ovigerous female. Type-locality: Mangrove Point, Narborough I., Galapagos. Measurements above. (!)

# REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

## *Uca (Celuca) helleri* Rathbun, 1902

### *Uca helleri*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1902.3: 277; Pl. 12, Figs. 3, 4. Galapagos Is. (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 415; Text Fig. 170; Pl. 151. Galapagos Is.: Narborough and Tower Is. Taxonomy.

Boone, 1927: 278; Text Fig. 98. Galapagos Is.: Tower I.

Crane, 1941.1: 198; Text Fig. 4r. No new material. Taxonomy.

Garth, 1946: 517; Pl. 87, Figs. 5, 6. Galapagos Is.: Indefatigable I. (Academy Bay); Albemarle I. (Black Bight); Tower I. (Darwin Bay); Narborough I. (Mangrove Point).

*Uca leptochela leptochela* (not *Uca leptochela* Bott, 1954)

Bott, 1958: 210. Galapagos Is.: Indefatigable I. (Frankfurt !)

52. *UCA (CELUCA) LEPTOCHELA* BOTT, 1954

(Tropical eastern Pacific: El Salvador; Galapagos Islands)

FIGURE 71 E. TABLE 9.  
MAP 15.

## INTRODUCTION

This little-known species, *Uca leptochela*, has been recorded from El Salvador. It appears to be closely related to *Uca dorotheae*. A similar form, established as a subspecies, was collected in the Galapagos.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Apparently about as in *dorotheae*, except for a narrower gape on the minor cheliped and, on the gonopod, a wider distal pore that lacks a marginal protuberance (data from Bott, 1954, Text Fig. 20 and Bott, 1958, Text Fig. 2). Armature, if any, on anterior aspect of 1st ambulatory unknown.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

*Waving Display*

(Data from Peters, 1955: 441.) About as in *dorotheae*, with a distinct pause at the peak; the tempo, however, is much slower, the wave itself lasting up to 1.5 seconds exclusive of pause at peak, which Peters timed at about 0.7 second.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca leptochela* Bott, 1954

HOLOTYPE. In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a.M. Male, cat. no. 2072. Type-locality: Puerto el Triunfo, El Salvador. Measurements in

mm: length 6; breadth 9 (Bott). (!; incomplete examination only.)

*Additional Type Material.* Of 5 paratype males from the type-locality in the same institution (cat. no. 2073) at least 2 are juvenile examples of *U. festae*; each was distinguished in particular by the presence of a developed thumb on the gonopod and a protuberance on the margin of its pore. (!)

*Uca leptochela eibl* Bott, 1958

HOLOTYPE AND PARATYPES. In Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt a.M. Male, cat. no. 2535. Type-locality: Tower I., Galapagos. Measurements in mm: length 8, breadth 11. The distinctness of this specimen remains at present in question; accompanying the type description (1958: 210) are 2 drawings, Text Fig. 1 showing the outside of a major propodus and dactyl and Text Fig. 2 depicting the tip of a gonopod. Neither one is stated to be drawn from the holotype, and the claw appears certainly to be that of one of the paratypes, at least 2 of which are unquestionably juvenile examples of *U. galapagensis*. The figure of the gonopod shows the oblique shelf representing the thumb, characteristic of both the mainland holotype of *leptochela* and the Galapagos species, *helleri*, as well as other mainland species; unlike *helleri* it does not show a marginal protuberance.

*Additional Type Material.* In same institution: paratypes (cat. no. 2541): "many males and females" (Bott) from the type-locality. See reidentification of 2 males, (!), received on loan, above.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) leptochela* Bott, 1954*Uca leptochela*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Bott, 1954: 176 (part); Text Fig. 20; Pl. 18, Figs. 19a, b. El Salvador. (Not 2 of paratypes; see under type material.)

Peters, 1955: 441; Text Fig. 10. El Salvador. Waving display. Frontal view in illustration, a photo,

is taxonomically helpful, showing inside of major cheliped, etc.

*Uca leptochela eibl*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Bott, 1958: 210 (? part); ? Text Fig. 2; not Text Fig. 1. Galapagos. (Not 2 of paratypes; see under type material.)

53. *UCA (CELUCA) DOROTHEAE* VON HAGEN, 1968

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 37 A-D.

MAP 15.

FIGURE 71 F.

TABLES 9, 10, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca dorotheae* appears to hold an interesting position in the subgenus, intermediate between members of the group that includes the superspecies *crenulata* with its allies and that composed of *beebei* and *stenodactylus*. Although in the most specialized parts of its armature, on the upper manus and anterior ambulatory, *dorotheae* resembles *beebei*, its more basic structures, as well as the form and tempo of its waving display, have more in common with, for example, *cumulanta* or *festae*. Its closest relation may well prove to be the Salvadorean form of *leptochela*, at present poorly known.

Like *beebei* and several other *CelUCA*, displaying males of *dorotheae* sometimes build pillars or hoods.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide, its distal margin strong. Small cheliped in both sexes with the serrations minute and similar to absent and with gape of moderate but variable width. Major manus outside bent sharply and flattened subdorsally, but without a separate, longitudinal convexity adjoining the narrow, flattened area; palm with the usual 2 predactyl ridges; gape wider than pollex base. 1st ambulatory on major side with minute tubercles on anterior surface of distal merus, carpus, and proximal manus; middle ambulatory meri moderately long and slender. Gonopod with thumb represented by an oblique shelf; a low protuberance on margin of pore. Female without pile on sides of carapace posteriorly.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *CelUCA* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 3.5 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins poorly marked, straight or slightly concave, angling into dorso-lateral margins which, immediately behind angle, become obsolescent to absent. One or both

pairs of postero-lateral striae variable on the two sides, weak, or absent. Vertical lateral margin weak ventrally, obsolescent to absent in dorsal part. Carapace profile practically semi-cylindrical, grooves not well marked, no external division between hepatic and branchial regions, which are little arched above level of surrounding carapace. Frontal margin distally usually strongly marked (only moderately so in holotype). Eyebrow broad, about equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital margin with crenellations small, low, and close set, although not contiguous, internally, but changing rather abruptly to much broader and higher near antero-external angle; they continue to be close set (unlike for example in *beebei* and *festae*), completely around outer orbital margin as far as channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle rounded, with or without a tubercle.

*Major Cheliped. Merus*: Rugosities weak. Antero-dorsal margin strongly arched and moderately thin throughout; proximal portion unarmed, distal finely serrate. *Carpus* with about 5 to 8 tubercles on proximal part of anterior margin.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface strong and markedly flattened, but the bending commences more dorsally than usual and is abrupt; no secondary longitudinal convexity in area of the bend. Outer tubercles small, largest dorsally, a few sometimes enlarged also at base of gape; not absent adjacent to dorsal margin, although they show an irregularly rugose arrangement on the entire flattened area. Dorsal, outer groove absent. Dorsal margin proximally, where it coincides with upper edge of carpal cavity, distinct, smooth; distal to carpal cavity indefinite, merging with upper palm, and marked only by an irregular band of small tubercles. Area outside pollex base with a shallow, indistinct depression, without definite boundaries; no beaded keel below it or continuing along side of pollex. Lower margin with a beaded edge and faint adjacent outer groove, the groove ending at pollex base, and the beaded edge either ending with it or continuing slightly beyond.

*Palm* with lower triangle slightly concave in center, especially distally, almost smooth in upper half but with lower covered with minute tubercles in ir-

regular, vertical bands. Oblique ridge, including apex, low but strongly tuberculate, in a multiple row, irregular and variable, extending up around distal margin of carpal cavity. Carpal cavity with ventral margin low, moderately thick, the sides not steep; distal margin of cavity low, the slope gradual; inner, beaded edge of proximal dorsal margin not curving downward, but cavity is cut off from predactyl area by the continuing tubercles of upper section of oblique ridge and by the tubercles that are occasionally present on upper palm, the two sets being in this upper region then wholly merged. Predactyl area mostly smooth, as is lower part of center palm, the two regions being separated by the convex upper center palm. Both predactyl ridges well developed.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Dactyl slightly arched throughout; pollex varying somewhat in ventral profile from straight to slightly convex. Gape slightly to much wider than adjacent pollex. Pollex, although it lacks an outer beaded keel on lower, outer side, is marked by a broad, blunt, submarginal ridge that merges in distal portion with the ventral margin and throughout accentuates a very shallow, broad depression—it is not distinct enough to term a groove—that runs practically entire length of middle of outer surface. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove extremely short, almost absent, surrounded by irregular tubercles that continue for a short distance beyond it near margin. Surfaces of pollex and dactyl very finely granulate proximally outside, smooth distally and throughout inner surfaces. On gape, outer and inner rows are similar on both pollex and dactyl, being composed of very minute tubercles spaced widely proximally but close set distally; tubercles of median rows, although much larger, are still small, the row complete in both pollex and dactyl, the form of the tubercles rounded and similar in proximal half, less so in distal, with a slightly enlarged tubercle at about middle of pollex and, sometimes, a series of separated, similar tubercles in its distal half; dactyl usually with at least one or two slightly enlarged tubercles toward middle; pollex tip simple; dactyl without a subdistal crest. Gape pile plentiful.

*Minor Cheliped*. Notable for the variable width of its gape, which in other species is a reliable taxonomic character. In *dorotheae*, the variation is not extreme, however, but only from moderately narrow to moderately broad. Mano-pollex ridge strong. Prehensile edges with serrations minute to practically absent; when present they are similar in size, none ever enlarged, and the gape never narrow enough for them to be in contact. Tips of chela not extremely slender, articulating well.

*Ambulatories*. Moderately long and slender, being intermediate in proportions between those of *beebei* and *stenodactylus*. 1st merus, carpus, and manus

anteriorly on major side with bands of minute, irregular tubercles. On the merus the band occurs distally; on carpus the multiple row of tubercles extends throughout its length; on manus it is confined to a small patch proximally, although some roughness may extend among the setae which arise in the usual row more distally.

*Gonopod*. Flanges absent, pore large, its internal (anterior) lip lower than the external and without a definite, low projection. Inner process flat, triangular, about reaching pore. Thumb absent, represented only by a shelf slanting obliquely toward base of appendage.

*Abdomen*. 3rd to 6th abdominal segments with traces only of partial fusion.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital crenellations not stronger than in male. No pile on sides of carapace posteriorly. Since the general characteristics of front, small chelipeds, suborbital crenellations and leg proportions apply to both sexes, they serve adequately for diagnosis.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Puerto Bolivar)	8.2	13.5	24.0	17.5
Moderate male (Puerto Bolivar)	6.5	11.0	17.5	12.0
Largest female (von Hagen; Peru)	7.3	11.7	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (von Hagen; Peru)	6.3	9.8	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although its specific characteristics are of course unique in combination, *dorotheae* lacks unusual structures of diagnostic help. The nearest approach is the presence anteriorly on the 1st major ambulatory of tubercles on three, not only on the one or two segments where they occur in other species with similar armature. From the superficially similar *beebei* it can be most easily distinguished by the strong, distal border on the front combined with the lack of enlarged tubercles in the small cheliped's gape.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening moderately developed in some individuals in Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador, in April (personal observation), but without definite display lightening in Puerto Pizarro, Peru (von Hagen). In both localities the color was otherwise similar, the carapace being in general olive green speckled with yellow; eyestalks olive green; major



cheliped with brownish red to wine red on lower parts of all segments of major cheliped inside and out, except, as usual, for most of the white pollex; red also on the anterior parts of major meri on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd legs. Upper parts of major cheliped, except for white dactyl, apparently usually lightening only to yellowish brown. Von Hagen noted one or two brown spots on distal part of posterior sides of all ambulatories.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave lateral, straight, or, at high intensity, circular. Jerks absent; pause at peak strongly present; there is no drumming against either carapace or ground and the cheliped does not vibrate in the air. Minor cheliped usually makes a corresponding motion. Body raised and lowered with every wave except at highest intensity. In response to a wandering female a displaying crab sometimes runs rapidly from side to side, or approaches her in zigzags, his cheliped held motionless in the air, somewhat as in *steno-dactylus*. Duration of single wave: slightly more than 1 second. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 10, 12.)

### *Pillar Construction*

In Peru, von Hagen found that many waving males constructed pillars similar to those of *beebei* (1968.2: 431; Text Fig. 18).

## RANGE

Tropical eastern Pacific; known from the following localities: Canal Zone: Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar. Peru: Puerto Pizarro.

## BIOTOPES

Sheltered flats and the sloping banks of lagoons, on sandy mud to mud. (Biotope no. 11.)

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 610.)

*Observations and Collections.* Canal Zone (2 specimens; not seen in life); Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca dorotheae* von Hagen, 1968

HOLOTYPE. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. Male, cat. no. D 23054. Measurements in mm: length 7.1; breadth 11.7; propodus 19.7 (von Hagen). Type-locality: Puerto Pizarro, Peru. (!)

*Additional Type Material.* In same institution: 25 male and female paratypes, cat. no. D 23055; same locality. (!)

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## REFERENCE

*Uca (Celuca) dorotheae* von Hagen, 1968

*Uca dorotheae*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. von Hagen, 1968.2: 429; Text Figs. 11, 12a, 18. Peru. Color; waving display; pillars. (Leiden !)

54. *UCA (CELUCA) BEEBEI* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATES 37 E-H; 50 B.

MAP 16.

FIGURES 40 C, D; 49 C, D; 71 A; 93; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Adapted to a number of common habitats, *Uca beebei* is probably the most abundant of all the fiddlers within its range, even though its local populations are often rather small. As with *lactea* in the Indo-Pacific, several dozen individuals sometimes thrive on bits of suitable shore only a few meters long.

In most places, green on the carapace and purplish brown on the lower cheliped distinguish displaying males at a glance among any variety of species. The extremely rapid, simple, "beckoning" wave makes an even better recognition mark, reliable even in populations in which display white is prevalent. Once it has become familiar, this rhythm will identify the crab as far as it can be seen.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide, its distal margin obsolescent. Small cheliped in both sexes with large, uneven serrations in its narrow gape. Major manus outside with a subdorsal, longitudinal convexity adjoining its flattened area; palm with only one predactyl ridge. 1st ambulatory on major side with minute tubercles on anterior surface of carpus and manus but not on distal merus; middle ambulatory meri moderately broad. Gonopod with thumb represented by an oblique shelf; no protuberance on margin of pore. Female without pile on posterior sides of carapace.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained 4 times or less in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins slightly concave, divergent, angling into dorso-lateral margins, which are weak or obsolescent and end before middle of cardiac region. Each of the single pair of postero-lateral striae is either very weak or obsolescent. Vertical lateral margin obsolescent or absent in dorsal portion. Carapace profile practically semi-cylindrical, grooves not well marked, with no external division between hepatic and branchial regions;

these regions are, however, little arched above level of rest of carapace. Frontal margin distally obsolescent or absent. Eyebrow broad, about equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Sub-orbital margin with crenellations small, low, and close set internally, changing gradually to broader, higher, and separated near antero-external angle; they continue, widely separated, around outer orbital margin as far as channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle rounded.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Rugosities weak. Antero-dorsal margin strongly arched, only the distal portion showing little curvature; proximal portion a low, blunt ridge, unarmed; distally less a distinct ridge and variably minutely serrate or tuberculate. *Carpus:* About 5 or 6 distinct tubercles on proximal part of anterior margin.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface strong and markedly flattened, but with a secondary longitudinal convexity that starts, variably, near level of middle of dorsal margin above carpal cavity, runs midway between beginning of bend and margin, and ends at dactyl base. Outer tubercles small, showing little difference in size, slightly larger along secondary convexity and at base of gape; absent adjacent to dorsal margin. Dorsal, outer groove distinct proximally, weak to absent distally. Dorsal margin proximally, where it coincides with upper edge of carpal cavity, thick and convex, covered with small tubercles; distal to carpal cavity indefinite, convex, irregularly tuberculate, usually not set off clearly from either outer manus or upper palm. Area outside pollex base with a large, distinct, triangular depression, continuing onto proximal part of pollex, covered with very minute tubercles and bounded ventrally by a beaded keel traceable throughout pollex. Lower margin with a row of small, close-set tubercles traceable throughout length of pollex. Ventral, outer groove slight, present proximally only.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles, very slightly larger near ventral margin, with some in highly variable arrangements of short bands, leaving smooth areas between, either as vertical spaces or minute cells. Oblique ridge high throughout, the apex relatively moderate, being a little lower than middle part of ridge; tubercles largest

on this middle part; they continue upward from apex around the much lower edge of carpal cavity, always small and highly variable in arrangement and extent. Carpal cavity with ventral margin only moderately thick, the sides being steep; edge itself, however, is blunt; distal margin of cavity low, the slope being gradual; inner, beaded edge of proximal dorsal margin curving downward, partly setting off carpal cavity from predactyl area; cavity, which wholly lacks a distal extension, is also bounded by a broad, tuberculate ridge across proximal end of predactyl area. Predactyl area with a slight, smooth depression, set off from the smooth center palm only by a convexity. Distal predactyl ridge and tubercles wholly absent; proximal well developed, continuing as usual outer prehensile row of pollex although sometimes with a short, tubercle-free space between its lower end and prehensile row.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Dactyl notably straight, not arched, before distal end, which as usual curves down slightly beyond pollex. Gape slightly wider than adjacent pollex. Outer keel that starts below depression at pollex base continued along most of lower part of pollex. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove short, surrounded by several rows of minute tubercles which converge and continue near margin for a short distance. Surfaces of pollex and dactyl both covered with extremely minute tubercles except along middle of inner sides; irregular rows of tubercles curve around outside proximal end of gape. On gape, outer row of tubercles complete in both pollex and dactyl; inner row on both in distal part is a virtually non-tuberculate keel; median row on pollex absent; median row on dactyl distally set on a minute crest, marked outside by a crease at base of the minute, sharp, regularly diminishing tubercles. Pollex tip simple. Gape pile plentiful.

*Minor Cheliped*. Notable for weakness of all ridges and armature, except for serrations and teeth of prehensile edges; even mano-pollex ridge is weak. Manus and fingers broad; fingers little longer than palm. Gape at base narrower than pollex, decreasing distally. Prehensile edges serrate and, in middle portion, coarsely toothed, although rarely (including in holotype) the serrations are low and appear worn; sizes and arrangement variable; usually, however, the region has three or four large teeth in middle of each prehensile edge, flanked by fine serrations which articulate almost or completely.

*Ambulatories*. Short, with moderately broad meri, in comparison with the ambulatories of *stenodactylus*. 3rd merus on minor side extending about a quarter of its length beyond antero-lateral angle when laid forward, its breadth equal to about two-fifths of its length. 2nd and 3rd meri with dorsal margins slightly convex to almost straight. 1st merus, carpus, and manus anteriorly on major side with a band of

minute, irregular tubercles; the band occurs on median distal part of merus and, on carpus and manus, on lower half of each segment; at most, each row is about 6 tubercles wide; considerable variation is shown in this armature, the tubercles being sometimes absent on the manus and, especially in northern populations, may consist of single rows on the carpus.

*Gonopod*. Flanges absent, pore large, its internal (anterior) lip lower than the external, without a projection. Inner process flat, triangular, about reaching pore. Thumb absent, represented only by a row of bristles, set far proximal to base of corneous tip and arising from a shelf slanting obliquely toward base of appendage.

*Abdomen*. 3rd to 6th abdominal segments incompletely fused.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital crenellations not stronger than in male. No pile on sides of carapace posteriorly. Carapace dorsally very finely granulate.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Ecuador)	8.0	13.0	22.5	17.5
Holotype male				
(Canal Zone)	7.4	10.4	19.2	
Moderate male				
(Canal Zone)	5.5	9.0	17.0	11.0
Largest female (Canal Zone) (paratype)	7.9		—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Canal Zone) (paratype)	5.2		—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (von Hagen; Peru)	4.2	6.5	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Comparisons with *beebei*'s two closest relations, *dorotheae* and *stenodactylus*, appear on pp. 275 and 283. The nearer affinity of *beebei* seems unquestionably to be with *stenodactylus*.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening usually absent but fully developed at least at Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador. The usual, dark form is as follows. Carapace anteriorly brilliant iridescent green (turquoise blue in Puerto Bolivar), posteriorly gray. Major cheliped: outer lower merus, carpus, and manus, as well as lower palm, purple to purplish brown; upper outer manus and upper palm varying from ochraceous yellow to rose pink; anterior merus and mid-palm, gray; fingers sometimes yellow proximally, otherwise entirely white. Ambulatories gray except as follows: on

major side, coxa and proximal merus usually purple both anteriorly and posteriorly; corresponding parts on minor side sometimes greenish. Females with dark mottlings or spots on a somewhat lighter ground.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave lateral, straight, or, at high intensity, strongly circular, the chela tip reaching well above the eyes. Cheliped brought down abruptly, but jerks are absent; also absent is a pause at the peak; there is no drumming against either carapace or ground and the cheliped does not vibrate in the air. Minor cheliped usually makes a synchronous motion. Body normally held fairly high and not further raised during display, although the carapace is often slightly raised in front and depressed posteriorly during high intensity display, and by individuals living in soft mud. In courtship the crab sometimes revolves before the female during waving, thus from time to time presenting a view of his carapace and posterior ambulatories, often brightly colored to human eyes, toward the female. This action occurs so frequently that it should probably be considered an integral part of the species' display. During many waves one or more ambulatories are kicked upward, their meri not in contact. Display appears exceptionally vigorous and the motion is faster than that of any other species with a broadly circular wave, the fastest rate being at more than 2 to the second and the waves continuing without pause in series that sometimes attain 20 or more. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 11 modified, 12; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

Altogether absent in *beebei*'s display is the racing to and fro with cheliped held aloft, as well as any herding of females; both of these activities are characteristic of *stenodactylus*.

### *Precopulatory Behavior*

As usual in American fiddlers, the female characteristically follows the male down his burrow. As in a number of other species, however, atypical surface mating has been observed. Twice a male and female were seen in the copulatory position close to the female's burrow. In each case the male was a mature burrow-holder, not an aggressive wanderer, and the female did not have her legs stiffened in the non-receptive position.

### *Hood and Pillar Construction*

Of six species of *CelUCA* known to build pillars or hoods, those of *beebei* are among the most variable and the least well formed. As in the other species,

they are constructed only by males in display condition, only by some displaying males in a population on a given day, and are known to occur in only a few of the numerous populations that have been observed. In *beebei* I have seen them only in and near Panama City, and in part of a population in Golfito, Costa Rica. In both localities pillars were formed almost altogether by individuals living on muddy sand, not mud, the consistency of the mud being unsuitable during the hour or so before low tide, when most construction is undertaken; during that period the moisture has not drained fully away. In *beebei* the shapes sometimes attain the form of definite hoods arching over the hole; more often they are pillars, partly smoothed and with only a slight hollow on the side facing the burrow mouth; sometimes they are merely low cones, scarcely higher than the builder, with the individual packets of which they are made showing plainly on their surface.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

The following components have been observed in the field and recur in films: minor-merus-rubs (component no. 2) and leg-wagging (5), with contact between the meri clearly visible. Minor-merus-drums (8) probably occur, but the filmed record is indistinct. Since appropriate armature is well developed on both major palm and 1st ambulatory, the inclusion of palm-leg-rubs (4) in the repertoire is inferred on morphological grounds.

## RANGE

Pacific coast of El Salvador to northern Peru.

## BIOTOPES

This species occurs in a variety of habitats. It is most abundant on muddy sand that is often mixed with small stones, near mangroves, on sheltered flats around and within the mouths of streams, and usually below mid-tide levels; also common in similar surroundings on substrates of sandy mud or mud, often mixed with stones; occasionally on more open mud flats close to mangroves; rarely among mangrove shoots. (Biotope nos. 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

*Uca beebei* often mingles marginally with its close relation, *stenodactylus*, although most of any such population of *beebei* occurs nearer to low-tide levels. The species associates more or less closely in individual localities with one or more of all the other *CelUCA* in the tropical Eastern Pacific except those living well up tidal streams. These occasional associates include *batuenta*, *saltitanta*, *oerstedii*, *inaequalis*, *limicola*,

*latimanus*, and, rarely, *musica terpsichores*. Among other subgenera, (*Uca*) *heteropleura* and *stylifera* often share muddy sand beaches with *beebei*, while young *ornata* occur with it in the mud. Species of *Minuca* are almost always represented only adventitiously, or in immature stages, in populations of *beebei*.

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 610.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto. Costa Rica: Puntarenas; Golfito. Panama and Canal

Zone: Bahia Honda; Panama City; Old Panama; Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

#### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca beebei* Crane, 1941

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137413 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4129). Type-locality: La Boca, Balboa, Canal Zone. (!)

*Additional Type Material.* 16 male and female paratypes in same institution, cat. no. 137414 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4130). (!)

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#### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) beebei* Crane, 1941

*Uca stenodactylus* (not *Gelasimus stenodactylus* Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 417 (part); Pl. 152, Fig. 3; Pl. 153. Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Cat. no. 32322. Costa Rica: Puntarenas. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

*Uca beebei*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 192; Text Fig. 4p; Pl. 4, Fig. 16; Pl. 5, Fig. 20; Pl. 6, Fig. 27. Corinto, Nicaragua to Old Panama, Panama. Color; waving display; pillar construction; general habits. (USNM !)

Crane, 1944: Color change.

Holthuis, 1954.1: 41. El Salvador.

Holthuis, 1954.2: 162. El Salvador.

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1967. E 1289. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 432; Text Fig. 12b. Peru: Puerto Pizarro.

*Uca stenodactyla beebei*

Bott, 1954: 175; Text Fig. 17; Pl. 18, Figs. 17a, b. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo; Rio Zunzal. Taxonomy. (Frankfurt !)

Peters, 1955: 432 ff.; Text Figs. 2, 20, 50, 51. El Salvador. Morphology controlling claw-bending; waving display; pillar construction; ecology.

55. *UCA (CELUCA) STENODACTYLUS* (MILNE-EDWARDS & LUCAS, 1843)

(Tropical, and perhaps subtropical, eastern Pacific)

PLATES 38 A-D; 50 B.

FIGURES 24 K-M; 25 D-F; 27 K, L; 30 C, D; 32 D-F; 34 D; 35 G, H; 36 E; 37 O; 45 S-UU; 46 P; 47 E, F; 48 E, F; 53 D; 71 B; 81 L; 101.

MAP 16.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

A striking sight when he is in full display, a male *Uca stenodactylus* often races to and fro, holding a great pink claw high overhead or stretching it to the side as he chivies a small female toward his burrow.

One of the most interesting aspects of the species is the coincidence of much of its range with that of its closest relation, *beebei*. Often, as in the alliance that includes *batuenta* and its relations, the species mingle at least marginally in the same biotope. Understandably they have been confused in collections, or not given full specific status because of their close morphological similarities. Yet, once distinguished, there is no question of their separateness, even when the contrasts of their appearance in life and of their displays have not been encountered.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

As in *beebei* excepts as follows. Major manus with subdorsal, longitudinal convexity less pronounced and without a smooth area above it; dactyl slightly arched throughout, instead of curving downward only distally. 1st ambulatory on major side with minute tubercles of anterior surface obsolescent to absent; present if at all on carpus only. Middle ambulatory meri slender, their dorsal edges almost straight in male; all ambulatories in both sexes notably longer and more slender than in *beebei*. Small chelae in both sexes with finger tips more slender, pointed, not meeting exactly. Gonopod with thumb represented by a transverse shelf or a short stump, not by an oblique shelf.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *CelUCA* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Differs from *beebei* as follows. Orbits almost straight; antero-lateral margins often not dis-

tinct from dorso-laterals but rounding smoothly into them. Carapace profile even more strongly convex, with the fused hepatic and branchial regions notably arched above level of surrounding carapace; the latter extends slightly farther laterally than in *beebei*, so that its sides are vertical. Frontal margin distally weak but always complete. Eyebrow broader than in *beebei*, in most individuals distinctly more than equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Lower side of antero-lateral angle usually a distinct, though blunt, edge; sometimes microscopically granulate.

*Major Cheliped. Merus*: As in *beebei*, but rugosities except in smaller specimens are even weaker. *Carpus*: Smooth except for fine granules distally on dorso-posterior surface; anterior margin with 10 or more tubercles which are proximally large and of irregular sizes, and distally very small and even.

*Manus*: Very similar to that of *beebei*, except that there is no smooth area close to dorsal margin, while the ventral, outer groove is stronger and continues to base of pollex.

*Palm* differs from that of *beebei* as follows: first, the tubercles of lower triangle, although slightly enlarged all along a narrow area above ventral margin as in *beebei*, are even larger in its distal portion, close to distal end of oblique ridge. Second, proximal ridge at base of dactyl, although lacking tubercles as in *beebei*, is better developed, as is the groove between it and distal ridge.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Differ from *beebei* as follows. Dactyl slightly arched throughout, instead of being curved downward only distally. Gape accordingly is usually slightly wider. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove absent.

*Minor Cheliped*. As in *beebei*, except that manus is less deep, the fingers are almost half as long again as manus and more slender; while the finger tips are not dilated but tapering, and not in contact (as in almost all other species of *Uca*) but with the tip of the dactyl falling inside that of the pollex, as is characteristic of major chelipeds. Again as in *beebei*, the enlarged teeth, and more rarely the serrations as well, occa-

sionally appear worn or damaged, especially in large specimens.

*Ambulatories.* Differ from those of *beebei* in having the legs longer and the meri more slender; 3rd merus on minor side reaches more than half its length beyond antero-lateral angle when laid forward, its breadth about a fourth to a third of its length. 1st carpus and 1st manus anteriorly on major side with tubercles obsolescent, represented if at all by a few irregular tubercles on carpus only.

*Gonopod.* Differs from *beebei* in having the thumb represented by a horizontal shelf, which occasionally is produced as a short stump, especially in larger specimens; the shelf is never oblique.

*Abdomen.* 3rd to 6th abdominal segments incompletely fused.

#### FEMALE

In *stenodactylus* the females are most readily distinguished from those of *beebei* by their long, slender ambulatories and, on the chelae, by the narrow, pointed tips that do not come into contact, as described above under *male*.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Lectotype male (Chile)	10.5	16.0	33.0	24.0
Largest claw (body not secured) (Nicaragua)	—	—	30.0	22.0
Large male (Nicaragua)	8.0	13.0	21.5	16.0
Moderate male (Nicaragua)	7.0	11.0	19.0	14.0
Largest ovigerous female (von Hagen; Peru)	7.2	11.3	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Nicaragua)	5.1	—	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although they are superficially similar and obviously closely related, *stenodactylus* and *beebei* appear wholly distinct even in preservative, once several points of difference have become familiar. The most easily and quickly observed are, first, the contrast between the general form of the ambulatories, which are contrastingly long and slender in *stenodactylus*; in this comparison the breadth of the last ambulatory merus, often helpful in such comparisons, should be disregarded, since it is relatively slender in both species, the dorsal margin being almost straight. Second, the tips of the small chelae are so reliably different that in the field their examination scarcely calls for a hand lens, the slender, crossed tips of the closed chela showing clearly in *stenodactylus*. In the laboratory the gonopods' slight difference, consisting wholly

of the shape of the vestige that represents the thumb, proves trustworthy. (See also p. 218.)

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening apparently never fully developed dorsally although present on regions below the eyes and on parts of the chelipeds. Dorsal part of carapace gray blue to intense violet blue anteriorly, pale pink to white posteriorly. Major cheliped: Outer and inner merus and carpus yellowish white to white. Outer lower manus and outer pollex violet pink to pink; outer upper manus and outer dactyl pinkish white to white; palm pale orange pink; inner pollex and inner dactyl scarlet orange to orangish white. Eyestalks lemon yellow. 3rd maxillipeds, suborbital area and pterygostomian regions greenish or yellowish white. Minor cheliped with merus and carpus yellowish, manus and chela pink or pale orange. Ambulatories anteriorly flame scarlet, the merus brightest; posteriorly pale rose pink, the 3rd and 4th duller. For course of color development before display, cf. p. 467. Females dark, mottled or spotted; chelipeds with manus and chela white to violet; eyestalks often yellow.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, wholly or almost straight rather than circular. Starting from a flexed position well above the ground, the cheliped unflexes straight outward and only slightly upward, so that at its highest reach during moderate intensity waving the chela is only slightly above the eyes. No pause occurs at peak and no jerks, drumming, or aerial vibrations, the cheliped being flexed into rest position practically in the same plane as the one in which it was extended. Both major and minor chelae held slightly open. Minor cheliped makes a similar, synchronous motion. Body held raised throughout a single series. Ambulatories not raised during waves, except for the few rapid steps to one side or the other that are usually taken. Wave roughly only half as fast as in *beebei*, lasting more than a second except during highest intensity courtship at burrow mouth.

During the motion of an attentive female, particularly of a wandering individual, the form of the male's resultant display is unique in the genus. Ceasing to complete his waves, he races back and forth holding his large cheliped high overhead. Since a wandering female stimulates a number of neighboring males at once, a flash of quivering motion may sweep far across a group, more striking than in any other species I know. Sometimes one or more males lower the cheliped to a straight lateral position, chasing the

dodging females in the usual form of herding (p. 496). Sometimes a male partly surrounds a pursued individual with his cheliped and seems actively to urge her toward his burrow; touching apparently does not occur and the observed females always soon escaped, either descending their own burrows nearby or continuing to wander through the population. Whether or not the pursued females are immature in this species, as in both *vocans* and *lactea*, has not been determined. (Component nos. 4, 9, 11, 14; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### Precopulatory Behavior

Although, as in *beebei*, two pairs were seen in mating position at the surface, the usual pattern conforms to that characteristic of American crabs. Having attracted the attention of a female, the male speeds up his rate of waving at the mouth of his burrow and descends, the female following.

Once an apparent copulation, preceded by mutual stroking, took place on the top of a female's chimney.

### Chimney Construction

Chimney-building has been observed in only one group of adult, non-ovigerous females during a single low-tide period in the Canal Zone. As mentioned above, one copulation was observed on top of a chimney during the same observational period. The identity of the builders, and of the copulating couple, was checked. No chimney building is known to occur elsewhere in *CelUCA*, with the apparent exception of sporadic female *cumulanta* (p. 242).

### Acoustic Behavior

As in *beebei* (p. 280).

### Combat

The single filmed example shows a homoclaved, low-intensity, mutual combat composed of forceful manus-pushes alternating with manus-rubs (component 1). Both components were formed unusually, since during pushing the lower part of one manus came in contact with the upper part of the other, while during the ritualized rubbing the actor of the moment rubbed vertically (up and down), rather than longitudinally. During neither pushing nor rubbing were the chelae in contact. At the end, both chelae, one after the other, made rough down-points, an uncommon threat motion observed additionally only in *tangeri*, *maracoani*, *ornata*, and *inaequalis*. Pushing was resumed during which one crab performed a leg-wag. Promptly thereafter his opponent backed away.

### RANGE

From the Pacific coast of El Salvador at least to northern Peru. The type was reported to have been taken at Valparaiso, and Porter (1913: 316) wrote of eight more recent specimens: "We collected them on the beaches and bays of Valparaiso, Quintero and Algarrobo." Since then, however, the species has apparently not been found in Chile.

### BIOTOPES

Characteristically found on the upper half of sheltered beaches of muddy sand or sandy mud, or on salt flats more or less cut off from open water by mangroves and sometimes covered only by spring tides; *stenodactylus* shows, in fact, none of *beebei*'s acceptance of more muddy substrates. (Biotope nos. 5, 6, 11.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Occasionally small populations mingle marginally with *beebei*, which occurs in the zone below it on gently sloping shores. On salt flats no close associates are known.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 610.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto. Costa Rica: Port Parker; Golfito. Panama and Canal Zone: Panama City; Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolívar.

*Films.* Panama City.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus stenodactylus* Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843

TYPE-SPECIMEN. Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Male, listed as a type by the museum. Label: "*Gelasimus stenodactylus* Edw. & Luc. M. d'Orbigny. Valparaiso." Specimen dried but in good condition except for 2 missing ambulatories, the 3rd on the left side and the 4th on the right. When the gonopod was relaxed its characteristics agreed well with those of *stenodactylus* as described in this study, the thumb being represented by a minute nubbin, not by a slanting shelf. The entire specimen agrees well with the illustration of the type (1847, Atlas Pl. 11, Fig. 2). The only disagreement is in the larger size reported by the authors (length 13 mm; breadth 18 mm; measurements of this specimen, 10.5 mm long, given above, p. 283). Except for a female, perhaps



belonging to another species, in the box with the male just described, no other type material, or any other similar material reported to be from Valparaiso, was found. (!) Apparently these 2 specimens are the cotypes examined by Rathbun (1918.1: 417).

Type Material of *Gelasimus gibbosus* Smith, 1870. In Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard Uni-

versity, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Consists of holotype male only, cat. no. 5911. Type-locality: Gulf of Fonseca. Specimen in alcohol, in good condition, although most appendages are detached with some ambulatories missing. All of the specific characters are clear and agree excellently with those of *stenodactylus* as described above. Gonopod with thumb a distinct, short stump. Measurements in mm: length 9; propodus 24; dactyl 18. (!)

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Celuca) stenodactylus* (Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843)

#### *Gelasimus stenodactylus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards & Lucas, 1843: 26; Pl. 11, Fig. 2, 2a. Valparaiso. (Paris !)

Nicolet, 1849: 165. Chile. Taxonomy; color.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 149. Taxonomy of type.

Smith, 1870: 139. No new record. Listing of types.

Cano, 1889: 234. Ecuador.

#### *Gelasimus gibbosus*

Smith, 1870: 140. Central America: Gulf of Fonseca. (MCZ !)

#### *Uca stenodactyla*

Porter, 1913: 315. Chile: Valparaiso: Quintero and Algarrobo.

Crane, 1941.1: 195; Text Fig. 4q; Pl. 4, Fig. 15;

Pl. 5, Fig. 21; Pl. 6, Fig. 28; Pl. 9, Figs. 41, 42. Nicaragua; Costa Rica; Panama; Canal Zone. (USNM !) Taxonomy; color; waving display; mating behavior; habitat.

Holthuis, 1954.2: 163. El Salvador.

Garth, 1957: 107. Listing of Chilean records.

#### *Uca stenodactylus*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 416 (part); not Pl. 152, Fig. 3, or Pl. 153. Costa Rica; Panama. (USNM !)

von Hagen, 1968.2: 433; Text Fig. 12c. Puerto Pizarro, Peru.

#### *Uca stenodactyla stenodactyla*

Bott, 1954: 173; Pl. 17, Fig. 16a; Pl. 18, Fig. 16b. Not Text Fig. 16. El Salvador. (Frankfurt !)

Peters, 1955: 442ff.; Text Figs. 11, 12, 25, 30, 50, 51. El Salvador. Morphology controlling claw bending; waving display; ecology.

56. *UCA (CELUCA) TRIANGULARIS* (A. MILNE-EDWARDS, 1873)

(Tropical Indo-Pacific)

PLATE 38 E-L.

FIGURES 24 I, J; 32 N, O; 50; 51; 59 A-C; 68 C-E; 101.

MAP 7.

TABLES 8, 10, 12, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Among the species of the subgenus *Celuca* recognized in this study, only *triangularis* and *lactea* occur in the Indo-Pacific. The species contrast with each other in several ways, forming a classic example of differences that occur between related forms sharing broadly coincident ranges.

While *lactea* thrives in a variety of biotopes flooded regularly by tides of high salinity, *triangularis* in any locality lives only in one or two secluded habitats that are normally cut off from marine tides and often watered only by scarcely brackish streams. Nevertheless populations of both species sometimes intermingle marginally and most are subject to mixing after the sudden local changes in terrain that result from floods, typhoons, and earthquakes. It is therefore of special interest that in morphology they differ strongly only in the tips of the gonopods, which show contrasting shapes and, it seems, must present a functional barrier to interbreeding.

To an observer in the field, however, the most striking difference between the two lies in their levels of social activity. While *lactea* is highly active at suitable seasons during at least one part of every lunar cycle, *triangularis* can only be called lethargic. It is clear from Altevogt's account (1957.1) that in south-east India the local subspecies has a season of waving display well before the rains; Feest (1969) reports that in the same region two principal mating seasons exist, coinciding with the two monsoons. Although I checked a New Guinea population almost daily for eight weeks during a period when the other *Uca* displayed regularly, in *triangularis* waving by one and two individuals, respectively, was observed on only two days. Nocturnal social activity was not evident and even diurnal feeding and moving about were usually minimal. Although my acquaintance with other populations—in Penang, in several parts of the Philippines, and in New Caledonia—was confined to a few days in each locality, inactivity of the crabs was always the rule: half a dozen displaying individuals in Joló and a single waving male near Nouméa made the highlights of all the field work done on those particular days. In short, these fiddlers have proved to be so inactive under a wide variety of seasons, tidal rhythms, lunar

phases, times of day and night, habitats, and geographic localities that the more lethargic species of *Deltuca* seem almost lively in comparison. Keys to their obscure rhythms remain to be found, perhaps by someone lucky enough to have a window on their biotope and binoculars on his sill.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad. Merus of minor cheliped posteriorly flattened with a row of tubercles running along its lower surface, close above ventral margin; distally the row curves abruptly upward; in females the structures occur on both chelipeds. Orbits strongly slanting. Gonopod ending in a prolonged, slender, tapering tube, its flanges almost lacking and invisible without detailed examination.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained about 4.5 times in that of front. Orbits strongly oblique. Antero-lateral angles strongly acute, antero-laterally produced. Antero-lateral margins absent, the dorso-laterals proceeding directly postero-internally in an unbroken line from the antero-lateral angle, strongly converging, ending opposite anterior edge of cardiac. Postero-lateral striae absent or, rarely, a single small one is detectable, chiefly by touch. Vertical lateral margin dorsally absent. Sides of carapace strongly convergent. Eyebrow narrow, about one-third diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Floor of orbit with or without a tuberculate ridge, stronger on minor side. Suborbital crenellations low and contiguous internally, high and partly separated near antero-external angle, continuing around outer orbital margin but stopping before channel; largest on minor side. Lower side of antero-lateral angle moderately sharp with a row of spinules; because the antero-lateral angle is produced, this ventral margin forms a long edge.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Postero-dorsal margin extending entire length of segment as an armed, distinct ridge; thick rugosities on proximal half or more; these change abruptly about at the crest of the usual convexity to a single row of small, sharp tubercles or serrations; the convexity is directed more dorsally than posteriorly and consists wholly of the strongly arched profile of the margin. Antero-dorsal margin scarcely arched. Posterior surface with minute tubercles rather than rugosities, which, however, tend where they are sparse to form linear arrangements; they are most numerous proximally and near both postero-dorsal and ventral margins.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface slight, without flattening. Outer tubercles on lower half of manus extremely minute, arranged in irregular, low, indistinct rugosities, some around shallow pits; a few of the pits give rise to single setae; tubercles close to dorsal, outer groove minute to absent; remaining tubercles of upper, outer half slightly larger than elsewhere, especially proximally, and not arranged in patterns. Dorsal, outer groove distinct, curving outward distally and ending just before dactyl base. Dorsal margin with outer edge confluent with that of carpal cavity only at extreme proximal end, distinct throughout entire margin, slightly thickened, surmounted by tubercles which, beyond carpal cavity, may vary in size and may form irregularly double or triple rows; inner edge absent; region usually occupied by intervening surface tuberculate, almost vertical and virtually indistinguishable from palm. Cuff at base of dactyl smooth except for a few variable granules; crease traceable ventrally only or altogether absent. Area outside upper part of pollex base with a small, shallow, irregular hollow, its edges indefinite. Ventral margin with a distinct, blunt keel, usually beaded, the beads largest and curving slightly above outer side of margin in their distal region, before stopping suddenly near pollex base. Ventral, outer groove along beaded edge present, being widest and deepest distally.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles, not as closely set as in *beebei*, for example. Oblique ridge moderate, the apex located opposite pollex, not gape, and scarcely or not at all higher than middle of ridge; tubercles large, largest either on apex or more distally; at apex the row turns proximally, not dorsally, two or three tubercles occupying entirely the short ventral margin of carpal cavity. Center palm with entire upper part covered with moderate tubercles extending slightly over distal margin of carpal cavity onto the sloping wall of cavity itself, and continuing upward to dorsal margin. Carpal cavity with distal margin near apex low and smooth, above that higher, tuberculate as just described; no downward extension of inner edge of dorsal margin; a very short, broad, distal extension of

carpal cavity into predactyl area, its distal end tuberculate. Predactyl area spacious, with a slight depression distally; entire area covered with tubercles which are continuous with those of upper palm and dorsal margin. Proximal ridge at base of dactyl broad and short with a few large tubercles that in rare individuals are lacking; distal ridge represented only by a scattering of extremely minute tubercles; groove absent.

*Pollex* and *dactyl*: Both moderately slender but relatively wide in comparison with those of *lactea* and long-fingered neotropical species. Pollex arched throughout, its ventral margin notably convex, its gape margin concave; dactyl also arched, but less so than pollex, usually slightly wider than corresponding part of pollex, except proximally and distally. Outer surface of dactyl proximally notably convex; surfaces of distal dactyl and all pollex somewhat less so. Gape with median portion equal to or slightly wider than adjacent part of pollex. Dactyl outside with two broad, shallow grooves, one just above gape, the other in the usual proximal, subdorsal position; although less developed than in *Deltuca*, the upper is longer and deeper than usual in *Celuca*, although highly variable, while the lower is traceable almost to the segment's tip; both grooves in some individuals are so weak, however, that they might easily be overlooked. Proximal part of area near upper groove rough with tubercles, largest in a dorsal marginal band and on dorsal flattened base of dactyl; the marginal band continues, marked by minute tubercles, throughout dactyl's length. Surfaces of pollex and dactyl otherwise virtually smooth except for minute pits on outer pollex, continuing those of outer manus. On gape, in both pollex and manus, tubercles of outer row are complete and usually include in distal part a conspicuously enlarged tubercle, the base of which extends across most of the thickness of the gape; tubercles of inner row smaller than in outer, absent proximally; median row weak or absent in middle and, sometimes, distal portion, with at least one notably enlarged tooth proximally. Pollex tip simple. Gape pile scanty.

*Minor Cheliped.* Merus posteriorly flattened, with distinct tubercles, not rugosities, on postero-dorsal surface. They are arranged in roughly vertical rows, except for a strong, longitudinal row above postero-ventral margin; the latter row curves abruptly upward at its distal end, a short distance before end of segment; this structure alone is completely diagnostic for the species. Gape at base narrower than width of pollex, decreasing distally. A few strong serrations in distal half, almost in contact.

*Ambulatories.* Legs short for a *Celuca*, the 3rd merus on minor side about reaching antero-lateral angle when laid forward, or at most extending barely be-

yond it. 2nd and 3rd meri moderately broad, their dorsal margins scarcely convex to almost straight, depending on the subspecies. On minor side, antero-dorsal surfaces, especially proximally, slanting forward, so that they lie at an angle both to the dorsal margin and to the rest of the anterior surface, which, of course, is vertical as usual; the modified portion is strongly rugose; the effect is best developed on the 1st and 2nd legs and almost lacking on the 4th; it is much weaker or practically absent on all legs of major side. No other anterior modifications of 1st ambulatory on either side.

**Gonopod.** Superficial appearance of tip is that of an elongate, slender tube. In reality extremely narrow flanges extend throughout the length of the corneous distal part of the shaft. Beyond the subterminal pore the flanges are confluent, the distal edge either rounded, uneven, or, sometimes, slightly expanded and almost truncate. Inner process narrowly triangular, flat, almost reaching pore. Thumb well developed, closely applied to corneous shaft, long, its length varying with the subspecies but always ending close to base of inner process, at beginning of distal corneous portion of gonopod.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital armature slightly stronger than in male; ventral margin of antero-lateral angle minutely tuberculate. Cheliped merus as in minor cheliped of male, with diagnostic flattening and tuberculation. Modification of antero-dorsal surfaces of ambulatory meri as in its maximum development in male, but present on all legs on both sides. Abdomen of adult female unusually narrow. Gonopore with a low tubercle on antero-external margin.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>U. triangularis triangularis</i>				
Largest male (Zamboanga)	10.0	16.5	21.5	14.0
Largest claw (detached) (Zamboanga)	—	—	23.0	15.0
Moderate male (Zamboanga)	7.5	13.0	17.0	11.0
Largest female (Madang)	7.0	12.5	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Madang)	6.0	9.0	—	—
<i>U. triangularis bengali</i>				
Holotype male (Penang)	8.0	14.0	20.5	13.0
Largest male (Penang)	9.0	15.0	22.0	13.0
Largest female (Penang)	8.0	13.5	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Penang)	8.0	12.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The differences between the two subspecies to be described are suitably minor, being confined to the occurrence of tubercles on orbital floor, degree of tuberculation on center of major palm, strength of its predactyl ridge, slight differences in shape of ambulatory meri, length of gonopod thumb, and form of gonopore.

Remarks on the relationships of *triangularis* will be found on p. 218 and in the introduction to the species (p. 286).

#### Color

Both subspecies include some non-displaying populations with at least the carapace wholly orange, yellow, or white, either throughout the day and night or only during periods of bright sunshine. These pale groups have been observed in southeast India by Altevogt and in Penang and New Guinea by me. On dull days and during the falling tide in Penang, the yellow phase was preceded by a barred pattern that was the only one observed in the southern Philippines and in New Caledonia. The markings consist of 2 to 5 transverse pale bands, usually blue and often broken, on a dark ground and are closely similar to those characteristic of the local *lactea*. Major cheliped: In the western subspecies, brightening to uniform orange; in New Guinea, sometimes orange to white; in New Caledonia, with yellowish manus; in the Philippines, dull except for pale lower manus; in all eastern groups a speckling of fine brown spots at least on manus is diagnostic. Fingers white. Ambulatories in some individuals of populations of both subspecies sometimes ranging from orange to yellow or white; otherwise dark. Carapace and appendages of females similar to those of local males.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave with vertical, semi-unflexed and lateral-circular components, the circular wave having been observed in both subspecies. In both Joló and Nouméa only the circular display was seen and it appeared close to the corresponding form in *lactea*, although no curtsy was included; single waves were at a rate of slightly more than 1 to the second. The only examples of vertical and semi-unflexed waves were found in New Guinea, where a single male several times raised and lowered his major cheliped in a low, fast motion with the hint of a curtsy, as he faced an apparently attentive female 2 inches away; in the same population a week earlier, 2 males gave several brief, semi-unflexed waves; no lateral displays were

ever seen there. Altevogt (1957.1), in describing the display in a population in southeast India, also remarked on the lateral form of the wave and gave similar figures for its duration. (Component nos. 1, 3, 5, 713.)

### Acoustic Behavior

Unknown. Especially to be watched for is stridulation using the unique armature of the minor cheliped's posterior merus. The unusual tuberculation of the antero-dorsal parts of the ambulatory meri will probably prove to be part of the mechanism. See Figs. 50 and 51.

### RANGE

From eastern India and Burma to New Caledonia; north to the Nansei (Ryukyu) Islands.

### BIOTOPES

As indicated in the Introduction to this species, *triangularis* usually occurs on brackish flats and on the banks of tidal streams, always sheltered from open water as well as from prolonged exposure to sun. Large populations have been found in Penang and Zamboanga among the shoots of mangroves and in the mud sheltered by the overhanging branches of the parent trees. In Joló a group in a small lagoon was separated from the sea only by a narrow bar of soil and sand. Often crowded populations occur on the upper levels of steep banks slightly upstream from the limits of the mangrove. (Biotope nos. 9, 13, 14, 15.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

*U. triangularis* mingles marginally and rarely with its close relation, *lactea*. In Penang it is associated with *rosea*, which was more abundant closer to low-tide levels of a secluded mangrove cove, while the burrows of *triangularis* peppered the banks on its upper slopes. In the Philippines and New Guinea, both within the mangrove zone and upstream from it, *triangularis* burrows in similar positions above those of *coarctata* and, less often, *dussumieri*, all the species being established up tidal creeks in the same small coves.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 610.)

*Observations and Collections.* Malaya: Penang. Indonesia: near Surabaya. Philippines: Mindanao, in neighborhood of Davao and Zamboanga; Sulu on

Joló and Tawi Tawi; Palawan. Territory of Papua & New Guinea: near Madang. New Caledonia: near Nouméa.

*Films.* Penang; near Davao; near Madang.

*Sound Recordings.* Near Nouméa.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

#### *Gelasimus triangularis*

TYPE. In Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Male, listed by museum as a "type nonspecifié." Label in box: "*Gelasimus triangularis* A. Edw. Collect. A.M. Edwards 1903. Nlle. Caledonie." On back of box is the same wording plus "auct. det." Measurements in mm: length 8; breadth 12; propodus 17; dactyl 11. Photo of claw: present contribution, Pl. 38 I, J.

The specimen is in exceedingly poor condition, but its specific characteristics remain unmistakable. There seems to be no need at present to designate one of the specimens since collected (1965) by me in New Caledonia as a neotype. When I examined the type (1959), the specimen, dried and varnished, was glued directly on a soft wood base. After the base had been dissolved off through placing it, with no prior manipulation of the specimen, in relaxing solution, the abdomen, left gonopod, and the entire tip of the right gonopod proved to be missing. On the right gonopod a bit of subdistal tissue probably is the thumb. The specimen lacks tubercles on orbital floor, while the distal predactyl ridge has the tubercles poorly developed; these characters are now known to be within the range of variability of *t. triangularis* males, as they occur in the type-locality and elsewhere. (!)

Apparent Type Material of *Gelasimus triangularis* var. *variabilis* de Man, 1891. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. 1 male, cat. no. 1247, is labeled "*Uca triangularis* (AMed) var. *variabilis* de Man Ludeking 1863. Amboina," the wording being the same on 2 labels, one being in a vial that holds a smaller vial and the crab, with the 2nd label. Both are written in de Man's hand (*vide* Holthuis). Length approx. 7.5 mm; propodus 21; thumb on gonopod even longer than in Fig. 59B of present contribution. A group of males and females, cat. no. 1537, are labeled as follows: "*Uca triangularis* (A. M. Edw): vari. *variabilis* (de Man) syntypes Amboina E.W.A. Ludeking, 1863." (!)

*Uca triangularis bengali* subsp. nov.

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137674. Type-locality Penang, Malaya. Measurements on p. 288. (!)

*Uca (Celuca) triangularis triangularis*  
(A. Milne-Edwards, 1873)

(Labuan, Indonesia, Philippines, Nansei [Ryukyu] Islands, Palau Islands, New Guinea, and New Caledonia. ?Caroline Islands)

**MORPHOLOGY**

With the characteristics of the species.

Tubercles on floor of orbit always present at least in females and in all or practically all males at least on minor side. The tubercles are best developed in Philippines populations, but even here they are highly variable; the maximum number totals around 20, with the addition of grouped spinules near or beyond inner end of row; in some males the tubercles are reduced to less than 10 and show irregularities of size and arrangement, or are represented only by a few spinules. On minor side in male and on both sides in female the row runs well behind suborbital margin and is often convex posteriorly in the middle; in contrast, on the male's major side the row parallels and lies very close to the margin. The range of variation indicated occurs within at least some populations, including New Caledonia, New Guinea, and the south Philippines.

As indicated in the description of *t. bengali*, the palm in *t. triangularis* is often smoother, with the proximal predactyl ridge relatively short and the tubercles fewer or, rarely, absent; meri of ambulatories in general narrower, the upper edge of the 3rd being definitely straight; gonopod thumb longer, being more or less equal to exposed part of tube; gonopore larger, with a definite apex directed antero-internally.

*Color*

No pale phase was encountered in the Philippines; entirely white or yellow white individuals were the rule in New Guinea, with orange males appearing occasionally; in New Caledonia the coloring was as in the Philippines, except that the manus was tinged with yellow. The major cheliped of all individuals, even when they are otherwise white, is speckled above with minute dark round spots ranging from brown to purplish brown; at most they cover the dorsal and outer parts of merus, carpus, manus, and lower palm; at the least they are scattered on the upper outer manus.

*Uca (Celuca) triangularis bengali*  
subsp. nov.

(Eastern India, Burma, and western Malaya)

**MORPHOLOGY**

With the characteristics of the species.

Tubercles on floor of orbit altogether lacking in both sexes. Palm often more tuberculate than in *t. triangularis*, with proximal ridge at dactyl base longer; meri of ambulatories at least on minor side broader than in most *t. triangularis*, the upper edge of the third being definitely convex; gonopod thumb shorter, about one-half length of exposed part of tube; gonopore with a small, blunt, inconspicuous tubercle.

*Color*

Pale phases ranging from orange to white appear to be usual, while brown speckles on the major cheliped have not been reported.

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**REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY**

(When I have neither seen the specimens listed nor made collections from near the same localities, the references are placed in accordance with the known geographical distribution of the subspecies. No examples of coincident ranges or apparent hybrids are yet known.)

*Uca (Celuca) triangularis*  
(A. Milne-Edwards, 1873)

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (C.) triangularis triangularis*, below.

*Uca (Celuca) triangularis triangularis*  
(A. Milne-Edwards, 1873)

*Gelasimus triangularis*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. A. Milne-Edwards, 1873: 275. New Caledonia. (Paris !)

Kingsley, 1880.1: 150. No new record. Taxonomy of type.

de Man, 1892: 307. Sumatra.

de Man, 1895: 577 (part). East Indies (not Penang). Taxonomy.

Gordon, 1934: 11. Dutch East Indies.

*Gelasimus triangularis* var. *variabilis*

de Man, 1891: 47. Amboina. Type description. (Leiden !)

Tweedie, 1937: 14. Sumatra: Simalur (= Simeuloe) I.

*Uca variabilis*

Ortmann, 1897: 353. No new record. Taxonomy.  
Ward, 1941: 3. Philippines: west coast, Gulf of Davao.

*Uca triangularis*

Nobili, 1899.2: 274. East Indies: Andai. Brief taxonomy.

Estampador, 1937: 543. Records from the Philippine Is.

Estampador, 1959: 100. Records from the Philippine Is.

*Uca novaeguineae* (not of Rathbun, 1913)

Sakai, 1936: 171; text fig. Pelew (= Palau) Is. Taxonomy; color. (Yokohama !)

Miyake, 1938: 110. Micronesia: Ngardok; Babelthaob; Palau Is. (Part may be *U. chlorophthalmus crassipes*, q.v.)

? Miyake, 1939: 223, 242. Micronesia: Palao Is.; Caroline Is. (Kusaie). (Part or all may be *U. chlorophthalmus crassipes*, q.v.)

*Uca triangularis variabilis*

Tweedie, 1950.1: 357. Labuan. (Raffles !)

*Uca (Celuca) triangularis bengali* subsp. nov.

*Gelasimus perplexus* (not of Milne-Edwards, 1837)

Heller, 1865: 38; Pl. 5, Fig. 4. Ceylon. Southeast India: Madras. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus triangularis*

de Man, 1887.1: 119. Mergui Archipelago: Kisserain I. Taxonomy. (Leiden !)

? de Man, 1892: 307. Sumatra: eastern coast at Batu Bahra. (May be *U. t. triangularis*.)

Henderson, 1893: 388. Southeast India: Madras; Ennore. Taxonomy; habitat. (BM !)

de Man, 1895: 577 (part). Malaya: Penang. (Not records from East Indies.) Taxonomy.

? Nobili, 1899.3: 518. Sumatra: Siboga. Taxonomy. (May be *U. t. triangularis*.)

Alcock, 1900: 356. No new record. Taxonomy.

*Gelasimus variabilis* (not *G. triangularis* var. *variabilis* de Man)

? Ortmann, 1894.2: 758. Singapore. Taxonomy. (This is the only record of the occurrence of *triangularis* in Singapore; may be *U. t. triangularis*.)

*Uca triangularis*

Nobili, 1903.2: 20. Southeast India: Pondichéry.

Maccagno, 1928: 31. No new record. Taxonomy.

Chopra & Das, 1937: 421; text fig. Mergui Archipelago: Bockachaung. In fresh water.

Panikkar & Aiyar, 1937: 295. Statement that these authors, unlike Henderson, 1893, did not find *triangularis* in the Madras area.

Altevogt, 1957.1. Illus. Southeast India (from near Madras to Cape Cormorin). Waving display; ecology; general habits.

Feest, 1969. Illus. Southeast India: Porto Novo. Breeding biology; ecology; post-embryological development.

57. *UCA (CELUCA) LACTEA* (DE HAAN, 1835)

(Indo-Pacific)

PLATES 39; 40; 45 *A*; 47 *C, D*; 50 *A*.FIGURES 17; 18; 19; 20; 24 *N, O*; 26 *D*; 27 *I, J*; 29 *D*; 31 *E*; 32 *L, M*; 37 *L*; 41 *A, B*; 46 *L*; 54 *H-KK*; 69 *B-E*; 74 *L-N*; 81 *O*; 83 *B*; 91 *A-D*; 92; 101.

MAP 21.

TABLES 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 22.

## INTRODUCTION

One temptation in this study is to write about *Uca lactea* in superlatives. Among fiddlers these small crabs have one of the four widest ranges on earth. They form perhaps the most abundant species. They vary the most widely in often bright and complex color patterns. Above all they present us with more challenges, as they unfold the refinements of their social behavior, than any other fiddler I know.

A report on these behavior patterns, particularly those of agonistic behavior, will be published separately; it is too detailed for appropriate inclusion here and, moreover, includes the results of recent field work (1969-1970) which has not been fully analyzed. One result, perhaps of the most general interest, is that the frequency of combat components, although not their form, differs in different parts of the range. Less striking differences are found in the components of waving display, especially in those of high intensity courtship, one or more of them being absent in one part of the range, or occurring only in low intensity display in another area.

In years to come, when the difficulties of fiddler-rearing have been reduced to laboratory trivia, this species may prove to be well suited for genetic studies of behavior. Meanwhile, the question of the basic value of combat now appears to be complicated rather than clarified by this recent work. In brief, one can say with confidence that *lactea* will continue to repay study, both as an entire, lively animal in its own habitat and in suitable crabberies; in addition it should make an excellent subject for correlated physiological research.

This species is one of those showing a particularly strong lunar or semi-lunar rhythm, and it is therefore important to plan field work accordingly. During some seasons and in some places, *lactea* proved to be socially active only around new moon, only around full moon, or around both; in South Africa and in Japan it does not display during the local winters, and in Japan, at least, hibernates during severe weather. In general when planning short trips it is probably safest to arrange to be in a given locality around new moon rather than full; the exact selection

of dates must depend on whether the investigator's chief interest lies in waving display and the associated courtship or in combat behavior. Waving display and courtship reach their height between about one-half and two hours after low tide and are especially prevalent, and sometimes only to be observed, when low tide occurs in the late afternoon and in the late morning. Combat, on the other hand, rarely furnishes much observation material except between about one-half hour before low tide and an hour or so afterwards, and only when the time of low tide is between about 8:30 and 11 A.M. Where tides are very unusual, active combat behavior still seems to await the eventual occurrence of mid-morning lows, no matter how small the tidal levels at the time. For research purposes useful amounts of combat, waving, and courtship may be found during longer periods and at other times of the day, but it seems clear that one is most likely to find populations in a state of high social activity at these times, when only a few days are available for work. If, however, a traveling biologist with, for instance, five days for work confidently aims for a row of morning lows near a particular new moon, he may well find that his selected population is ruled by the full moon instead. Therefore, before following any advice in this paragraph, *caveat lector*.

Nocturnal activity, except for the usual acoustic responses to intruders, seems to be poorly developed in *lactea*, judging by my repeated checks of populations in various localities. Possibly inconspicuous nocturnal courtship behavior accompanying acoustic components occurs, but it has not yet been investigated. A foundation was laid by Altevogt (1957.1), who found that some *lactea* remain active at twilight.

After de Haan first described the species from Japan in 1835, similar forms became familiar under other names, in particular *annulipes* and *perplexa*, which were collected in other parts of the Indo-Pacific. In the present study, because of strong evidence of interbreeding as well as close similarities in morphology and behavior, only a single species, *lactea*, is recognized; except in the interesting areas



where two forms coincide, four subspecies can be readily distinguished—*lactea*, *annulipes*, *perplexa*, and *mjobergi*.

## MORPHOLOGY

### Diagnosis

Broad-fronted Indo-Pacific *Uca*; major cheliped with oblique tuberculate ridge inside palm present, proximal predactyl ridge not diverging dorsally from dactyl base, no hook-like predistal tooth on dactyl, and no small, sharply bounded depression outside pollex base; posterior merus of minor cheliped without vertical row of tubercles; merus of last ambulatory slender, its dorsal margin practically straight; one postero-lateral stria on each side; gonopod with large flanges, the tube not projecting; gonopore without tubercle.

### Description

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

#### MALE

**Carapace.** Frontal breadth contained about 3 to 4 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral angles acute, antero-laterally produced. Antero-lateral margins approximately straight, converging, rounding into dorso-lateral margins. Each of the single pair of postero-lateral striae is directed almost antero-posteriorly, rather than in the usual nearly transverse position. Vertical lateral margin highly variable, being sometimes weak or absent in dorsal fifth. Carapace profile almost semi-cylindrical; hepatic and branchial regions not fused, only moderately arched. Tip of front little rounded, appearing almost truncate in dorsal view. Eyebrow shorter than usual, and narrow, measuring half or less than half the diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk, which itself is unusually slender in comparison with that usual in the subgenus; lower margin of eyebrow weaker than upper. Suborbital crenellations minute in inner half, increasingly large near antero-external angle, continuing around outer orbital margin, separated, almost to channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle moderately sharp, usually minutely serrate.

**Major Cheliped. Merus:** Antero-dorsal margin proximally scarcely arched and not ridged, extremely weak, consisting only of the slightly angular meeting of dorsal and anterior surfaces, usually completely unarmed, occasionally with a few irregular granules; distal portion more distinct, marked principally by a cluster of tubercles which are sometimes large and numerous. **Carpus:** Dorso-posterior surface smooth.

**Manus:** Bending of upper, outer surface apparent near dorsal margin only, where both bending and moderate flattening are apparent. Outer tubercles extremely minute, although variable among individuals; slightly larger and more widely spaced only in a narrow band adjacent to dorsal margin. Dorsal outer groove absent. Dorsal margin above carpal cavity strong, formed of large, sharp tubercles; distally it is weak, marked only by small tubercles and lacking both inner edge and intervening space to set it off from palm. Area outside pollex base not smooth, the minute tubercles of outer manus continuing across it and onto pollex; in southwestern populations of *l. annulipes*, lower part sometimes with indications of a row of slightly larger tubercles, not elevated on a keel, that continues onto pollex. Ventral margin or supramargin of manus with a row of tubercles, small and faint in proximal half, slightly larger distally, and dying out at pollex base or along its proximal part. Ventral, supramarginal outer groove present in distal half of manus only, where it is strong; it often continues, faintly or strongly, throughout most of pollex.

**Palm** with lower triangle covered relatively sparsely with extremely minute tubercles. Oblique ridge usually high and thin, the highest point usually slightly higher than apex and distal to it; tubercles largest on highest point of ridge; they either stop at apex or, in some individuals of all subspecies, turn proximally for a short way along ventral margin of carpal cavity. Center palm definitely convex, with variable tuberculation ranging from minute and sparse to moderate in both tubercle size and distribution. Carpal cavity with ventral margin always low, thin, and sharp, whether or not surmounted by tubercles continued from apex; distal margin of cavity sloping gently, merging gradually with center palm; inner edge of dorsal margin not curving downward; upper part of carpal cavity with a distal extension occupying almost entire predactyl area. Edges of latter area indefinite, either smooth or minutely tuberculate.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Highly variable within and between subspecies, leptodactylous and brachydactylous forms being well developed. Both pollex and dactyl always long and compressed, at least one usually having the gape edge slightly concave, the dactyl's always being more or less convex dorsally and always wider than the pollex, sometimes strikingly so. Gape wider, sometimes much wider, than adjacent pollex. Outer pollex sometimes with a low supramarginal keel with or without tubercles, and a shallow groove contiguous to its upper side; keel not continuous with the row of tubercles on ventral margin of manus. Along lower side of pollex, above position of pollex keel and groove, whether or not they are present, a straight row of small, close-set tubercles sometimes occurs. Dactyl with outer, proximal,

subdorsal groove absent; tubercles of the area well developed. Pollex and dactyl covered externally with minute tubercles, often larger on pollex; both fingers internally smooth or with extremely minute tubercles. Gape with outer marginal rows in both pollex and dactyl sometimes clearly traceable only about halfway to tip of segment; inner rows sometimes obsolescent, with only the most proximal tubercles clearly referable to this row and not to the general tuberculation near gape; tubercles of median row ranging from absent to moderate with up to several enlarged tubercles or tuberculate, triangular teeth. Tip of pollex simple. A predistal, triangular tooth, sometimes much enlarged and its distal margin concave, often present. Gape pile sparse.

*Minor Cheliped.* Gape throughout about as wide as pollex. Serrations weak, widely and unevenly spaced, not in contact, occurring more proximally on pollex than on dactyl; sometimes absent.

*Ambulatories.* 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender to moderately broad, their dorsal margins scarcely convex to almost straight. 4th merus always strikingly slender, its dorsal margin practically straight. No anterior modifications of 1st ambulatory.

*Gonopod.* Flanges strongly developed, the anterior or posterior being the larger, depending on position of the canal, which varies with the subspecies; one or both flanges may have its round distal edge produced slightly or far beyond the small subterminal gonopore. Inner process narrow, tapering to a blunt end which overlies canal but may or may not reach gonopore. Thumb short but well developed; very variable in position, it may stop far below base of anterior flange or overlap it.

#### FEMALE

Carapace regions definitely less well marked than in male, the difference being unusually strong for a *CelUCA*. Suborbital crenellations better developed than in male on inner half, but about equal to male's in outer portion; some individuals, especially in some populations of *l. annulipes*, with a row of tubercles on orbital floor, sometimes clearly supported by a ridge; their occurrence, sizes, and numbers are however exceedingly variable, usually even within populations. Gonopore with outer margin arched strongly toward midline, so that the pore itself appears crescentic and the margin a rounded lip; this lip slants up into the gonopore depression, the degree of slant and its direction depending on the subspecies; in all except one subspecies (*annulipes*), it is rimmed conspicuously with corneous brown, which sometimes also occurs on the surrounding tissue. These minor gonopore differences are unfortunately the only reliable

distinctions among the subspecies that have yet become apparent.

#### Size

Moderately small. Measurements in descriptions of subspecies.

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

*U. lactea* differs conspicuously as follows from the other species of Indo-Pacific fiddlers having moderately broad fronts. It differs from both subspecies of *inversa* in the presence of an oblique tuberculate ridge on palm, in the small, slender propodus of the small cheliped in both sexes, and in having only one pair of postero-lateral striae on each side; it differs additionally from *i. inversa* in East Africa in the absence of a terminal hook on major dactyl. It differs from *chlorophthalmus* in having the proximal predactyl ridge parallel to, not diverging from, the major dactyl's base; in lacking a small, distinctly bounded depression outside base of major pollex; and in having slender meri in both sexes on the last ambulatories. Finally, it differs from *triangularis* in lacking, in both sexes, a vertical row of tubercles predistally on posterior minor merus, and in not having a projecting terminal tube on gonopod.

The species divides satisfactorily into four subspecies, based principally on the shapes of the gonopod flanges, gonopore tubercle, and, less reliably, major chela. Two of the four subspecies have not been found to show any zones of coincidence or apparent interbreeding. Their ranges are small, being restricted to northwest Australia (*l. mjobergi*) and from Hong Kong to Japan (*l. lactea*). The other two subspecies, *l. annulipes* and *l. perplexa*, cover between them the entire tropical Indo-Pacific, from eastern Africa to Samoa, excluding only *mjobergi*'s limited range in Australia.

No sharp geographical boundary divides *annulipes* from *perplexa*. Populations showing coincidence and signs of hybridizing occur from southeast India to the central Philippines. These mixed populations and the incidence of individuals of the atypical subspecies are rare in the west and in the northeast. In the intermediate areas of Indonesia and the southern Philippines, on the other hand, they are common. The subspecies *annulipes* apparently occurs alone in Africa, West Pakistan, western India, and Ceylon, while *perplexa* appears unmixed in the north Philippines, New Guinea, eastern Australia, and the islands of the tropical Pacific, reaching the Ryukyu Islands in the north and Samoa in the east.

As in the apparently hybridizing subspecies of *vocans*, the male gonopods show distinct characteris-

tics of either one subspecies or the other. Only in one or two individuals from the north-central Philippines is the shape definitely ambiguous. Female gonopores, on the other hand, while usually characteristic of either *annulipes* or *perplexa*, sometimes show intermediate states of the tilting of the tubercle tip and its orientation.

In the subspecific characters of the major cheliped, on the other hand, the characters are independently assorted, showing every degree of mixing throughout the broad region where both types of gonopods occur in the same population. Dactyls that are to varying degrees broad, as in *perplexa*, occur on individuals with gonopods of *annulipes* shape; these broad-dactyled crabs may or may not have a triangular tooth on the pollex that approaches or equals the size of this structure characteristic of *perplexa* in the east. Similarly, slender claws turn up in the zones of coincidence on individuals with gonopods wholly typical of *annulipes*.

Since the gonopod form appears practically always to be entirely characteristic of one subspecies, while the other subspecific characters vary considerably even in apparently unmixed populations, specimens have been arbitrarily assigned to one subspecies or the other in accordance with the form of their gonopods alone. This course has seemed preferable to indicating apparent crosses, even when other characters in an individual and its population show clear signs of interbreeding; it makes possible a preliminary estimate, however unreliable, of the amount of mixing that occurs in various localities. Until genetic studies are undertaken and the dominance relations of particular traits established, obviously no definite results can be obtained. At present the only two conclusions to be drawn seem to be, first, that *annulipes* and *perplexa* give every evidence of frequent hybridization within the area of occasional coincidence and, second, that the heart of the area of coincidence, as in *vocans* and certain *Deltuca*, lies in the region of the Sunda Shelf.

Beyond the area of coincidence where both types of gonopods occur, claws are sometimes found that are clearly atypical of the region. For example, an unusually wide dactyl or a large tooth on the pollex infrequently turns up in Africa, although the proportions are typical in the east. Similarly, although a tuberculate ridge on the major pollex is strong and prevalent only from Zanzibar to Mozambique, the character appears, although rarely, on claws as far away as Fiji; almost always in these individuals it is a weak structure and probably scarcely functional. These characters would lend themselves well to statistical analysis.

The relationship of *lactea* to other members of the subgenus is discussed on p. 218.

## Color

Displaying males: Polished white fully developed over entire crab, in some individuals of some populations in three of the four subspecies. In *mjobergi* alone such a development of white was not found. The population of *l. lactea* in northwest Taiwan in May was the only one in which this high development of white occurred in almost all displaying males and, incidentally, on the females too. More characteristic of all other populations were the following general ranges of color, which are summarized in tabular form in Table 5.

*Carapace*. Sometimes attaining a homogeneous pale color in all subspecies, particularly in Philippine populations of *perplexa*; the most prevalent in *perplexa*, as well as in East African populations of *annulipes*, is fine marbling, the component colors being black with white or blue. In *mjobergi* the marbling is brown with buff or white. In *l. annulipes* from the non-African part of its range the pattern is characterized instead by strong transverse markings, exceedingly variable within populations; often the ground color is black to blue with three or four paler bands, either solid or divided into spots, crossing the entire width of the carapace and ranging in hue from light blue to white; at a later stage of display lightening the pattern appears instead as black or blue markings on a blue or white background. In some pure-culture populations of *l. perplexa* (that is, without admixture of *l. annulipes*) marbled carapaces sometimes have 1 or 2 dark, *annulipes*-like bands, but posteriorly only.

*Major Cheliped*. Polished white chelipeds occur in single populations of each subspecies except *mjobergi*, even though the carapace in these populations does not whiten strongly. Except for these three, and representatives of other populations attaining complete white, the cheliped in all subspecies shows some tint or shade of yellow or red, not only in every displaying male, but almost always in all non-displaying individuals also, although the hues are then usually dulled and, even in displaying males, often confined to the lower, outer manus. In all subspecies except *annulipes* the color is basically yellow, ranging from pale buff to orange yellow of high saturation. The most intense yellows were found in *perplexa* in Fiji and in *mjobergi*, in both Darwin and Broome. The color is usually brightest on the entire outer manus and proximal part of chela, but the inner merus is often similarly colored in spite of strong display whitening of the rest of the crab. In contrast, yellow does not occur in *annulipes* in populations showing no coincidence with those of *perplexa* (see below). Instead, red is found in a wide range from

pale pink to highly saturated spectrum red or, sometimes, scarlet red; it attains its most vivid form in Ceylon (where there is no coincidence with *perplexa*) and in Singapore (where the two subspecies coincide and apparently interbreed); in these two localities, especially, the inner side of the merus often remains bright red even though the outer manus has paled to pink during carapace lightening. In all subspecies the fingers are white at least distally, and the palms almost always pale.

Eyestalks usually gray, sometimes yellowish or greenish. Anterior aspects of orbits, pterygostomian regions, and buccal area usually lighten to about same degree as carapace, although sometimes they attain a higher degree of white, often being clear white in New Guinea, for example, even when the carapace remains in its usual marbled phase; in New Guinea as well as in the Philippines and in Fiji these anterior aspects are sometimes pale yellow, partly or wholly. Minor cheliped is most often white but rarely marked with red, yellow, or blue, these unusual phases cropping out in both *perplexa* and *annulipes* in various localities.

The ambulatories attain whiteness in all populations where this degree of display lightening occurs. More often red, particularly dark red but sometimes (in *mjobergi*) scarlet, occurs on the anterior sides of all the ambulatories in all subspecies; sometimes it is confined to the legs on the minor side; often it occurs only on the merus, or merus and carpus, of both sides, a distribution that is prevalent in *annulipes*. The non-red aspects are confined to the occasional occurrence of yellow instead of red in some populations of *perplexa*, and, on all parts of the ambulatories not colored yellow or red or lightened to white, to the light and dark banding which gave *annulipes* its name. Often however the legs even of strongly displaying males are completely dark, including the anterior meri, with even the bands not apparent.

Where populations of *annulipes* and *perplexa* coincide and are suspected strongly of interbreeding (p. 294), the characteristic red-marked cheliped and banded carapace of *annulipes* appear usually to be paired, while the solidly pale or marbled carapace and yellow-marked cheliped of *perplexa* occur together at least most of the time. Whether the colors match the gonopods, however, is at present unknown.

Females often attain about the same degree of lightening as males. Rare individuals in *perplexa* and *annulipes* throughout their ranges are dark red or rose red, sometimes including the appendages. These reddish females are sometimes but not always among the few females in any population being actively courted on a given low-tide period. As in many other species, small dark females with no lightening at all sometimes wander the most actively, eliciting high intensity waving from numerous males.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Wave always lateral at medium or high intensities, ranging through degrees of lateral-straight to wholly lateral-circular; circular waving occurs in fully developed territorial waving, in many displays toward males, and in all fully developed courtships. Diminishing circular waves present or absent. Vertical waves sometimes occur at lowest intensity in a threat situation or in young individuals. Jerks always absent. Minor cheliped usually makes corresponding motion. Body raised or not on extended ambulatories at both low and high intensities, often during high intensity held raised throughout a series. Curtsy in some form present at highest intensity in all subspecies, sometimes confined to courtship; the cheliped is then extended frontally or, usually, laterally, the circular wave is suppressed, and instead the cheliped makes a downward motion so that sometimes the lower edge of the propodus strikes the ground. Sometimes in threat situations the wave is similarly eliminated, but the cheliped is then held flexed, not extended, and alternately lowered and raised, either actually touching the ground or not, the ambulatories also sometimes bending simultaneously in a curtsy. During circular waving of moderate or high intensity one or more ambulatories are raised in leg-waves; in threat situations, however, leg-waving is replaced by sound-producing leg-wagging. During display the crab often moves a few steps while cheliped is raised or laterally extended. Seriality ranges from pronounced to absent. Non-forceful herding sometimes present. Synchronous waving noted rarely. Display rate very variable, depending both on type and intensity of wave and general level of waving activity in the population. The fastest circulars photographed were at rate of about 3 per second, the slowest at 2.3 seconds per wave. (Component nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, plus the downstrokes of extended cheliped described above. Timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### Precopulatory Behavior

Male attracts female down his own burrow. No attempts at copulation seen at surface, except by rare wandering males and in captivity in crabberies. Altevogt (1955) reported surface copulations to be rare in western India. Feest (1969), however, found them plentiful in the southeastern part of the same country, on a semi-lunar schedule.

### Hood Construction

Fully formed hoods were constructed by displaying males of *I. annulipes* in West Pakistan in June and by

a similarly active group of *l. lactea* in Taiwan in May; rudimentary hoods, poorly formed and less than 5 mm high, were detected beside the burrows of rare individuals in 2 other populations of displaying males, in *l. annulipes* in Ceylon in May and in *l. perplexa* in northeast New Guinea in June and July.

### Acoustic Behavior

The following components have been filmed: major-merus-rub (component no. 1), leg-wagging (5), major-merus-drum (7), major-manus-drum (9), minor-chela-tap (10) and, questionably, leg-stamp (11). Whirls have been recorded on tape when an individual of either sex was introduced into a burrow inhabited by a male; these recordings were secured in the Red Sea, southwestern India, New Caledonia, and the Fiji Islands (Pl. 47 C, D). Videotapes of diurnal leg-wagging in agonistic situations were made in northeastern New Guinea.

### Combat

The emerging results of combat in *lactea* have been mentioned in the introduction to the species (p. 292) and in the general account of combat (p. 516). The following components have been identified: manus-rub (component 1); manus-and-chela-rub (1a); pollex-rub (2); chela-rub (2a); pollex-under-and-over-slide (3); subdactyl-and-subpollex-slide (4); dactyl-slide (6); chela-tips-slide (6a); upper-and-lower-manus-rub (7); interlace (9); heel-and-hollow (11); heel-and-ridge (12); as in heel-and-ridge, but ridge only rubbed (12a).

### RANGE

Tropical and subtropical Indo-Pacific, from eastern Africa to Samoa; from near Massawa in the Red Sea, Karachi in Pakistan, and Fukuoka in southern Japan south to the Umngazana River, Cape Province, in Africa, Broome in Western Australia, Gladstone in Queensland, Australia, and Tonga, South Pacific.

The four subspecies here recognized range roughly as follows: *annulipes* from eastern Africa to the Philippines, being rare east of Borneo and coincident with *perplexa*, with which it apparently hybridizes, in southeast India (Pondichéry), Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines; *perplexa* from Java, the Philippines, New Guinea, and northeast Australia to Samoa; rare west of Java, occurring in the regions as listed above, coinciding with *annulipes*; *lactea* from southern Japan southwest to Hong Kong; *mjobergi* is known only from northwest Australia and northwest New Guinea.

### BIOTOPES

Sheltered shores near large bays or the open sea, sometimes protected only by reefs or offshore mud flats; substrate ranging from sandy mud to muddy sand; less often populations occur in mud without noticeable sandy admixture, as well as in sand with very little silt, especially close to mangroves occurring in such a substrate. Often adjoining mangroves, the burrows being sometimes among their rhizophores; socially active parts of populations, however, are never in partial shade; frequently along the shores of estuaries; when close to river mouths the crabs usually live on one or both sides of the mouth itself, rather than slightly upriver; when populations do occur within the mouth and are distributed farther upstream, the individuals become progressively smaller as the water becomes more brackish, although social behavior, apparently normal, continues. Burrows rarely found in steep banks. (Biotope nos. 6, 9, 11, 12, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Throughout most of its range, *lactea* occurs characteristically with (*Thalassuca*) *vocans*; although the burrows often mingle, *lactea* occupies higher levels on the shore. In some parts of East Africa, as in a population in Pemba, the species occurred not with *vocans* but with (*Amphiuca*) *chlorophthalmus* and (*Deltuca*) *urvillei*, which occupied, respectively, successively lower levels on the shore, *vocans* being absent from that particular community. In the Red Sea area (Massawa), Zanzibar, and Karachi, *lactea* occurred close to and even mingled with (*Amphiuca*) *inversa*, although *inversa* characteristically but not always occurred on higher, drier, more inland areas.

Farther east, populations of *lactea* often occur close to those of (*CelUCA*) *triangularis*, but always in a more exposed position, and, in my experience, without their burrows intermingling; in many localities, however, the barriers between are fragile, temporary, or both, as when a group of *lactea* on the shore of a small, largely enclosed bay is separated only by a barricade of sand, less than a meter high and sometimes scarcely more across the top, from the tiny lagoon inhabited by *triangularis*. As in several such instances known in the Philippines, the lagoon may be cut off for months from the sea; yet the barriers are subject to swift destruction by storms or unusual tides. In an equally frequent example, populations of the two species occur on the opposite sides of natural estuaries, tidal marshes, or even artificial fishponds—*lactea* on suitable strips of shore close to the outlet to the sea, and *triangularis* near the inland boundary of the habitat, often slightly inside the mouths of small streams, with its burrows,

in such cases, on the steep banks. (See also pp. 286, 289, and 297.)

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 611.)

*Observations and Collections.* Ethiopia: Massawa. Pemba and Zanzibar. Mozambique: Inhaca I. Aden. Pakistan: Karachi. India: near Bombay; Ernakulam. Ceylon: Negombo. Malaya: Penang. Singapore. Sarawak: Santubong. Java: near Surabaya. North-west Australia: Darwin; Broome. New Guinea: near Madang. New Caledonia: near Nouméa. Fiji Is.: Viti Levu (various localities). Samoa: near Upolu. Philippines: Tawi Tawi; Joló; Zamboanga; Gulf of Davao (various localities); near Manila. Hong Kong. North-west Taiwan: Tamsui. Japan: Kyushu, near Fukuoka.

*Films.* Massawa, Pemba, Zanzibar, Inhaca, Karachi, Negombo, Singapore, Santubong, Darwin, Broome, Madang, Nouméa, Fiji, Zamboanga, Gulf of Davao, Manila, Hong Kong, and Tamsui.

*Sound Recordings.* Massawa, Ernakulam, Negombo, Madang, Nouméa, and Fiji.

*Videotape recordings.* Negombo and Madang.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

### *Uca lactea* (de Haan, 1835)

LECTOTYPE of *Ocypode* (*Gelasimus*) *lacteus* de Haan. In Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijk Historie, Leiden. 1 male of a group under cat. no. 254, all with the label "*Uca lactea* (de Haan) Burger Type Japan." Selected by J. Crane. Material includes 3 other adult males, all in excellent condition, in alcohol, as well as several smaller males and females. This group, along with a jar of other specimens from Japan (cat. no. 1575), show an excellent range of claw diversity; gonopods as described in present study for *U. l. lactea*. (!)

In Paris 2 males and 1 female bear the locality label "Japon" and are listed as possible cotypes, having been received from Leiden. (!) (Pl. 40 A-B.)

### *Uca lactea annulipes* (Milne-Edwards, 1837)

LECTOTYPE of *Gelasimus annulipes* Milne-Edwards. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. One male from a group of 3 in a single box with the label "*Gelasimus annulipes* Edw. Mer. des Indes M. Reynaud." Selected by J. Crane. They are listed by the museum as "types non spécifiés." Condition excellent, although dried, and showing the now well-known variation in claw form. All 3 specimens were

relaxed for gonopod examination; all gonopods are typical of those specimens referred in the present study to *U. lactea annulipes*. Measurements in mm: length 10.5; breadth 18.5; propodus 31 (= lectotype). (!)

### *Uca lactea perplexa* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

TYPE MATERIAL. In Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. 2 males in same box with the label "*Gelasimus perplexus* M. Besuchuj Javae." They are listed as "types non spécifiés." Condition very poor, the specimens having been dried, wired, and somewhat crushed. It seems undesirable to designate a lectotype or neotype at present. The larger specimen, about 9 mm long with the propodus 27 mm, was relaxed; the gonopod is clearly of the form referred in the present study to the subspecies, *U. lactea perplexa*; the claws are also of characteristic shape. (!)

### *Uca lactea mjobergi* Rathbun, 1924

HOLOTYPE of *Uca mjobergi*. In Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet (sektionen för evertebrat zoologi), Stockholm: Male; measurements in mm: length 8.1; breadth 13.3; propodus 22 (Rathbun). Type-locality: Broome, Australia.

*Additional Type Material.* In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington: 2 male paratypes, cat. no. 56418. (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus forceps* Milne-Edwards, 1837. The type description of this species is from parts of 2 specimens, belonging to different subgenera, in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, and joined by wire. The claw is that of a specimen of *lactea*; it is the one illustrated by Milne-Edwards, 1852, Pl. 3, Fig. 11a. The situation is described in the present contribution on p. 323. (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus porcellanus* Adams & White, 1848. In British Museum (Natural History), London. Label: "*Gelasimus porcellanus* White 1847. Lectotype (selected 1911, W. T. Calman) Borneo. 901. 444.106." Also a similarly labeled paratype. Both are clear examples of *U. lactea annulipes*. (!)

Type Material of *Gelasimus annulipes* var. *albimana* Kossmann, 1877. Not located. Red Sea.

Type of *Uca annulipes* var. *orientalis* Nobili, 1901. In Regio Museo Zoologico, Torino, cat. no. 1521. Samarinda, Borneo, 1 male. (!) Here synonymized with *U. lactea perplexa*.

Material labeled *Uca consobrinus*, a name given in MS only, by de Man. 7 males with this name on the label are deposited in the Zoological Museum,

Amsterdam, but not designated as types; deposited in a single jar with 3 labels, as follows: (1) "*Gelasimus consobrinus* de Man Batavia Collection de Man." (2) "g" [stands for position on shelf] "Zoolog Museum. Amsterdam. Colleckie de Man." (3) "*Gelasimus consobrinus* de Man Dr. J. Verwey Batavia 1928." Lengths 8 to 11 mm. These specimens all proved to be characteristic brachychelous examples of *lactea annulipes*. In answer to a question from me, Dr. Verwey wrote as follows in a letter (11 July 1959): "... you will have seen from my note on p. 185 of my paper on mangrove crabs that De Man, who identified my animals, gave the name *consobrinus* to the species in question, because he had become convinced that it was different from *annulipes* (Latr.) H. Milne-Edwards. I suppose that the description of his *consobrinus* was not published because he died a short time after having identified my animals, but I am not quite sure that his paper was not published after his death without my knowing it." It seems now to be definite that de Man did not publish the paper, and that Verwey, in his 1930 contribution, is the only author to have used the name. (!)

### *Uca (Celuca) lactea annulipes* (Milne-Edwards, 1837)

(East Africa to Singapore; occasionally to central Philippines).

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod practically without torsion; anterior flange longer than posterior and clearly wider, the pore being located in a narrow notch near posterior margin; thumb ending distinctly below flange base. Gonopore with marginal lip strongly tilted, its tip far above the sternal surface (and therefore appearing deeply depressed in the usual ventral view of the observer); no corneous brown pigment on rim of lip. Major cheliped: Outer pollex in African populations from Zanzibar and farther south almost always with a straight row of small tubercles along lower side; this structure is present only very rarely elsewhere and then weakly; supramarginal keel and groove present or absent, the keel tuberculate or smooth; predistal triangular tooth characteristically small or absent, except in eastern zones of mingling with *perplexa*, where it sometimes attains proportions typical of that eastern subspecies. Dactyl with upper margin convex throughout, notably flattened, central portion not wider than adjacent part of gape.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest males				
(Java: Leiden 2012 part)	13.5		43.0	
(Mozambique)	11.5	19.0	39.0	28.5
Moderate male				
(Mozambique)	9.0	15.0	26.0	19.0
Smallest displaying male				
(Ethiopia)	4.0	7.0	9.0	5.5
Largest female				
(ovigerous) (Singapore)	10.0	14.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female				
(Mozambique)	7.0	11.0	—	—
Largest female				
(Mozambique)	9.0	15.0	—	—

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### *Waving Display*

Diminishing waves absent except in Massawa, Ethiopia, at medium low intensities. Curtsy, confined to courtship, starts earlier than in *l. perplexa* or *l. lactea*, immediately after pause, as cheliped begins outward sweep of next wave. Otherwise about as in *perplexa*, including downstrokes. Body held high on extended ambulatories during an entire series of circular waves (without curtsies). Vertical waves observed only in eastern populations and then only in the young, the motion being prevalent in Sarawak.

### *Uca (Celuca) lactea mjobergi* Rathbun, 1924

(Northwest Australia and northwest New Guinea)

#### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod with slight torsion; anterior flange longer than posterior but scarcely wider, the pore being located in a broad and shallow notch, thumb ending distinctly below flange base. Gonopore with marginal lip only slightly tilted, scarcely projecting up into pore's cavity, much less than in *l. annulipes*; rim of lip corneous brown. Major cheliped: Oblique tuberculate ridge inside palm unusually low for the species. Outer manus, pollex, and dactyl markedly smooth with little variation, individuals with relatively rough claws, such as occur in all other subspecies, not having been found in *mjobergi*. Outer pollex without a row of small tubercles along lower side; marginal keel and supramarginal groove absent; predistal triangular tooth very small to absent. Dactyl with upper margin convex throughout; breadth great-

er than that of adjacent part of gape except in large specimens, especially leptochelous individuals, where the dactyl usually is clearly narrower than gape.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Broome)	10.0	15.5	25.0	15.5
Moderate male (Broome)	7.0	11.5	15.5	9.5
Largest female (Darwin)	7.0	11.0	—	—

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Diminishing waves pronounced during moderate to high intensity display, each series starting with a regular, circular wave and followed by two to four circles of decreasing amplitude. Body raised and lowered only during the first wave. Curtsies, confined to courtship, start at beginning of a series, the cheliped usually being held extended, with the waves interrupted throughout a series of curtsies, but with the cheliped not making downstrokes. Vertical waves not seen (no observations made during onset of a display period, especially in the morning, when they are most likely to occur). Synchronous waving observed briefly, when neighboring males were courting a single, wandering female.

## *Uca (Celuca) lactea lactea* (de Haan, 1835)

(Hong Kong to Japan)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod with slight torsion; posterior flange longer and wider than anterior, the pore located in a notch both wide and deep, each flange usually extending well beyond it, although, as usual in the species, there is variation; thumb longer and larger than in any other subspecies, reaching well beyond flange base. Gonopore with a marginal lip moderately tilted up into pore's cavity; rim of lip corneous brown. Major cheliped: Oblique tuberculate ridge on palm sometimes continued slightly along lower margin of carpal cavity. Outer pollex without a straight row of small tubercles along lower side; supramarginal keel and groove present or absent, the keel minutely tuberculate or not, the tubercles when present sometimes non-linear, continued ventrally around margin; groove frequently represented by a broad, smooth depression, often present even in individuals lacking supramarginal keel; predistal, triangular tooth usual-

ly present but always poorly marked, being low, blunt and with a long base. Dactyl dorsally convex throughout, not notably flattened, not wider in central portion than adjacent part of gape except in the small specimens having claws otherwise of adult form.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Kyushu, Japan)	13.0	21.0	33.0	26.0
Largest female (Kowloon, Hong Kong)	8.0	14.0	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Tamsui, Taiwan)	8.0	12.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Kowloon, Hong Kong)	7.5	11.0	—	—

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Diminishing waves absent. Curtsy starts with cheliped extended, usually laterally, most waves then being omitted while a number of curtsies are performed in succession, with or without downstrokes of cheliped. Curtsy occurs during both threat and courtship.

## *Uca (Celuca) lactea perplexa* (Milne-Edwards, 1852)

(Tropical West Pacific; occasionally to eastern India)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

Gonopod with strong torsion, posterior flange slightly longer than anterior and clearly wider, the pore being set in a rather broad and very shallow notch; both flanges relatively short and broad compared with those of *l. annulipes*; thumb not as long or thick as in *l. lactea*, but similar and reaching beyond flange base. Gonopore with marginal lip only slightly tilted, scarcely projecting up into pore's cavity, much less than in *l. annulipes*; rim of lip corneous brown; axis of lip directed obliquely forward, not toward midline as in the other subspecies. Major cheliped: Outer pollex very rarely with an indistinct row of minute tubercles, discernible among a usually general distribution of tubercles, making the outer pollex distinctly rough in most individuals of this subspecies; supramarginal keel and groove absent; predistal tooth moderate to large except in areas of mingling with *annulipes*, where it is sometimes small. Dactyl arched only in about distal fifth, starting at beginning of the strong, downward curve; more prox-



imally its upper margin is virtually straight and almost parallel to edge of gape; the dactyl's breadth beyond proximal end is therefore greater in most individuals than usual in other subspecies, and in many individuals the dactyl is widest slightly distal to the middle; gape correspondingly narrowed; accordingly, the dactyl's width is greater than that of adjacent part of gape; outer surface of dactyl always smooth and somewhat flatter than usual in other subspecies.

### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Ryukyu Is.)	11.5	19.5	37.5	24.0
Largest male (Joló, Philippines)	10.0	17.0	34.0	23.0
Moderate male (Joló, Philippines)	7.0	12.0	21.0	14.0
Largest female (Singapore)	10.0	16.0	—	—
Largest ovigerous female (Singapore)	10.0	14.0	—	—
Smallest ovigerous female (Zamboanga, Philippines)	6.0	10.0	—	—

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### Waving Display

Diminishing waves absent. Curtsy about as in *l. lactea*, starting with cheliped already extended laterally, waves being often omitted during a series of curtsies, and the cheliped often making downstrokes instead. In this subspecies curtsies with the cheliped extended are confined to courtship. In addition, similar motions of the cheliped, toward or touching the ground, are made with the appendage flexed, apparently only during high intensity threat. At these times a regular curtsy sometimes accompanies the flexed downstroke. During circular waving of moderate intensity, the claw moves forward and slightly outward at lowest point of wave before coming to rest. Low intensity verticals present at least in some populations (New Caledonia and New Guinea). Alternating, pre-combat waves prevalent between confronting pairs of males. Synchronous waving of a group of males observed several times; in each case a single wandering female was the focus of the waves, which shifted to the curtsy sequence as she approached any of the displaying crabs.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Celuca) lactea* (de Haan, 1835)

The references to this species are not distributed among the subspecies because of apparent hybridization of the forms in parts of the range (see p. 294).

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TYPE DESCRIPTION. de Haan, 1835: 54. Japan. (Leiden !)

### *Gelasimus forceps* (part; see p. 323)

Milne-Edwards, 1837: 52 (part).

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Milne-Edwards, 1837: 53. Locality not given.

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TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1837: 55; Pl. 18, Figs. 10-13. "La mer des Indes." (= Type description of subspecies *U. lactea annulipes*, as used in present contribution.) (Paris !)

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Richters, 1880: 155. Mauritius: Fouquets. [Not seen.]

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Lenz, 1910: 558. East Africa: Witu I. (Patta). Taxonomy.

Sewell, 1913: 339, 344. Southeast Burma, including Tavoy I. Color; habits.

Bouvier, 1915: 301; fig. Mauritius: Grand Port. Taxonomy.

Kemp, 1915: 221. India: Chilka Lake, Orissa. Taxonomy.

Kemp, 1918: 227. Siam. Color.

Raj, 1927: 148. Ceylon: Gulf of Manaar (Krusadai Is.). Taxonomy; color.

Gordon, 1934: 10. East Indies: Bali; S. Manoembaai. Taxonomy.

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Sakai, 1940: 32. Japan. Geographic distribution.

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#### *Gelasimus lacteus*

Krauss, 1843: 14, 39. South Africa. Brief color, morphology, habitat, habits.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 150; not Pl. 4, Fig. 16: see p. 323. China (Macao). Taxonomy.

Stimpson, 1858: 100. China; Macao. Habitat.

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Shen, 1940: 231. Hong Kong: Kowloon and neighborhood.

Lin, 1949: 26. Taiwan.

Ono, 1959. Japan: Fukuoka, in estuary of Tartera River. Ecology.

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White, 1847: 36. No description.

Adams & White, 1848: 50. Borneo. Type description. (BM !)

White, 1848: 86. No new material.

Milne-Edwards, 1852: 151. No new material. Taxonomy.

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TYPE DESCRIPTION. Milne-Edwards, 1852: 150; Pl. 4, Figs. 18, 18a. Java. (!) (= Type description of subspecies *U. lactea perplexa*, as used in present contribution.) Author lists his reference (1837, above) to *G. marionis* under heading of *G. perplexus*.

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#### *Gelasimus perplexus*

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Pearse, 1912.2: 113; text fig. Philippines. Habits.

Kemp, 1915: 221. India: Chilka Lake, Orissa.

Taxonomy.

Laurie, 1915: 416. Red Sea.

Roux, 1917: 614. New Guinea: Siari.

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Symons, 1920: 309; text figs. Ceylon. Habits.

Balss, 1924: 15. Red Sea.

Boyce, 1924: 250. South Africa: Durban Bay. Color; courtship; habits.

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Sakai, 1936: 170. Palao Is.

Miyake, 1936: 511. Ryukyu Is.: Miyara mangrove swamp.

Estampador, 1937: 542. Philippines. Local distribution.

Panikkar & Aiyar, 1937: 295, 301. India: Madras area. Local distribution.

Suvatti, 1938: 74. Siam: Lem Ngob; Koh Chang.

Miyake, 1938: 109 (probably part only). Micronesia: Ngardok; Babelthaob; Palau Is.; Caroline Is.; Saipan; Mariana Is.

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Macnae, 1963: 23. Mozambique (Inhaca I.) to Cape Province, South Africa (mouth of Umnagazana R.). Local distribution; ecology.

Feest, 1969: 159; text figs. Southeast India. Breeding biology; post-embryological development.

#### *Gelasimus annulipes* var. *lacteus*

Ortmann, 1894.2: 759. South Seas; Samoa; New Guinea (Kaiser Wilhelmsland). Taxonomy.

#### *Uca lactea*

Ortmann, 1897: 355. No new record. Includes *G. a.* var. *orientalis*. Taxonomy.

Schenkel, 1902: 580. Celebes: Kema. Taxonomy.

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Pesta, 1913: 57. Samoa: Upolu. Taxonomy. [Spelling of species name: *lactaea*.]

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Parisi, 1918: 92; fig. Naviagori Is.; Formosa; Chichijimi; Bonin Is. Taxonomy.

Tesch, 1918: 39. East Indies.

Gee, 1925: 165. China: Cum-Sing-Moon; Amoy. Macao. Hong Kong.

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Kellogg, 1928: 356. China: Amoy.

Gordon, 1931: 528. Hong Kong.

Boone, 1934: 199; Pl. 103. New Caledonia.

Sakai, 1934: 320. Japan: Nagasaki.

Kamita, 1935: 61, 69 (= English résumé). Yellow Sea: western Korea.

Takahasi, 1935: 78ff. Formosa. Habits.

Sakai, 1936: 171. Palao Is.

Miyake, 1936: 511. Ryukyu Is.: Miyara mangrove swamp.

Miyake, 1938: Palau Is.: Babelthaob; Ngardak.

Balss, 1938. Fiji Is.

Sakai, 1939: 618. Japan: Ise Bay; Tosa Bay; coast of Miyazaki-ken.

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#### *Uca mjobergi*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1924.2: 9. Western Australia: Broome. (= Type description of subspecies *U. lactea mjobergi*, as used in present contribution.)

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Verwey, 1930: 172ff. Java. Ecology.

58. *UCA (CELUCA) [LEPTODACTYLA] LEPTODACTYLA* RATHBUN, 1898

(Tropical western Atlantic)

PLATE 41 *A-D*.

MAP 17.

FIGURES 37 *M*; 56 *F*; 60 *N*, *O*; 69 *K*, *L*; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca leptodactyla*, *uruguayensis*, and *major* are the only Atlantic species that attain the dazzling white shown by a number of forms in other parts of the tropics. Also, *leptodactyla* and two other *Uca*, *minax* and *cumulanta*, are the only builders of hoods in the Atlantic. As a final distinction, *leptodactyla* shares with the north temperate *pugilator* a preference for sandier, saltier habitats than those frequented by other *Uca* on the east coast of America.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide; carapace strongly arched. Anterior side of 1st ambulatory in male without a row of tubercles or a ridge on any segment. Major cheliped with triangular section of lower, proximal palm, practically smooth, the granules very minute; no subdorsal ridge and associated groove on upper, outer manus; pollex tip with a minute, inner keel. Small chela in both sexes with gape moderately wide with serrations obsolescent to absent. Gonopod with large flanges, both of which project clearly and unevenly beyond pore. Female gonopore with outer margin strongly curved, the horns of the crescent directed outward.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

(Cf. *U. deichmanni*, p. 311)

*Carapace*. Differs from *deichmanni* as follows. Front slightly wider; antero-lateral margin less concave; 1 pair of postero-lateral striae present, though often weak. Carapace profile slightly less arched, although still almost semi-cylindrical. Suborbital crenellations very small to almost absent internally, but near outer orbital margin approaching strength and form found in *deichmanni*; they continue around outer orbital margin, being there even more numerous than the corresponding series in *deichmanni*; the most posterior is on the far side of the channel directly under

the base of the antero-lateral angle, and hence approaching in position *deichmanni*'s single tubercle on underside of antero-lateral angle; number and exact arrangement of crenellations and separated tubercles variable.

*Major Cheliped. Merus*: Unusually long and slender. Antero-dorsal margin moderately arched, weak, not ridged except for a blunt, low thickening in large specimens; unarmed proximally or with a few granules or small tubercles variously distributed; distally with the edge more distinct, armed principally with small rugosities.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface distinct and moderately flattened, especially proximally. Outer tubercles minute except on bent-over region, where they are larger and in an irregularly reticulate pattern, or partly in transverse rows. Dorsal, outer groove indistinct. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity with outer and inner edges indistinct; intervening surface flattened, smooth except for a few tubercles, some of them in obliquely transverse rows directed antero-internally. Cuff at base of dactyl sometimes with a few granules in lower part in addition to tubercles in the usual row starting here and continuing along pollex below gape. Ventral margin without a carina but regularly beaded as far as pollex base, the beads being small and similar throughout except for slight enlargement distally. Ventral, outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles, slightly larger distally. Oblique ridge moderate, highest and the sides steepest in middle of ridge rather than at apex; tubercles largest on highest part of ridge; beyond apex they continue slightly upward around carpal cavity but die out in small tubercles continuous with those of center palm. Center palm convex, with extremely minute tubercles or none; depression at pollex base moderate, opposite upper part of pollex rather than lower. Carpal cavity with ventral margin broad and blunt; distal margin above upward extension of oblique ridge very low, the cavity merging gradually with center palm; upper part of cavity completely set off from predactyl area by beaded inner edge of dorsal margin which turns downward, sometimes with interruptions or irregularities in this portion, and by a proximal ridge

bounding predactyl area. Latter area slightly depressed, smooth, bounded dorsally also by a ridge; ventrally its margin slopes more gradually to center palm convexity. Distal ridge at dactyl base weak to absent.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Dactyl curved throughout most of length, slightly deeper than pollex except distally. Gape in middle section wider than that of adjacent pollex. Dactyl with proximal, outer, subdorsal groove short to vestigial; entire proximal dorsal area with minute tubercles that, much diminished in size, continue along dorsal margin beyond middle of segment and sometimes almost to tip; submarginal tubercles, always very minute, sometimes present along gape in both pollex and dactyl. Gape with outer and inner rows of tubercles sometimes weak, the inner row sometimes wholly absent on pollex in middle section and, distally, represented by a keel ending in a sharp angle close to tip; inner row on dactyl variably weak; middle row in both pollex and dactyl highly variable, never strongly marked, portions often irregular or minutely multituberculate. Pollex tip weakly bifid, sometimes almost trifid, where a slightly enlarged median tubercle approaches tip. Gape pile sparse.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape as wide or nearly as wide as pollex throughout most of its length. Serrations weak and not in contact, or absent.

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender, their dorsal margins scarcely convex to almost straight. No anterior modification of 1st ambulatory.

**Gonopod.** Differs from the similar gonopod of *deichmanni* (p. 312) in having the pore terminal, not subterminal; posterior flange wider than anterior; edges of flanges variably truncate or produced, not rounded in an unbroken edge; inner process extending over posterior flange, covering canal partly or not at all. Thumb larger, almost reaching base of flange.

**Abdomen.** 3rd to 6th abdominal segments incompletely fused.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital crenellations better developed than in male on inner half, but about equal to male's in outer portion. Gonopore strongly crescent-shaped, the horns directed outward.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (São Salvador)	6.5	11.0	23.0	18.0
Large male (Turiamo)	6.0	10.5	19.5	14.0
Moderate male (São Salvador)	5.0	8.5	14.0	11.5
Largest female (Turiamo)	6.0	10.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

This species is the smallest *Uca* in the Atlantic. It is there distinguished from *cumulanta* and *uruguayensis*, the only other *Uca* of similar size, by the characters given in the diagnosis. In particular, it differs from *cumulanta*, its occasional northern sympatric, as follows. Middle abdominal segments fused; 1st major ambulatory without tubercles anteriorly on carpus; gonopod tip not tubular but with large, projecting flanges; gonopore crescentic. From *uruguayensis*, with which it coincides near Rio de Janeiro, it is distinguished by having no antero-ventral ridge on manus of 1st major ambulatory; by the leptomorphic meri of major cheliped and ambulatories, which are relatively long, slender, and almost straight; and by having on the gonopod both flanges projecting beyond level of pore; for remarks on female identification see p. 230, under *uruguayensis*.

The closest relation of *leptodactyla* appears to be *limicola* in the Pacific. They share all major similarities, including both the moderate convexity of the carapace and the general form and strength of their armature. A minute subdistal crest on pollex is confined to *leptodactyla*.

In the morphological description of *leptodactyla* another close relation, *deichmanni*, was selected for special comparison. This course was followed because, in contrast to *limicola*, *deichmanni* is known from material that is both relatively plentiful and not delicate. See also p. 219.

Leptochelous examples with the fingers strikingly attenuated appear to be more prevalent in Brazilian populations than in the north. In such specimens the manus is often smoother. Whether or not minor variations in the gonopod flanges are correlated with geographic distribution is not known. Adequate material may eventually make a subdivision of *leptodactyla* desirable.

#### Color

**Displaying males:** Display whitening usually fully developed on carapace, often extending over all appendages. The white phase is sometimes preceded by a yellow stage that ranges from orange to pale lemon, the carapace usually whitening in advance of the cheliped and legs. When not white, the major cheliped shows varying degrees of yellow, orange, or red; any of these hues may envelop the entire appendage except for the white finger tips, or it may be confined to one part of a single segment. Ambulatories and minor cheliped usually ranging, like the major cheliped, through a stage of red, orange, or yellow before attaining white. An interesting point is that members of populations even living in partial shade often whiten maximally.

Females also whiten fully.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

Wave always lateral, straight to regularly circular except for a slight irregularity during high intensity. At these times the fingers are sometimes brought down slightly in front of the rest position and jerked abruptly into place, somewhat as in *batuenta* and its allies, but without vibrations. An additional motion, apparently confined to courtship, consists of a single small lunge of the cheliped toward the female at the end of each wave. One or both of these motions may prove to involve stridulation, but observations, none of which were made after the start of acoustic studies, were inadequate to determine details and the motions do not show in the films. Minor cheliped may or may not make a corresponding motion during each wave; at times it certainly hangs motionless. Carapace is raised at least anteriorly with every wave, but no raising of the ambulatories occurs except in taking a few steps from side to side. At moderate intensities the waves range in length from about 1 to 2 seconds, each with a slight pause between but none at the peak position; at high intensity the rate is close to 2 waves per second. (Component nos. 4, 5, 9, 10, plus the special motions mentioned; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

### *Hood Construction*

As usual in species with structure-making patterns, the hoods of *leptodactyla* are built sporadically by only part of the displaying males in few populations. In the present species I found them only in Recife and Fortaleza, while none were seen in Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Venezuela, or Tobago.

### *Acoustic Behavior*

Von Hagen (1967.2) reports successful recording of acoustic signals from *leptodactyla* in Trinidad.

## RANGE

West Indies, from Bahamas and Puerto Rico south; Mexico (see p. 307); South America from Turiamo, State of Aragua, Venezuela to Florianapolis, State of Santa Catarina, Brazil. The species has not been reported from Florida in recent years, and has never been recorded between Trinidad and Recife.

## BIOTOPES

This species usually occurs only on shores washed by tides of fully marine salinity. The preferred substrates are relatively sandy for a *Uca*, with little or no

admixture of mud, although sand then overlays a foundation of coral and mud on beaches protected chiefly by offshore reefs. In such areas *leptodactyla* often feeds far from its burrows close to low-tide levels, moving in droves along the water's edge where food is more plentiful, as does *pugilator* in equivalent temperate habitats. Sometimes it occurs at higher levels, among marine grasses in sandy soil that is covered only by spring tides; here, during dry spells, the fiddlers aestivate. Some populations occupy more muddy or clayey habitats in the partial shade of mangroves, but almost always in pioneering stands, on the edges of large bays or of islands exposed to waters of the open sea. (Biotope nos. 4, 5, 6, 9.)

## SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

None in the sandier localities; among mangroves sometimes seaward of *rapax* or, unusually, *burgersi*.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 613.)

*Observations and Collections.* Puerto Rico; Turiamo, Venezuela; Tobago; Trinidad; Recife and São Salvador, Brazil.

*Films.* Recife.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca leptodactyla* Rathbun, 1898

**TYPES.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. One male and one female, cat. no. 22315. Type-locality: near Fort Montague, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas. Length in mm: male 5, female 7. (!)

I agree with Chace & Hobbs (1969: 212), who write as follows concerning the spelling of *leptodactyla*: "It seems obvious that the selection of the specific name of this species was intended as adoption of Guérin's manuscript name, a noun in apposition to the generic name [*Gelasimus*], which therefore should have been spelled '*leptodactylus*.' There is no absolute proof from the original description, however, that this was the intention, and we have therefore followed the advice of L. B. Holthuis to use the original spelling of the name. This decision was influenced further by the fact that Rathbun used this spelling in 1918, even though another species in the same genus was spelled '*stenodactylus*' in that publication."

In the Academy of Natural Sciences at Philadelphia three males are labelled as the types of Guérin's species, described, in manuscript only, as *Gelasimus*

*leptodactylus*; their present catalogue number is 9-2965. (!) They are doubtless the specimens mentioned by Rathbun (1918.1: 420, 421, and refer-

ences). The only locality given is Mexico, which constitutes the only record for either Mexico or Central America.

## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

### *Uca (Celuca) leptodactyla* Rathbun, 1898

#### *Gelasimus leptodactylus*

Guérin, in MS. [Not seen.]

#### *Uca leptodactyla*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1898.1: 227. [In Rankin, 1898.] (USNM !.) Bahamas.

Rathbun, 1900.3: 136. Brazil: Rio Parahyba do Norte.

Rathbun, 1902.1: 7. Puerto Rico. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1918.1: 420; Pl. 156. Bahamas; Cuba; Jamaica; Puerto Rico; Mexico; Brazil south to Santos. ? U.S.A.: western Florida. Taxonomy. (USNM ! most; Philadelphia !: Guérin's specimens from Mexico.)

Luederwaldt, 1919.1: 384, 400. Brazil: Santos.

Luederwaldt, 1919.2: 435. Brazil: São Sebastião; Santos.

Rathbun, 1924.3: 19. Curaçao. Local distribution.

Maccagno, 1928: 41 (part). (Not Text Fig. 25.) Brazil: Bahia. Nobili's specimens, referred by him (1899.1) to *U. gibbosa*, reidentified. Also specimens from São Sebastião (Torino !).

Luederwaldt, 1929: 54. Brazil: São Sebastião I.

Matthews, 1930; illus. Brazil. Color; hood construction; general habits.

Oliveira, 1939.1: 126; Pl. 5, Figs. 25-28; Pl. 6, Fig. 29; Pl. 8, Fig. 47; Pl. 13, Figs. 61, 62. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Taxonomy; color (p. 140).

Oliveira, 1939.2: 496. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Ecology.

Oliveira, 1939.3: 523. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro. Ecology: analysis of substrate.

Crane, 1957. Trinidad; Brazil. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Gerlach, 1958.2. Brazil: Estado São Paulo at Cananéia. Social behavior including that of females during courtship.

von Hagen, 1967.2. Trinidad. Tape recordings secured. (Preliminary statement.)

Chace & Hobbs, 1969: 212; Text Figs. 71g, h. Taxonomy. Comments on spelling of *leptodactyla* (see also present study, p. 306).

von Hagen, 1970.1: 227. Caribbean distribution; taxonomy.

#### *Uca gibbosa* (not *Gelasimus gibbosus* Smith)

Nobili, 1899.1: 5. Brazil: Bahia. Taxonomy. (See, under *Uca leptodactyla* above, Maccagno, 1928.)

59. *UCA (CELUCA) [LEPTODACTYLA] LIMICOLA* CRANE, 1941

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 41 E-H.

MAP 17.

FIGURES 70 F; 93; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

*Uca limicola* is known only from a few specimens, a brief observation in Panama, and two filmed sequences. On this evidence it lacks outstanding peculiarities; morphologically its close relationship to *leptodactyla* in the Atlantic seems clear.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide; carapace strongly arched. Major cheliped with gape moderate, both fingers slender and tapering, the few enlarged teeth scarcely larger than the rest; no parallel ridges on triangle of lower palm. In both sexes outer suborbital crenellations gradually, not abruptly, enlarged, with spaces between them; largest beside channel. Gape of small chelae moderate with serrations very small to absent. Gonopod with a long thumb; no protruberance on pore margin but inner process projects slightly beyond it.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained slightly more than 4 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins slightly concave, slightly converging, angling with variable sharpness into dorso-lateral margins. Breadth of eyebrow about half diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital crenellations moderately well developed throughout, with little size increase near antero-external angle; they continue, with wider separations, around outer orbital margin to channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle moderately sharp.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Antero-dorsal margin almost straight proximally, definite but without a ridge, armed with minute tubercles; distally strongly arched, thick, armed with small tubercles and rugosities.

*Manus:* Bending of outer, upper surface definite, beginning lower than usual, making the resultant dor-

sal area exceptionally broad proximally; flattening slight. Outer tubercles small, slightly larger near dorsal margin, where they are also more widely spaced. Dorsal, outer groove indicated only proximally where the tuberculated dorsal margin coincides with dorsal margin of carpal cavity. Dorsal margin distal to cavity poorly defined, without definite outer or inner edges, but marked only by a narrow band of low, sparse tubercles; these are slightly larger than those of the adjacent outer manus, and a few are set in roughly transverse rows. Ventral margin with an indistinct row of multiple tubercles only slightly larger than those on adjacent surfaces, dying out at pollex base. Ventral, outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles, slightly larger in ventral third, especially distally; middle portion of triangle with a slight tendency to arrangement in narrow, vertical, or oblique bands, with smooth spaces between. Oblique ridge moderate, highest at apex. Tubercles in a regular row, graduated upward, largest on apex; beyond apex they continue, slightly reduced in size and regularity, up around carpal cavity, meeting downturned beaded inner edge of dorsal margin at level of predactyl area. Carpal cavity with ventral margin low, thick, blunt; distal side of cavity sloping steeply to upward continuation of tubercles beyond apex; upper part of cavity completely set off from predactyl area by beaded inner edge of dorsal margin which turns downward, and by the tubercles continued from apex. Predactyl area spacious, without a depression, covered with longitudinal bands of sharp tubercles that are virtually continuous with those of dorsal margin.

*Pollex and dactyl:* Pollex with lower margin slightly convex. Gape wider than adjacent part of pollex. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove very short; surrounding area covered with small, low tubercles that die out toward middle of length. Pollex and dactyl with extremely minute tubercles covering outer surfaces entirely and inner ones marginally; small pits unusually numerous. Gape rows all developed. Pollex tip bifid. Enlargement of several or more tubercles on pollex and dactyl minimal and their location on gape variable. Gape pile almost absent.



*Minor Cheliped.* Gape slightly narrower than width of pollex, but width maintained throughout to the normally expanded tips of pollex and dactyl. Serrations very small to vestigial or absent.

*Ambulatories.* 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender, their dorsal margins scarcely convex to almost straight. No anterior modifications of 1st ambulatory.

*Gonopod.* Flanges vestigial; pore large, with its internal (anterior) lip lower than the external but with no trace of a projection; external (posterior) lip broadly angled. Inner process broadly triangular, flat, extending slightly beyond adjacent lip of pore. Thumb well developed, long, both arising and ending far proximal to corneous base of specialized tip.

*Abdomen.* 3rd to 6th abdominal segments incompletely fused.

#### FEMALE

With the obvious exceptions, as in male. For taxonomic purposes the following characters in combination are probably the most useful: raised frontal margin; suborbital crenellations as in diagnosis; cheliped gape moderately wide with vestigial serrations; merus of 4th ambulatory slender.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (paratype)	6.6	10.0	16.0	11.0
Holotype male	5.8	9.2	15.8	9.8
Largest female (paratype)	6.4	9.8	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although *limicola* is superficially similar to *dorotheae*, the gonopod is different in every component, most obviously in its long thumb. The major cheliped of *limicola* differs clearly in having the tubercles of the oblique ridge in a strong, regular row of single, not multiple, tubercles, while the suborbital crenellations are externally separate, not close set.

The nearest relation of *limicola* is probably *leptodactyla* in the Atlantic, which it resembles closely in most characteristics (p. 305).

#### Color

Displaying males: Whitening absent, but individuals observed alive only once. Carapace and appendages brown except for the paler major manus and white fingers.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, strongly circular. No pause at wave's peak, but a definite pause in some waves before the peak, giving the effect of 2 jerks which are apparently unique during circular waves. No drumming. Minor cheliped usually does not make a synchronous motion. Body slightly raised with each display during which legs are not raised except in running from side to side, and during leg-wagging. Duration of each wave about 1.5 to more than 2 seconds, with short or long pauses between; series not well marked. (Component nos. 5, sometimes with pause before peak; 9 occasional; 10; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

##### Acoustic Behavior

Leg-wagging (component no. 5) occurred both during and between waves.

#### RANGE

Known from El Salvador, Costa Rica (Golfito), and Panama (near Old Panama).

#### BIOTOPES

Muddy flat inside mouth of a small stream, close to mangroves but not in shade; also slightly farther upstream on banks in partial shade. (Biotope nos. 12, 13, 14.)

#### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

During the field observations in Panama a number of *CelUCA* displayed in association with *limicola*. Intermingled was *beebei*; established several meters away were populations of *batuenta* and *saltitanta* and, within 50 meters more, *oerstedii* and *deichmanni* were also active. The specimens collected in Costa Rica from farther upstream were not observed in life.

#### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 613.)

*Observations and Collections.* Costa Rica: Golfito; type series collected. Panama: near mouth of Rio Abajo, close to Old Panama. Three filmed specimens observed, collected, and brought alive to Trinidad. Positive identification was made before releasing them in the crabberies; unfortunately they were not recovered.

*Films.* Rio Abajo, Panama.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca limicola* Crane, 1941

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male cat. no. 137415 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,152). Type-locality: Golfito, Costa Rica. Measurements on p. 309. (!)

*Additional type material.* One male and one female paratype from same locality in same institution, cat. no. 79401 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 381,153 part). (!) 17 additional male and female paratypes, now in very poor condition because of an accident in New York; from same locality in same institution, cat. no. 137416 (formerly cat. no. 381,153 part, New York Zoological Society. (!)

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## REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) limicola* Crane, 1941

*Uca limicola*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 198; Text Fig. 4t; Pl. 4, Fig. 17; Pl. 5, Fig. 22; Pl. 6, Fig. 29. Costa Rica: Golfito. (USNM !)

Holthuis, 1954.1: 41. El Salvador. Size record: Length 8.2 mm.

Holthuis, 1954.2: 163. Record of preceding reference.

Crane, 1957. Panama. Preliminary classification of waving display.

*Uca coloradensis* (not *Gelasimus coloradensis* Rathbun)

Bott, 1954: 171. El Salvador: El Zunzal. (Frankfurt !)

60. *UCA (CELUCA) DEICHMANNI* RATHBUN, 1935

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATE 42 A-D.

MAP 17.

FIGURES 69 A; 93; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

Usually found on somewhat sandier, more open shores than most *Uca*, *deichmanni* sometimes lives in close association with two other common *Celuca*, *oerstedii* and *beebei*. The waving displays of this trio can often be compared without even shifting focus, giving in capsule form an example of the obvious differences in display rhythm among the wealth of sympatric species that occur in the eastern Pacific. The pause at *deichmanni*'s point of highest reach, the lack of pause in *beebei* combined with its more horizontal wave, and *oerstedii*'s slower, widely circling motion of the cheliped make each species unmistakable.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately broad; carapace strongly arched; posterior part of branchial region in male divided longitudinally by a shallow furrow. Small cheliped with a wide gape, the obsolescent serrations scarcely visible. Major cheliped with upper, outer manus sometimes appearing eroded because of linear arrangements of the tubercles; pollex always with a subdistal, tuberculate tooth or crest. Gonopod with flanges well developed and with a moderate thumb. Female ambulatories slender, with dorsal margin of 4th merus straight.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 4.5 times in that of carapace. Antero-lateral margins slightly concave, slightly converging or diverging, angling bluntly into dorso-lateral margins. One or both pairs of postero-lateral striae may be present, but always obsolescent; sometimes both pairs are absent. Carapace profile semi-cylindrical; hepatic and branchial regions fused, strongly arched above surrounding carapace; posterior branchial region divided longi-

tudinally by a shallow groove. Eyebrow shorter than usual, its breadth slightly less than diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital crenellations notably strong throughout, although small internally; most are long and separated, and continue around outer orbital margin, more widely separated, to channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle variably sharp, with a basal sharp tubercle similar to the crenellations adjacent on the other side of channel.

*Major Cheliped*. *Merus*: Antero-dorsal margin moderately arched proximally, blunt, without a ridge, and unarmed; distally margin is practically straight, with small tubercles, serrations, or rugosities. Proximal part of dorsal surface, when intact, covered with exceptionally long, soft setae. *Carpus* practically smooth.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, extreme upper surface definite; flattening apparent, especially proximally. Outer tubercles minute, a little larger in a slightly convex area behind upper base of pollex, as well as on bent-over dorsal portion where they are also more widely separated. Erosions mentioned in type description inconspicuous or absent; when present, they are due to effect of arrangement of some tubercles in upper half in vertical or oblique rows with small, smooth spaces, or smaller tubercles, between. Dorsal, outer groove absent. Dorsal margin distal to carpal cavity marked only by cessation of tubercles of bent-over surface at edge of the vertical palm. Area outside pollex base slightly granulate, as is adjacent pollex, rather than completely smooth; bounded on lower edge by a weak, tuberculate keel that starts more proximally in middle of palm and continues throughout length of pollex. Ventral margin throughout covered with small tubercles, most of which continue the tuberculation of adjacent parts of the manus; the outermost tubercles, however, form a regular row, and are slightly enlarged and of similar size throughout; tubercles end at pollex base. Ventral, outer groove strong.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered with extremely minute tubercles, slightly larger near ventral margin and, especially, in distal part of triangle. Oblique ridge moderate, highest in middle of ridge rather than at apex. Tubercles largest on highest part of ridge; beyond apex a few tubercles continue upward a short

distance around carpal cavity, dying out in irregularities. Carpal cavity with ventral margin very low, thick, blunt; distal side of cavity sloping gently, its margin scarcely marked beyond ending of tubercles above apex; inner edge of dorsal margin not turning downward to bound upper distal part of cavity; no distal extension of cavity, the boundary being indicated by a definite edge marking proximal end of the flat predactyl area. The latter area is smooth or slightly bumpy, with a small, smooth, median depression and, usually, with a few minute tubercles near its proximal and ventral boundaries.

*Pollex and dactyl*: Pollex with ventral margin slightly convex. Gape toward middle equal to or wider than adjacent part of pollex. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove absent; entire area covered with small tubercles which continue, diminishing in size, along dorsal margin. Pollex and dactyl with minute tubercles covering outer surfaces entirely and inner ones marginally. Gape rows all developed, the inner rows both very weak in middle sections and ending distally in a keel, either smooth or very minutely tuberculate. Pollex tip simple. Gape subdistally on pollex with a large, convex, tuberculate tooth or crest, appearing to arise partly from median and partly from outer row; extreme distal part of dactyl's median row faintly keeled with minute, sharp tubercles, very close set and diminishing regularly in size distally; in addition, a slightly enlarged tubercle sometimes present near dactyl's middle. Gape pile almost or entirely absent.

*Minor Cheliped*. Gape wider than pollex throughout, the slender fingers tapering regularly, not expanded distally. Feeble serrations barely distinguishable.

*Ambulatories*. 2nd and 3rd meri slender, their dorsal margins practically straight. 1st carpus on major side roughened anteriorly by at most several minute tubercles.

*Gonopod*. Flanges well developed, continuous distally in a smoothly rounded edge beyond the subdistal gonopore on inner surface. Anterior flange wider than posterior. Inner process overlying distal part of tube, ending at gonopore, its tip blunt. Thumb moderately short and slender, its tip not nearly reaching base of flange.

*Abdomen*. 3rd to 6th abdominal segments with slight traces of fusion.

#### FEMALE

Suborbital armature not stronger than in male. Even 2nd and 3rd ambulatories almost as slender as in male, the dorsal margins of their meri only slightly convex; merus of the extremely slender 4th leg is dorsally completely straight.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (holotype) (Rathbun)	7.9	12.0		
Large male	6.4	10.0	18.0	12.0
Moderate male	5.5	9.5	14.5	10.5
Largest female	5.5	9.5	—	—
Ovigerous female	5.0	9.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

Although this species bears a general resemblance to *limicola* and *leptodactyla*, the armature of its major cheliped is more specialized and its carapace breadth relatively even greater, probably increasing the capacity of its branchial chambers in adaptation to its somewhat more exposed and active life. The other species, such as *festae*, that show a longitudinal groove on the branchial regions are equipped with pile in the area, which is not true of *deichmanni*.

#### Color

Displaying males: Display whitening absent except on major manus and chela. Carapace greenish brown to pale gray. Major cheliped: Posterior merus and carpus brown to pale bluish green; outer manus and entire chela polished white; anterior merus, carpus, and palm purple red, pink, or pale yellow to white. Orbits, 3rd maxillipeds, and the suborbital and pterygostomian regions pale blue green to violet blue; subhepatic region green to blue green. Minor cheliped pale orange pink to pink. At least 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ambulatories with anterior meri pale orange pink to pale yellow; posterior aspects and remaining segments dark.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral-straight. Major cheliped extended maximally obliquely upward, the chela tip reaching high above eyes; a definite pause occurs in this position while there is no pause with the cheliped flexed between the waves of a series. During each wave the dactyl is raised slightly to parallel pollex, minor cheliped does not make a synchronous motion, body is held raised throughout a series, and the ambulatories are not raised except to take a few steps to one side or the other. At both moderate and high intensities, display sometimes attains the rate of about 2 waves per second and 12 to 15 waves usually occur in a series. (Component nos. 4, 10, plus pause at peak: timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

Often closely associated with waving is major-mero-suborbital drumming; as described below it su-

perficilly resembles major-manus-drumming against the ground, which forms an integral part of waving display in *cumulanta* and other species.

### Acoustic Behavior

It was formerly thought that in all species which vibrated the major cheliped the manus was always rapping against the ground, in the component here termed the major-manus-drum. In *deichmanni* film analyses show that in every distinct example of the vibration the manus does not touch the ground; instead the merus vibrates against an adjacent part of the carapace in a typical major-merus-drum. Synchronous drumming during combat is described in the next section. Unlike *batuenta*, for example, where some of the vibrations proved to be aerial only, in *deichmanni* contact with the carapace seems always to be made. Because of the indistinctness of some of the filmed examples, the occurrence of the major-manus-drum is included here as a questionable component to be further checked. Additional components observed in the field and in films are minor-claw-rubs, leg-wags, minor-chela-taps, and palm-leg-rubs. (Component nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10.)

During displacement cleaning, which is prevalent in this species, stridulation is strongly suspected.

### Combat

The only known ritualized component is the dactyl slide (no. 6), which occurred between forceful pushing and a forceful grip with incomplete fling. One of 2 such filmed combats was interrupted between pushes by a series of mero-suborbital drummings given synchronously by both opponents; the 5 separate contacts of the merus with the carapace were divided by each crab into 2 groups of 3 fast and 2 slow vibrations, and the timing even of these separate vibrations coincided.

### RANGE

Port Parker, Costa Rica, to Old Panama, Panama City, R.P.

### BIOTOPES

Bay shores open to marine tides, often on substrates of muddy sand, frequently mixed with small stones, or in pure sand close to its marginal merging with a mud flat; frequently near large, scattered stones. (Biotope nos. 4, 5, 6.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

Groups of *deichmanni* usually live adjacent to or mingling with one or more of the following *CelUCA*, depending on the substrate and on any muddier area with which it shares a border: *oerstedii*, *beebei*, *steno-dactylus*, *latimanus*, and *m. terpsichores*. In addition, *deichmanni* often occurs along with *heteropleura* and *stylifera*, both members of the subgenus *Uca*.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 613.)

*Observations and Collections.* Costa Rica: Port Parker, Piedra Blanca, Uvita Bay, and Golfito; Panama and Canal Zone: Bahia Honda, Panama City, Old Panama and nearby Balboa.

*Films.* Near Old Panama.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca deichmanni* Rathbun, 1935

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History. Washington. Male, cat. no. 70832. Panama. Measurements on p. 312. (!)

### REFERENCES

*Uca (CelUCA) deichmanni* Rathbun, 1935

*Uca deichmanni*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1935.1: 51. Panama.  
Crane, 1941.1: 199; Text Fig. 4u; Pl. 4, Fig. 18;

Pl. 5, Fig. 23; Pl. 6, Fig. 30. Costa Rica and Panama. Taxonomy; color; waving display. (USNM !)  
Crane, 1957. Panama. Preliminary classification of waving display.

61. *UCA (CELUCA) MUSICA* RATHBUN, 1914

(Tropical and subtropical eastern Pacific)

PLATES 42 E-H; 43 A-D; 49.

FIGURES 26 H; 31 G; 39 E, F; 46 M; 49 A, B; 69 G, H; 101.

MAP 17.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 20.

## INTRODUCTION

The outstanding structural characteristic of both subspecies of *Uca musica* is a distinctive stridulating mechanism. This consists of parallel striations on the manus and a row of tubercles on the 1st ambulatory, their positions being characteristic of less remarkable armature in a number of other *Celuca*. Although *m. terpsichores* has been observed in life, the functioning of this apparatus, presumably in the component termed the palm-leg-rub, has not yet been observed or recorded. *U. m. terpsichores* is also remarkable for fashioning the most perfectly shaped hoods known in the genus. These structures are also the largest in comparison with the size of the crab, and no populations have yet been found in which at least some of the displaying males did not make hoods on any given day.

Since color, display, and biotope are all unknown in *m. musica*, they are described only under the heading of *m. terpsichores*.

## MORPHOLOGY

*Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide, its anterior margin obsolescent; eyebrows very wide. Body cylindrical. Major palm with an oblique stridulating ridge on lower, proximal part, composed of parallel striae. A row of tubercles anteriorly on merus and carpus of 1st major ambulatory. Small chelae in both sexes with gape extremely wide and serrations absent. Female carapace microscopically granulate.

*Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *Celuca* (p. 211).

## MALE

*Carapace*. Frontal breadth contained about 3.5 to 4.5 times in that of carapace, depending on measurement method, since the eyebrow's inner margin in this species is somewhat ambiguous. Antero-lateral angles acute, produced laterally. Antero-lateral margins long, straight, diverging, rounding into dorso-laterals. Two pairs of postero-lateral striae, short and

weak, sometimes obsolescent. Vertical lateral margin very weak. Carapace profile semi-cylindrical; hepatic and branchial regions fused, arched strongly above surrounding carapace; posterior, vertical, branchial furrow indicated. Frontal margin distally absent. Upper margin of eyebrow very weak; eyebrow wide, about equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital crenellations small but distinct internally, very much larger near antero-external angle; they continue, separated and of equal height, around outer orbital margin almost to channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle with moderately sharp edge.

*Major Cheliped. Merus*: Antero-dorsal margin strongly arched throughout, with a rudimentary proximal ridge armed with a single row of minute, separated tubercles; distally the margin is not ridged, but armed with small rugosities and serrations. *Carpus* with sharp rugosities postero-ventrally; otherwise dorso-posterior surface is closely covered with minute sharp tubercles. Antero-dorsal margin sharp, sometimes finely tuberculate.

*Manus*: Bending of outer, upper surface only near dorsal margin, moderate; flattening slight. Outer tubercles minute over entire surface, except for slight enlargement on bent-over portion; there they are variably arranged in transverse or oblique rows, with occasional smooth cells among them, especially proximally; middle, outer palm sometimes (*m. terpsichores*) with the tubercles in irregular vertical rows. Dorsal, outer groove absent. Dorsal margin distal to cavity not at all defined, rounding gradually into upper palm, and covered with tubercles similar to those of outer manus, not arranged in rows. Cuff at base of dactyl smooth except ventrally, where a few minute tubercles occur in addition to the usual row that starts here and continues along pollex below gape. Area outside pollex base with a slight depression, the boundaries indefinite; area either practically smooth or covered with minute tubercles. Ventral margin with a low, beaded keel, the beads of similar size throughout. Ventral outer groove present but shallow and narrow. Keel, beading, and groove all end at pollex base, although pollex is ventrally granulate.

**Palm's** lower triangle with minute tubercles either covering it completely or absent in upper part. In addition, the triangle is marked by a wide ridge running obliquely from carpal attachment to ventral margin; this structure is formed of about 8 to 16 longitudinal, parallel striae; area above and distal to striae slightly concave. Oblique, tuberculate ridge high, highest slightly distal to apex. Tubercles very large throughout, except at ventral and dorsal ends; the largest, on highest part of ridge, are unusually outstanding, not contiguous, rather conical; beyond apex tubercles continue upward in a regular row along edge of carpal cavity as far as level of predactyl area, where they almost touch the downcurving inner edge of dorsal margin. The usual slight depression at pollex base is either finely tuberculate or smooth. Carpal cavity deep, its ventral edge definite, thick but moderately sharp; distal slope steep; upper part sharply and completely set off from predactyl area, without a distal extension, by the tubercles of the downward curve of the weakly beaded, inner edge of dorsal margin, almost meeting tubercles of upper end of row extending dorsally from apex. Predactyl area covered by small tubercles which in ventral portion are set on a slight ridge dividing the area from center palm; a small, central depression present or absent. Proximal predactyl ridge with tubercles unusually large and regular, but distal ridge and tubercles obsolescent to absent.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Fingers notably slender; dactyl arching throughout its length. Gape very wide, being, throughout middle portion, about twice or more width of adjacent pollex. Dactyl with outer, proximal, subdorsal groove present or absent. Pollex and dactyl with minute tubercles covering outer and inner surfaces at least marginally. Gape in both pollex and dactyl with external rows indistinct, except proximally on pollex; elsewhere the tubercles usually merge with those generally distributed; inner rows with tubercles distinct proximally only on pollex and usually not even proximally on dactyl; represented on both distally by a low keel which, on dactyl only, is very minutely tuberculate; median row present throughout on pollex; distal part of median row on dactyl keeled, surmounted by small tubercles, somewhat serrate, very close set, and diminishing regularly in size distally. Middle section of dactyl's middle row very weak or absent. Pollex tip simple. A few slightly enlarged teeth present or absent on pollex and, proximally only, on dactyl. Gape pile almost or entirely absent.

**Minor Cheliped.** Mano-pollex ridge extremely weak, almost absent. Manus wide, the pollex arising wholly from its lower, distal portion, so that the gape's base is notably wide. Pollex and dactyl much longer than manus, slender and arched, so that the gape is extremely wide throughout, being twice or more width

of pollex at all points. Serrations entirely absent. Fingers tapering to sharp points that meet imperfectly, the dactyl falling either inside or outside the pollex when apposed (in preserved specimens).

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri moderately slender, their dorsal margins scarcely convex to almost straight. 1st carpus and distal end of 1st merus both with single rows of tubercles anteriorly on major side. The row on merus is oblique, running from near distal end of dorsal margin to distal end of segment, above ventral margin. The row on carpus extends along almost full length of segment, about midway between dorsal and ventral margins.

**Gonopod.** Anterior flange well developed, strongly curved, its distal margin sometimes extending slightly farther than that of pore; posterior flange absent. Pore moderately small, terminal, its inner (anterior) lip slightly lower than outer. Inner process broad, flat, overlapping part of pore and extending very slightly beyond it. Thumb well developed but short, ending more than its own length below corneous base of specialized tip.

**Abdomen.** 3rd to 6th abdominal segments almost completely fused.

#### FEMALE

Carapace very finely granulate, especially anterolaterally. Suborbital armature not stronger than in male.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
<i>m. terpsichores</i>				
Largest male (holotype)	6.3	10.4	16.0	
Moderate male (Panama)	4.5	7.0	10.5	8.0
Largest female (paratype)	6.4	11.0	—	—
<i>m. musica</i>				
Largest male (Gulf of California)	8.0	14.5	22.0	17.5
Moderate male (Isla Marguerita)	6.0	10.5	16.0	12.5
Female: Tepoca Bay (Lower California)	7.0	11.0	—	—

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

The two forms here considered subspecies differ in a number of minor details tending in each form in a single direction. In *m. musica* the combat armature of the claw is very slightly stronger while the elements—striae and tubercles—of the palm-ambulatory stridulatory apparatus are more numerous. In size *m. musica* is somewhat larger than is *m. terpsichores*.

Females and clawless males can be distinguished readily from those of *latimanus* by the obsolescence

of the anterior marginal line of the front, and from those of *deichmanni*, *limicola*, and *crenulata* by the strikingly broad eyebrows.

## RANGE

From Baja California and the Gulf of California to Puerto Pizarro, Peru. It seems that records, substantiated only by photographs, from Vancouver and Seattle (Rathbun, 1918.1) must be incorrect. Perhaps formerly present near San Diego, California.

## MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 614.)

*Observations and Collections.* Nicaragua: Corinto. Costa Rica: Port Parker; Golfito. Panama and Canal Zone: Old Panama; Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

## TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Uca musica* Rathbun, 1914

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 22081. Measurements in mm: length 8; breadth 12.9 (Rathbun). Type-locality: Pichilique Bay, Gulf of California, Lower California. (!)

*Uca terpsichores* Crane, 1941

**HOLOTYPE.** In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 137417 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4144); measurements on p. 315. Type-locality: La Boca, Balboa, Canal Zone. (!)

*Additional type material.* 1 male and 3 female paratypes in the same institution, cat. nos. 79405 and 137418 (formerly New York Zoological Society cat. no. 4145) from the same locality. (!)

## *Uca (Celuca) musica terpsichores* Crane, 1941

(Corinto, Nicaragua, to Puerto Pizarro, Peru; questionably from El Salvador)

## MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

*Major Cheliped:* Tubercles of outer manus smaller than in *m. musica* and, in middle region, tending to

be arranged in irregular, vertical rows; area outside pollex base practically smooth, instead of covered with minute tubercles. Palm with tubercles absent from upper part of lower triangle; striae of triangle's oblique ridge number about 8 to 12, the ridge area being wider than in *m. musica*; depression inside pollex base smooth. Dactyl slightly less arched than in *m. musica*, resulting in a slightly narrower gape; dactyl's outer, proximal, subdorsal groove absent. Pollex and dactyl with outer, as well as inner, minute tubercles confined to marginal surfaces. Gape with distal, median, file-like row on dactyl not as strongly serrate as in *m. musica*. *Minor Cheliped:* Gape slightly narrower than in *m. musica*, with the fingers correspondingly less arched. *Ambulatories:* Tubercles on anterior merus and carpus of major side slightly less numerous than in *m. musica*, those on carpus being more widely spaced. *Gonopod:* Inner process slightly broader than in *m. musica* and thumb arising somewhat more proximally.

## Color

Displaying males: Display whitening often completely attained except for major cheliped. Carapace when not polished white has dull yellow markings dorsally. Major cheliped sometimes polished white except for bright pink on lower outer manus, base of pollex, and anterior merus; more often, when carapace is marked with yellow the entire merus is also dull yellow, instead of white and pink. Minor cheliped and ambulatories entirely white. Females gray, not spotted.

## SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

### *Waving Display*

From observations only; films not secured. Wave lateral, circular. Cheliped starts from an unusual position with the chela extended straight in front of crab, touching or nearly touching ground; after the claw has reached its low peak it is brought down abruptly and without pause into the same position. During each wave the minor cheliped makes a weak, synchronous motion. Body held high off ground, the legs being stretched up throughout a series; ambulatories at this time are not raised except in making occasional steps from side to side. At moderate intensity waving is at the rate of about 2 waves per second and at least 10 waves, separated by brief pauses, may occur in a single series. (Component nos. 5, 9, 11, and, as described below, possibly 12.)

During high intensity courtship the cheliped sometimes stretches stiffly to the side and is either held motionless or vibrated, probably against the cara-



pace in a mero-suborbital-rub or drum. Meanwhile various ambulatories are raised and lowered, apparently at random, but whether as stridulating leg-wags or as purely ritualized leg-waves is unknown. In the absence of recent observations and of any films, these suspected acoustic components are omitted from Table 12.

### Hood Construction

General comments on these remarkable structures are given in the introduction to this species. Examples measured up to 30 mm high and 20 mm wide, inside dimensions, while their thickness attained 5 mm; in contrast, the height of the crab, which measures less than 7 mm long, is always strikingly less than that of the hood, while the burrow's diameter is less than half the hood's breadth. All the examples seen were perfectly formed, smoothed on the inside, and with their edges overhanging the burrow's mouth.

### BIOTOPES

Bay shores with a substrate of more or less muddy sand, usually with the mouth of a stream nearby; also found on an island, Jambeli, at the mouth of the large Guayas River, Ecuador. (Biotope no. 6.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The populations of *m. terpsichores* known to me were usually somewhat apart from other *Celuca* on the same beach. Nearby were often one or more of the following species: *stenodactylus*, *beebei*, or *deichmanni*; in the subgenus *Uca*, *stylifera* was an occasional associate and, in *Minuca*, *panamensis* sometimes frequented stonier areas at the end of the beach.

## *Uca (Celuca) musica musica* Rathbun, 1914

(Mexico: Baja California, west coast, north at least to Magdalena Bay; Gulf of California north at least to San Felipe and Guaymas; south of Gulf to San Blas in Nayarit)

### MORPHOLOGY

With the characteristics of the species.

*Major Cheliped*: Tubercles of outer manus slightly larger than in *m. terpsichores*, not in vertical rows on middle region; area outside pollex base covered with tubercles slightly smaller than those of adjacent outer manus and continuing on proximal part of pollex. Palm with lower triangle covered with minute tubercles; in upper part they are relatively wide-spaced and, near ventral margin, closer, larger, and longitudinally elongate; striae of triangle's oblique ridge number about 14 to 16, the ridge area being narrower than in *m. terpsichores*; depression inside pollex base covered by minute tubercles continuing onto pollex. Dactyl slightly more arched than in *m. terpsichores*, resulting in a slightly wider gape; dactyl's outer, proximal, subdorsal groove well developed; surrounding area covered with small, sharp tubercles that die out dorsally among the generally distributed smaller ones that extend toward dactyl tip. Pollex and dactyl with minute tubercles covering outer surfaces entirely and inner ones marginally. Gape with distal, median, file-like row on dactyl more strongly serrate than in *m. terpsichores*. *Minor Cheliped*: Gape slightly wider than in *m. terpsichores*, the fingers being more arched. *Ambulatories*: Tubercles on anterior merus and carpus of major side more numerous than in *m. terpsichores* and on carpus set closer together. *Gonopod*: Inner process slightly narrower than in *m. terpsichores* and thumb arising slightly more distally.

### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) musica* Rathbun, 1914

TYPE DESCRIPTION. See under *U. (C.) musica musica*, below.

*Uca (Celuca) musica musica* Rathbun, 1914

*Gelasimus gibbosus* (not of Smith)

Streets, 1877: 113. Mexico: Lower California: La Paz.

Lockington, 1877: 150. Mexico: Lower California.

*Uca stenodactylus* (not *Gelasimus stenodactylus* Milne-Edwards & Lucas)

Rathbun, 1898.2: 603. Mexico: Gulf of California (Pichilique Bay).

*Uca musica*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1914.2: 127; Text Fig. 5; Pl. 10. Mexico: Gulf of California (Pichilique Bay). (USNM !)

Rathbun, 1918.1: 417; Pl. 154. Mexico: Gulf of California; Guaymas Bay; La Paz; Mazatlan. Photo-

graphic records, almost certainly erroneous, from U.S.A., labeled Seattle, and from Canada, labeled Vancouver I. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Balss, 1921: 698. Figure of stridulating organ. No new record.

Schmitt, 1921: 280; Text Fig. 165. No new records. Taxonomy.

Rathbun, 1924.4: 376. Mexico: Gulf of California (Tepoca Bay).

*Uca (Celuca) musica terpsichores*

Crane, 1941

*Uca terpsichores*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Crane, 1941.1: 202; Text Fig.

4w; Pl. 4, Fig. 19; Pl. 5, Fig. 24; Pl. 6, Fig. 31; Pl. 7, Fig. 37. Corinto, Nicaragua to Panama. Color; waving display; hood construction. (USNM !)

? Bott, 1954: 173 (? part). (Not Text Fig. 15; not Pl. 17, Figs. 15a, b.) El Salvador: La Union. Taxonomy.

Crane, 1957. Panama; Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

Altevogt & Altevogt, 1967: E 1293. Film of waving display.

von Hagen, 1968.2: 428. Peru: Puerto Pizarro. Taxonomy; summary of waving display.

## 62. *UCA (CELUCA) LATIMANUS* (RATHBUN, 1893)

(Tropical eastern Pacific)

PLATES 43 E-H; 48.

MAP 17.

FIGURES 45 P-RR; 46 N; 53 C; 70 C; 101.

TABLES 9, 10, 12, 19, 20.

### INTRODUCTION

The major cheliped of adult *Uca latimanus* closely resembles the claws of most half-grown fiddler crabs. The entire appendage is short, its manus broad and thick; the palm practically lacks an oblique ridge and the stumpy fingers are not only straight but far shorter than the palm, while the gape is a narrow slit edged with feeble tubercles. In all other characteristics of both morphology and behavior, this species is one of the most advanced in the genus. Everyone with an interest in the relation of structure to function can only await with impatience some knowledge of combat techniques in this crab.

### MORPHOLOGY

#### *Diagnosis*

Front moderately wide; carapace strongly arched. Small chela with gape extremely wide, serrations absent. Major cheliped with manus short and broad; fingers shorter than manus; gape extremely narrow; oblique, tuberculate ridge on palm practically absent. One pair of strong postero-lateral striae. Gonopod with well-developed flanges and a moderate thumb.

#### *Description*

With the characteristics of the subgenus *CelUCA* (p. 211).

#### MALE

*Carapace.* Frontal breadth contained about 4 times in that of carapace. Orbits straight. Antero-lateral margins long, sometimes concave, slightly diverging, angling into dorso-lateral margins. Each of the single pair of postero-lateral striae is always strong, but varies in length and curvature, if any; sometimes, on each side, two other striae, both very faint, occur near postero-external angle of carapace. Carapace profile semi-cylindrical; hepatic and branchial regions fused, arched strongly above surrounding carapace; antero-lateral part of hepatic region granulated. Eyebrow broad, at least equal to diameter of adjacent part of depressed eyestalk. Suborbital crenellations strong throughout, continuing, separated, around outer orbital margin almost to channel. Lower side of antero-lateral angle with sharp edge.

*Major Cheliped. Merus:* Antero-dorsal margin almost straight proximally, not ridged, armed with a single row of minute tubercles or wide-spaced, small rugosities; distally strongly arched, with larger rugosities and serrations. *Carpus:* Small tubercles of anterior margin usually largest distally.

*Manus:* Bending of upper, outer surface practically absent. Outer tubercles small and similar over entire surface, being enlarged slightly near dorsal margin, where many are set on broad, low rugosities, the spaces between being smooth; most rugosities are vertical or oblique ridges; a few are mound-like. Dorsal, outer groove faintly indicated, with interruptions, or absent. Dorsal margin bent over; relatively broad throughout but, as usual, broadest distally; slightly convex, not flat; except for the finely beaded dorsal edge of carpal cavity, no longitudinal rows of tubercles mark outer or inner edge; entire surface, from narrow portion adjoining carpus to broad distal end covered with sharp tubercles slanted in a distal direction, smaller than those on outer palm and more closely set. Cuff at base of dactyl with lower half to two-thirds with tubercles like those on adjacent manus. Area outside pollex base not smooth, the tubercles of adjacent manus extending over entire area and continuing onto pollex. Ventral margin a blunt edge, the tubercles of outer manus continuing over it and merging with the smaller tubercles of adjacent palm. Ventral outer groove absent.

*Palm* with lower triangle covered closely with minute tubercles, largest in upper part of triangle, smallest along entire length of ventral margin, where they are most closely set; this ventral band of smallest tubercles is widest proximally; in brief, the usual size relationships of tubercles on the triangle are reversed. Oblique ridge almost absent throughout, represented only by a very broad, low, blunt, angling of the meeting surfaces; apex very low. Tubercles in usual area of oblique ridge altogether absent except for a slight extension of the minute tubercles of lower triangle over the distal part only. Carpal cavity with lower margin very broad, low, blunt; distal margin very low, upper portion sloping gradually to predactyl area, from which it is partly cut off by an irregular row of non-contiguous, small to minute tubercles curving downward, continuing inner edge of dorsal margin; predactyl area tuberculate with an

elongate smooth depression; tubercles between depression and center palm extremely small and sparse, so that the area is not clearly separated from center palm.

**Pollex and dactyl:** Both always much shorter than manus, straight, wide, thick, the dactyl slightly wider than pollex, proximally broad, the dactyl not curving at all beyond pollex, the two tips instead meeting distally; gape much narrower throughout than either pollex or dactyl. Dactyl with a short, outer, proximal, lateral groove; the usual outer, proximal, subdorsal groove represented by a crease only, the strong tubercles of area practically uninterrupted and continued to tip of segment. Outer pollex and dactyl covered completely with moderate-sized tubercles continued from outer manus, except in lateral dactyl groove; inner side of pollex also tuberculate except for the distal extension of the usual slight depression at pollex base; inner surface of dactyl smooth except near margins. Gape in both pollex and dactyl with outer row of tubercles distinct throughout and inner row indistinct distally; median row strong and complete in both, on pollex far separated proximally from both marginal rows, the tubercles contiguous throughout, rounded, largest proximally, diminishing in size distally but remaining of similar shape. Tip of pollex notably wide and thick, not pointed, the small distal teeth of median row continuing regularly to its end. Gape pile plentiful.

**Minor Cheliped.** Gape wider throughout than width of pollex. Serrations entirely absent. Fingers tapering, but to rounded, not pointed, ends; when apposed, the tips meet.

**Ambulatories.** 2nd and 3rd meri wide for a *Celuca*, their dorsal margins moderately convex. 1st carpus anteriorly on major side with a broad, low ridge, the crest entire, running longitudinally along middle of proximal two-thirds of segment.

**Gonopod.** Flanges well developed, the anterior the broader; gonopod practically terminal; inner process broad for the subgenus, covering most of posterior flange and canal region; tip rounded, extending beyond proximal part of lip of gonopore; thumb short, not nearly reaching base of flange.

**Abdomen.** 3rd to 6th abdominal segments almost completely fused.

#### FEMALE

Carapace with antero-lateral regions finely granulate as in male. Suborbital armature not stronger than in male. With the obvious exceptions, the diagnosis applies equally well to both sexes.

#### Measurements (in mm)

	Length	Breadth	Propodus	Dactyl
Largest male (Ecuador)	9.5	15.3	16.5	8.2
Moderate male (Panama)	8.0	13.4	15.5	7.9
Largest female (Panama)	8.6	13.5	—	—
Moderate female (Panama)	7.5	11.0	—	—
Holotype male (Mexico)	(Rathbun)	(Rathbun)	(J.C.)	(J.C.)
	6.3	10.0	10.0	5.0

#### Morphological Comparison and Comment

As with most of the *Uca* that show some pedomorphic characteristics, the closest relations of *latimanus* are not evident. Judging by the form of its carapace, it belongs among the *Celuca* which have specialized for an active life through guarding against desiccation; the minor cheliped is similar to those of its presumed relations (p. 219). See also introductory remarks, p. 319.

#### Color

Displaying males: Full display whitening developed on carapace only. Carapace dorsally when not polished white is sparingly marked with gray blue or brown. Major cheliped with entire merus, carpus, and manus orange brown in varying shades, the outer manus always brightest; chela always entirely white. 3rd maxillipeds, pterygostomian areas, subhepatic regions, and minor cheliped white. Ambulatories with anterior surfaces of meri of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd purplish red; remainder of legs anteriorly gray blue, posteriorly white, marked with gray blue or brown. Females olive brown, speckled with gold-colored spots.

#### SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

##### Waving Display

Wave lateral, straight at low intensities, fully circular at high. The straight wave sometimes is broken by 2 jerks during the unflexing out and up, and there may or may not be a pause at the peak of highest reach. In the circular wave of high intensity, jerks are almost or wholly absent, but a distinct pause at the peak is usual. Dactyls of both chelae held slightly raised throughout. Body kept moderately high during a series. Ambulatories are not raised during display and steps are not usually taken except in high intensity courtship, when the male turns as needed to keep facing the female. Wave widely various in duration. Slight chasing of females in a poorly developed

form of herding has been observed several times. (Component nos. 4, 5, 6, 11, 14, plus the irregular pause at peak; timing elements in Table 19, p. 656.)

During high intensity waving, including courtship, the minor cheliped makes circling mero-suborbital rubs, apparently as an integral display component. Ordinary unflexings of the minor cheliped in a motion synchronous with display have not been observed.

### Hood Construction

While not attaining the relative size and symmetry of those constructed by *musica terpsichores*, hoods are well formed and can be found in some part of most displaying populations. Their construction appears sometimes to be dependent on semi-lunar rhythms which differ in two levels of the same population (Crane, 1941.1).

### Acoustic Behavior

The following components occur repeatedly in the several filmed sequences at hand: major-merus-rub, minor-merus-rub as described above, and leg-wag. An additional probable component, not shown with complete clarity, is a minor-claw-rub in which the minor chela reaches across the crab and rubs or plucks the dorsal part of the major merus. (Component nos. 1, 2, 3, 5.)

### RANGE

La Paz, Lower California, to Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador.

### BIOTOPES

Probably never exposed to large bodies of water or

to fully marine salinities, but occurring in a variety of sheltered habitats. The substrate ranges from muddy sand through sandy mud to mud on the flats and banks of small lagoons and tidal streams, usually close to mangroves; the crabs sometimes live among their shoots. While occasional small groups have burrows in partial shade the most active part of any population always occurs in full sunlight. (Biotope nos. 9, 11, 12, 14.)

### SYMPATRIC ASSOCIATES

The most frequent associates of *latimanus* are probably *beebei* and *inaequalis*. As with most hood-builders, individual *latimanus* usually group closely together without a mixture of other species, although a number of others may be only inches away from the small colony.

### MATERIAL RESULTING FROM FIELD WORK

(The complete list of specimens examined is given in Appendix A, p. 614.)

*Observations and Collections.* Mexico: Tenacatita Bay; Nicaragua: Corinto and San Juan del Sur; Costa Rica: Port Parker and Golfito. Panama and Canal Zone: Panama City and Balboa. Ecuador: Puerto Bolivar.

*Films.* Golfito.

### TYPE MATERIAL AND NOMENCLATURE

*Gelasimus latimanus* Rathbun, 1893

HOLOTYPE. In Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. Male, cat. no. 17500. Type-locality: La Paz, Lower California. Measurements on p. 320. (!)

### REFERENCES AND SYNONYMY

*Uca (Celuca) latimanus* (Rathbun, 1893)

*Gelasimus latimanus*

TYPE DESCRIPTION. Rathbun, 1893: 245. (USNM !)

*Uca latimana*

Nobili, 1901.3: 52. Colombia: Tumaco.

Maccagno, 1928: 42; Text Fig. 26 (claw). No new record. Taxonomy.

Bott, 1954: 172; Text Fig. 14; Pl. 17, Fig. 14a, b. El Salvador: Puerto el Triunfo. Taxonomy.

Peters, 1955: 438ff.; Text Figs. 8, 26, 31, 32. El Salvador. Waving display; general behavior.

*Uca latimanus*

Rathbun, 1918.1: 422; Pl. 157 (= holotype). Costa Rica: Gulf of Dulce: Santo Domingo. Taxonomy. (USNM !)

Crane, 1941.1: 201; Text Figs. 2, 3, 4v; Pl. 6, Fig. 33; Pl. 7, Fig. 36; Pl. 8, Figs. 38, 39, 40. Mexico to Panama. Taxonomy; color; waving display; hoods; habitat. (USNM !)

Crane, 1944. Panama; Ecuador. Note on color changes in field.

Garth, 1948: 61. Colombia: Humboldt Bay.

Crane, 1957. Panama; Ecuador. Preliminary classification of waving display.

# Systematic Uncertainties

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## SPECIES NAMES, GEOGRAPHICAL RECORDS, AND UNDETERMINED SPECIMENS

This section has three divisions. The first gives an annotated list of species names which cannot be placed satisfactorily, whether as valid species or as synonyms; it includes comments on geographical records where they are concerned in the discussion of the unacceptable names. The second section lists questionable geographic records alone, each under the name of a species here regarded as valid. In each of these two sections the forms are listed alphabetically under the name of the species, with a cross-reference, when pertinent, to other comments in the text. The last division lists several specimens of *Uca* of special interest that are not given specific names in this contribution.

Current locations of the specimens discussed are preceded by the word *in*, followed by the name of the city. The full name of the institution appears in the list of abbreviations, Appendix E, p. 678.

### 1. SPECIES NAMES

The following names are not treated taxonomically in the systematic section:

GELASIMUS AFFINIS Guérin, 1829: Pl. 1, Fig. 3. (Not *Gelasimus affinis* Streets; see p. 171, in the account of *Uca (Minuca) burgersi*, p. 168.) Guérin's species name rests on his illustration of a major claw, showing in outline form only the outer view, and its caption, reading in full as follows: "Fig. 3. Serre du Gélasime semblable (*Gelasimus affinis* Guér.)" The figure is placed next to Guérin's dorsal view of *Gelasimus duperreyi* (1829: Pl. 1, Fig. 2), which Guérin himself (1838: 10) rightly synonymized with *Gelasimus tetragonon* (= *Uca (Thalassuca) tetragonon* in the present study; see p. 81). He also included in his synonymy of 1838 his other species, *affinis*. He implies, but does not state, that his specimens of *affinis* also were taken on Bora-Bora. The claw depicted in the reference of 1829: Pl. 1, Fig. 3 certainly does not represent that of a specimen of *tetragonon*, although it could reasonably be referred either to *chlorophthalmus* or to *lactea*. While *chlorophthalmus* occurs on Bora-Bora, *lactea* does not. The material is not in Paris, nor does the name of the

species appear on lists of the collections. In addition, it is not deposited in Philadelphia. Presumably this material is no longer extant. It seems clear that the name should be discarded on the bases of the absence of a specimen, the lack of descriptive material, and the ambiguity, inadequacy, and incompleteness of the illustration.

GELASIMUS AMAZONENSIS Doflein, 1899: 193. In Torino (formerly in Munich). Clearly labeled "Tipo. Munich Teffè-Amazzon" and so considered by Macagno, 1929: 27, Text Fig. 14. This specimen proved to be an unmistakable example of *U. c. chlorophthalmus*, with a range restricted to the east coast of Africa. (!) The locality given, Teffè, spelled "Tefe" on modern maps, is far upriver from Manaus. I have found no trace of any other specimen so labeled, and since the locality given in the description is an incredible one for the genus as known, some mistake obviously occurred. In the present contribution *amazonensis* will be found in the synonymy of *chlorophthalmus* (pp. 101, 103). (Note added in proof: von Hagen has meanwhile found in the Munich museum, the original depository, type-specimens of *G. amazonensis* which he concluded independently are examples of the species here referred to as *U. chlorophthalmus* [personal communication]. His report is in preparation.)

GELASIMUS BASIPES. In Paris. Apparently a manuscript name. Source unknown. The following label, in ink, was the only one legible in a bottle of mixed Indo-Pacific narrow-fronted *Uca*: "*Gelasimus basipes*. Museum Paris. Ajuthia. Bocourt. 1862." The only Ajuthia I have traced was the former capital of Thailand, located well upriver even before the delta was as extensive as at present. (!)

GELASIMUS CUNNINGHAMI Bate, 1868: 447; fig. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *Trichodactylus* not *Uca* according to Göldi, 1885, 1886.

GELASIMUS DEXIALIS. In Paris. Apparently a manuscript name of Latreille. Label: "*Gelasimus dexialis*, Latr. MM. Peron et Le Sueur. Australie." The single specimen is small, dried, and broken. (!)

*ACANTHOPLAX EXCELLENS* Gerstaecker, 1856: 138. Rathbun (1918.1: 385) referred this specimen from Veragua, western Mexico, to *U. insignis* after examining it in the Berlin Museum. Since some of Rathbun's material has proved to belong to the species *U. ornata* (Smith, 1870) and some to *U. maracoani insignis* (Milne-Edwards, 1852), the identity of *excellens* remains in question. The type was apparently lost during the Second World War; if it is found, and proves to be an example of the species here termed *ornata*, the name *excellens* will have priority. (Pp. 146, 153.)

*GELASIMUS FORCEPS* Milne-Edwards, 1837: 52; 1852: 148; Pl. 3, Figs. 11, 11a. In the type description, "Australasie" is given as the locality; in 1852, "Australie." In 1959 in Paris I examined the dried contents of a box with the following label: "Gelasimus forceps Latr. Type. Australie." The material superficially resembled a normal male *Uca* that had been dried, varnished, and glued to the bottom of the box, a procedure often followed with small crustaceans toward the middle of the nineteenth century. Further inspection showed that while the carapace was in poor condition, having been crushed and glued together, the anterior region was intact. This area was unquestionably typical of Indo-Pacific, narrow-fronted subgenera, while the major cheliped was clearly that of an example of (*Celuca*) *lactea*. When the specimen was relaxed for gonopod study the claw proved to be attached to the body by a splinter or toothpick that had been run carefully through both parts. Furthermore, the body turned out to have a female's abdomen curving around the remains of a mass of eggs.

Comparison of both carapace and claw with Milne-Edwards' illustrations (1852) showed that the drawings are excellent representations of the composite "specimen" under examination. Therefore the accident that led to the erroneous assembly of parts must have occurred before the drawings were made for the 1852 paper, but not necessarily before the type description of 1837. I could not certainly identify the female, the carapace of which measures about 11 mm in length.

In the same museum case, adjacent to the box holding the material labeled "*forceps*" as described above, were two boxes labeled *lactea*, received from Japan through the museum in Leiden. One of them contained another monster, the major claw of a *Deltuca* male, perhaps an example of *coarctata flammula*; the propodus, 32 mm long, had been glued to the body of a *lactea*, the carapace of which measured 11 mm. The claw appears in Milne-Edwards' paper of 1852 as Pl. 4, Fig. 16. The second box contained good representatives, two males and one female, of

*l. lactea*. No body was found that could belong with the *Deltuca* claw; the claw in the *forceps* box probably was that of the specimen of *lactea* to which the *Deltuca* claw had been attached.

It will be seen that at least three specimens were involved in the mix-up: an ovigerous female probably of the subgenus *Deltuca*, a male of the same subgenus, and a male (*Celuca*) *lactea*. There seems to be no doubt but that the name *forceps* should be discarded.

This name has appeared several times in the older literature (White, 1847: 36; Hess, 1865: 146; Kingsley, 1880: 144; Ortmann, 1897: 350); Ortmann synonymized *bellator* and *signatus* with *forceps*. In Paris specimens of *lactea* from Australia were labeled by A. Milne-Edwards in 1903 as "? *forceps*," showing that he was not aware of the ancient confusion.

*GELASSIMUS HUTTONI* Filhol, 1886: 386. Type-locality: Campbell I., New Zealand; *Uca huttoni*, Chilton & Bennett, 1929: 761. No new material. "Type—Paris Museum." I was unable to find the type, apparently the unique specimen, of this species in Paris, or to hear news of it elsewhere. Dr. R. K. Dell, of the Dominion Museum, Wellington, reports that all of Filhol's types went to France (personal communication). He and his colleagues believe it to be almost completely certain that *Uca* does not occur in New Zealand. "I think we now know the littoral crab fauna fairly well (not that the systematics are completely worked out but we do know what is here) and nothing approaching *Uca* has been seen. In this latter case it would be most surprising if the genus were to occur at Campbell Island where the crab fauna is particularly sparse and is obviously Subantarctic in derivation and relationship. . . . From our point of view we do not consider [*U. huttoni* and *U. thomsoni*] part of the New Zealand fauna." Filhol's description is insufficient for determining the specimen's affinities, and he published no illustration.

*UCA LEPTOSTYLA* Nutting, 1919: 182. No description. Antigua. Apparently a *lapsus calami* for some name already published, since the author refers to Rathbun's figures (1918.1).

*UCA MEARNSI* Rathbun, 1913: 616. Known only from the female holotype from the Philippines. It has already been placed as a questionable synonym of *U. (Deltuca) coarctata* (pp. 53, 55, 57). Enough uncertainty remains to make it desirable to keep the name in mind by listing it here.

*GELASIMUS MINOR* Owen, 1839: 79. Type-locality: Oahu, Sandwich Is.

Type-specimens originally deposited in the collections of the Royal College of Surgeons in London.

Dr. Jessie Dobson, curator of the College's Anatomy Museum, reports that these collections were destroyed during the bombing of the College in May 1941 (personal communication through Dr. Isabel Gordon of the British Museum). There is no record of their having been transferred earlier to the British Museum or elsewhere. Although the type-specimen of *G. minor* is not mentioned by name in Owen's catalogue, which is still at the college, two specimens are described under the heading "*Gelasimus duperreyi*?" with a reference to the type illustration of *duperreyi* (Guérin, 1826, Pl. 1). Owen may well have later decided to describe the two males as new; the locality given is "Oahu, Sandwich Island," which was given by G. Tradescent Lay, the collector of these and other specimens on the "Blossom" in 1826 and 1827. Owen's catalogue mentions both that the claw was orange yellow and the body "liver-coloured"; these terms would apply well to a *vocans* or a *lactea perplexa*, rather than to a *tetragonon* (= *duperreyi*) or *chlorophthalmus crassipes*, the only two species reaching the longitude of Hawaii. The few morphological details given could apply to examples of any of the four species, although the drawing seems rather clearly to depict a *chlorophthalmus* or *lactea*. However, no *Uca* material that appears certainly to have been collected in Hawaii seems to be extant. Edmondson (1933: 270, 1946: 311, and in personal conversation, 1956), was never able to find any trace of *Uca* on any of the islands he visited in the group, although he did extensive field work over many years and was alert to the possibility of the crabs' presence. To sum up, it seems probable that an error was made on the original locality label and that specimens, as indicated by the color notes and drawing, should have been referred to *lactea*. The name *lactea* de Haan, 1835, has priority over *minor*. In any case, the name *minor* should be unavailable because of its use by Linnaeus, 1758, in the trinomial *Cancer vocans minor*, which he certainly applied to a member of the modern genus *Uca* (see below, p. 326).

*GONEPLAX NITIDA* Desmarest, 1817. The references to this fossil crab are as follows:

*Goneplace luisant*, *Goneplax nitida*

Desmarest, 1817: 505. Type description. Specimen in "collection du Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Paris." Type-locality unknown.

*Gélasime luisante*—*Gelasima nitida*

Desmarest, 1822: 106; Pl. 8, Figs. 7, 8. Further description with detailed illustrations.

*Gelasimus*

Desmarest, 1825: 124. Reference, at end of his account of living species in the genus, to the fossil described in the references above.

*Gélasime luisante*—*G. nitidus*

Milne-Edwards, 1837: 55. Cites above references; states that this fossil appears to be close to *G. maracoani* but has minor differences; and appends the abbreviation "(C.M.)," indicating that the specimen was still in the collection of the museum.

I can find no trace that the specimen was ever again discussed. In his 1852 account of the genus Milne-Edwards omitted a record of the fossil, but mentions *Gelasimus nitidus* Dana, 1851, from the Fiji Is. It is Dana's species to which subsequent authors have referred, usually as a synonym of the species treated in this study as *Uca* (*Thalassuca*) *vocans* (pp. 89, 94).

The fossil specimen is no longer extant, according to the curators concerned in Paris, who undertook in 1972 a thorough search of the collections of fossil crustaceans. The clear description and illustrations provided by Desmarest still cannot make the generic identification certain, since, as Desmarest points out, only the proximal part of one, very large cheliped is preserved, the second cheliped being either destroyed or wholly hidden. The surviving merus appears long and smooth, as occurs often in living species of *Uca*, while the carpus is large, apparently more coarsely tuberculate than in living forms, and ending in a large crest that is unique in both size and orientation. The manus and chela are unfortunately altogether missing. The carapace and the partially visible ambulatories agree well with those of some living species of *Uca* in the subgenera *Deltuca*, *Thalassuca*, and *Uca*. In view of the rarity of fossil specimens of *Uca*, even the data on this vanished specimen may one day prove of help in working out the evolution of armature in the genus *Uca* or related groups.

*GELASIMUS PALUSTRIS*. Milne-Edwards (1852: 148; Pl. 4, Fig. 13) heads his confused synonymy of *G. palustris* with the pre-Linnean reference "*Cancer palustris*, Sloane, Hist. of Jamaica, vol. II, p. 269 (1725)." It seems, however, that Milne-Edwards is technically the author of the name, because Sloane uses the phrase *Cancer palustris* only in the descriptive heading introducing his account, as follows: "*Cancer palustris cuniculos sub terra agens*. Maracoani. Margr. p. 184, ed. 1648," in contrast to his preceding heading, "*Cancer terrestris* . . ." Sloane continues, "This crab agrees in everything to the Description of Marcgrave . . ." As already mentioned in the present study (p. 146) there is no later record of *Uca* (*Uca*) *maracoani* in Jamaica. Furthermore, Sloane's comments suggest that he was observing the smaller, more active *rapax* or *burgersi* rather than *maracoani*: "It is frequent in all marish Grounds and among the Mangroves by Passage-Fort. It makes itself Burrows and runs into them without any choice



of this or that, but into every one large enough to receive it as our Coneys often do."

Milne-Edwards gives "Antilles" as the habitat. He mentions no material; even in 1837: 54, under "*Gelasimus vocans*, Desmarest," which he lists among his synonyms in the 1852 contribution, he does not include his frequently used note, "coll. du Museum" or "(C.M.)."

In Paris, however, the collection includes two boxes of "types non spécifiés," each labeled "*Gelasimus palustris*; Guadeloupe; M. Duchassang." (!) The first contains a single male clearly referable to the species known in the present publication as *Uca* (*Boboruca*) *thayeri*, carapace length 18 mm, propodus 59 mm; the second contains a younger example of similar length but smaller propodus (35 mm); this one was relaxed and proved to have a gonopod altogether characteristic of *thayeri*. A third box also contained dried crabs labeled *palustris* but not regarded as types: three male *rapax* from "Sto. Domingue," and one male *thayeri* from Martinique. A fourth box contained two *rapax* and two *burgersi* from Marie Galante, and a vial of small examples of *rapax* from "Sto. Domingue." Other specimens, all dried, labeled *palustris* included examples of *rapax* from Rio de Janeiro, of *thayeri* from Brazil, and of *minax* from South Carolina. The front illustrated by Milne-Edwards was not that of one of the *thayeri* considered to be "types non spécifiés" but rather probably represented *rapax*; the figure of the claw, on the other hand, was not drawn from any of the specimens in the group and its identity remains uncertain. None of the material was labeled simply "Antilles," although Dr. Guinot suggested in conversation that Milne-Edwards could well have used that general term in his paper, rather than the name of a particular island, and that he did not necessarily base his description on one specimen, or on examples from a single locality. From the short published description the salient characters cannot be determined.

Rathbun (1918.1: 397) placed *palustris*, preceded by a question mark, in the synonymy of *pugnax rapax*. Acceptance of the name *palustris*, along with the designation of a lectotype, would of course place in synonymy any of the younger but well-established names cited above. The obvious choice would be *thayeri*, on the basis of the specimens termed "types non spécifiés"; the illustrations, the non-correspondence between the localities on labels and in the type description, and the associated additional specimens argue against that course, as does the poor condition of the specimens. In view of all these circumstances, it seems that the name *palustris* should be discarded.

GELASIMUS POEYI. A name given by Guérin in manuscript to specimens from tropical America. Placed

in the synonymy of *stenodactylus* by Kingsley (1880.1: 154), along with Atlantic specimens now designated *leptodactyla*. I did not find the specimens at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

GELASIMUS RECTILATUS Lockington, 1877: 148; *Uca* *rectilata*, Holmes, 1900: 76; Pl. 1, Figs. 10-14; redescription without new material; *Uca* *rectilatus*, Rathbun, 1918.1: 405; text fig. after Holmes. Type-locality: west coast of Lower California. The two type-specimens, male and female, were destroyed in the San Francisco fire. Nothing similar to the illustrations has since been reported from Lower California. The description is inadequate for present use. The drawings show the oblique orbits and simple armature of a juvenile, but several species occur in the eastern Pacific retaining similar characters as adults.

GELASIMUS ROBUSTUS White, 1847: 35. Name only. Not found in BM.

GELASIMUS RUBRIPES Jacquinot, 1842-1853: Pl. 6, Figs. 2, 2B; Jacquinot & Lucas, 1853: 66. The type description states that the type-locality was unknown and that the specimen had not been given to the museum in Paris. In that institution a box now contains two dried male *Uca*, listed by the museum as "types non spécifiés," labeled as follows: "*Gelasimus rubripes* Hombr. & Jacq. M. Jacquinot. Raffles Baie." (!) The only Raffles Bay I have located is in northwest New Zealand and was a port of call on the "Astrolabe" expedition, on which the collections described were made. Difficulties at once arise. Not only has *Uca* almost certainly been absent from New Zealand at least throughout historical times (see *Gelasimus huttoni*, above), but the type-locality was unknown to the authors when they described the species. In addition, the two presumed type-specimens in Paris prove to be examples of two western Atlantic species—*rapax* and either *mordax* or *burgersi*. (*U. burgersi* had not been distinguished from *mordax* when I examined the material in 1959.) Furthermore, the illustration definitely shows a narrow-fronted Indo-Pacific form, although the species cannot be determined from it. Finally, the narrative of the expedition relates that the only American stops on the trip were around Tierra del Fuego and at Concepción, Chile. To add to the confusion, the ship had sailing orders for Rio de Janeiro—a locality within the range of *rapax* and *burgersi*. Perhaps because of those sailing orders, a chapter is headed "Teneriffe a Rio Janeiro" [*sic*], although it contains no reference to Rio whatever; possibly the title was inserted during the final editing after d'Urville's death. The conclusion is that labels were obviously mixed, but whether the accident happened on the voyage or later at the museum will probably remain a mystery. Since

then the name *rubripes* has been applied to a number of Indo-Pacific species. In view of the various confusions described above, the name should, it seems clear, be discarded.

*GELASIMUS TENUIMANUS* White, 1847: 35. Name only. Swan R., Australia. Not found in BM.

*GELASIMUS THOMSONI* Kirk, 1880: 236; text fig. of major claw. Habitat given as Wellington, New Zealand; *Uca thomsoni*, Chilton & Bennett, 1929: 731. No new material. Location of type material unknown; Dr. Dell reports (personal communication) that it has not been in the museum at Wellington for some time, although a number of Kirk's other types are still there. There is no record of the specimens in the British Museum. Information is insufficient for certain identification, but the form of the illustrated chela makes it almost sure that *thomsoni* is a synonym of *coarctata*, which is unknown south of Queensland. Kirk wrote: "Two males and one female of this singular and pugnacious looking crab were brought to me some time ago by one of the local fishermen." These circumstances make it exceedingly likely that the specimens were actually captured within their usual range far to the north, and reached the Wellington fisherman at second or third hand. If the specimens had been reported from within the range of *coarctata*, I would have included *thomsoni* without hesitation among the synonyms of *coarctata*. For Dr. Dell's comments on the unlikelihood of the occurrence of a *Uca* in New Zealand, see p. 323.

*GELASIMUS VARIEGATUS* Heller, 1862: 21. Type-locality: Madras. I have been unable to locate any material referred to this species. In particular the type-specimen was not found in the museum in Vienna when I asked for it in 1963. According to the short type description in Latin, this species is close to *annulipes* but includes a denticulate crest on the major merus. Almost certainly *variegatus* and *inversa* are synonymous. However, *inversa* has not been recorded from eastern India, while *variegatus* was described from Madras. The specimens were collected on the round-the-world expedition of the "Novara." According to oral reports, mistakes on the labels have been encountered in other material resulting from that trip, and it is not unlikely that the type-material of *variegatus* was collected farther west.

*GELASIMUS VOCANS*, as figured by Milne-Edwards, ?1836, Pl. 18, Fig. 1, with caption. As stated on p. 20, this single illustration stands for the type-species of the genus *Gelasimus*. Although important features of the figure do not depict with any accuracy the appearance of members of the species *Uca vocans*, by the standards of the day the drawing can be considered an acceptable representation.

Figs. 1a and 1b on the same plate certainly represent other species. The first, designated as "*Gelasime platydactyle*," is a realistic view of the orbital area, with eye and style, of a species later (1852) described by Milne-Edwards as *G. styliiferus* (p. 142). Fig. 1b, again attributed to *G. vocans*, shows part of an anterior view, including a very broad front found only in members of the subgenus *Minuca*. 1c-g, representing maxillipeds, a sternum, and abdomens of both sexes, are specifically indeterminate.

*CANCER VOCANS MINOR* Linnaeus, 1758: no. 14; Herbst, 1781: 81; Pl. 1, Fig. 10. Indeterminate. Specimen apparently not extant.

"A small *Luzone crab* with a large fight Claw, cat. 189. These burrow in holes on the Shore." Petiver, 1767: Pl. 78, Fig. 5. The caption, cited in full above, is the only text and appears in the section entitled "*Gazophylacii Naturae & Artis, Decas Septima & Octava*." This plate is listed in the synonymy of *Cancer vocans* by Fabricius, 1775, under *Ocypode heterochelos* var. *minor* by Lamarck, 1801, and in the synonymy of *bellator* by Kingsley 1880.1.

It seems likely that the illustration represents *Uca coarctata*, a species common near Manila. The orbits are shown as suitably oblique and sinuous, while the major chela has a large, subterminal projection on the dactyl, the gape of both dactyl and pollex being otherwise unarmed.

According to his admirer, Sir Hans Sloane (1725), James Petiver did not usually take good care of his specimens, which he received from all over the world and drew with indefatigable zeal. It is therefore not surprising that the specimen of his "small *Luzone crab*" has apparently not survived, except as a figure in this long-posthumous edition.

## 2. QUESTIONABLE GEOGRAPHIC RECORDS

This section consists of a checklist of dubious locality records that hold special interest. They range from the inherently impossible to the somewhat unlikely. All of the specimens concerned have been examined by me, with three indicated exceptions.

The forms are listed alphabetically, using the name of the species under which the material is recorded in the Systematic Section and in Appendix A. Details will be found on the pages listed below in parentheses, following each locality. For geographic confusions in association with species names omitted from the Systematic Section, see the list starting on p. 322.

*Uca bellator*. Nancouri, Nicobar Is.; Sydney. (Pp. 66, 595.)

*U. burgersi*. West Africa. (Pp. 327, 604.)

- U. coarctata* c. Adriatic; Odessa; Tahiti. (Pp. 594, 595.)  
*U. demani typhoni*. Tuamotu Arch. (Pp. 41, 593.)  
*U. d. dussumieri*. Tuamotu Arch. (Pp. 41, 593.)  
*U. dussumieri spinata*. Madagascar. (Pp. 35, 593.)  
*U. forcipata*. Zamboanga, at 10 fath.; Tuamotu Arch. (Pp. 41, 594.)  
*U. maracoani maracoani*. Jamaica. (Pp. 148, 324; material not found.)  
*U. maracoani insignis*. Valparaiso, Chile. (Pp. 146, 438.)  
*U. musica*. Seattle; Vancouver. (P. 316; material not found.)  
*U. pugilator*. Santo Domingo. (Pp. 226, 607.)  
*U. tangeri*. Bahia. (P. 123; material not found.)  
*U. tetragonon*. Hawaii. ("Sandwich Is."). (Pp. 324, 597.)  
*U. urvillei*. Vanikoro. (Pp. 60, 595.)

### 3. UNDETERMINED SPECIMENS

The following specimens I have not been able to determine; each may well prove to represent a new species of *Uca*. For lack of adequate material it seems unwise to describe and name them. All except no. 4 are deposited in the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington. No. 4 is deposited in the collections of the Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

1. USNM cat. no. 43439. Labeled *Uca tetragonon*. Reef off Cebu, Philippine Is. This single male should undoubtedly be referred to the subgenus *Australuca*. The only species of this subgenus so far known from the Philippines is *bellator*, from which this form is

clearly distinct. It also differs from the remaining species in the subgenus. Carapace length *ca.* 8 mm. Since specimens of *Uca* do not occur literally on reefs, a confusion in locality may exist, at least on the local level.

2. NYZS cat. no. 41500. La Boca, Balboa, Canal Zone; Jan. 1941. Collected by J. Crane. Omitted from Crane, 1941.1. *Uca*. sp. One male in poor condition. Interesting, intrasubgeneric characters.

3. NYZS cat. nos. 44200, 44201. Puerto Bolivar and La Salada, Guayaquil, Ecuador, respectively; April 1944. Collected by J. Crane. Two males of the subgenus *Celuca*, near members of the superspecies *crenulata* and their allies. Characterized most conspicuously by antero-lateral patches of pile on carapace.

4. Hancock Foundation. Cocos I. off Costa Rica. One male, tentatively identified as *Uca zaca*; its large size, with a carapace length of 9mm, far exceeds that of recorded specimens. (See p. 207.)

In an ambiguous category are five museum specimens with labels stating that they were collected in western Africa. They consist, first, of a molting female from Liberia (USNM 21847) and, second, of three males and one female, all in very poor condition, from the Cameroons (MCZ 8962); each of the males lacks the major cheliped. They are certainly members of the American subgenus *Minuca*, and probably examples of *burgersi*. At present it must remain uncertain whether the locality records are erroneous, whether the specimens are transatlantic strays, or whether they are members of an undescribed species resident in Africa.



# Figures

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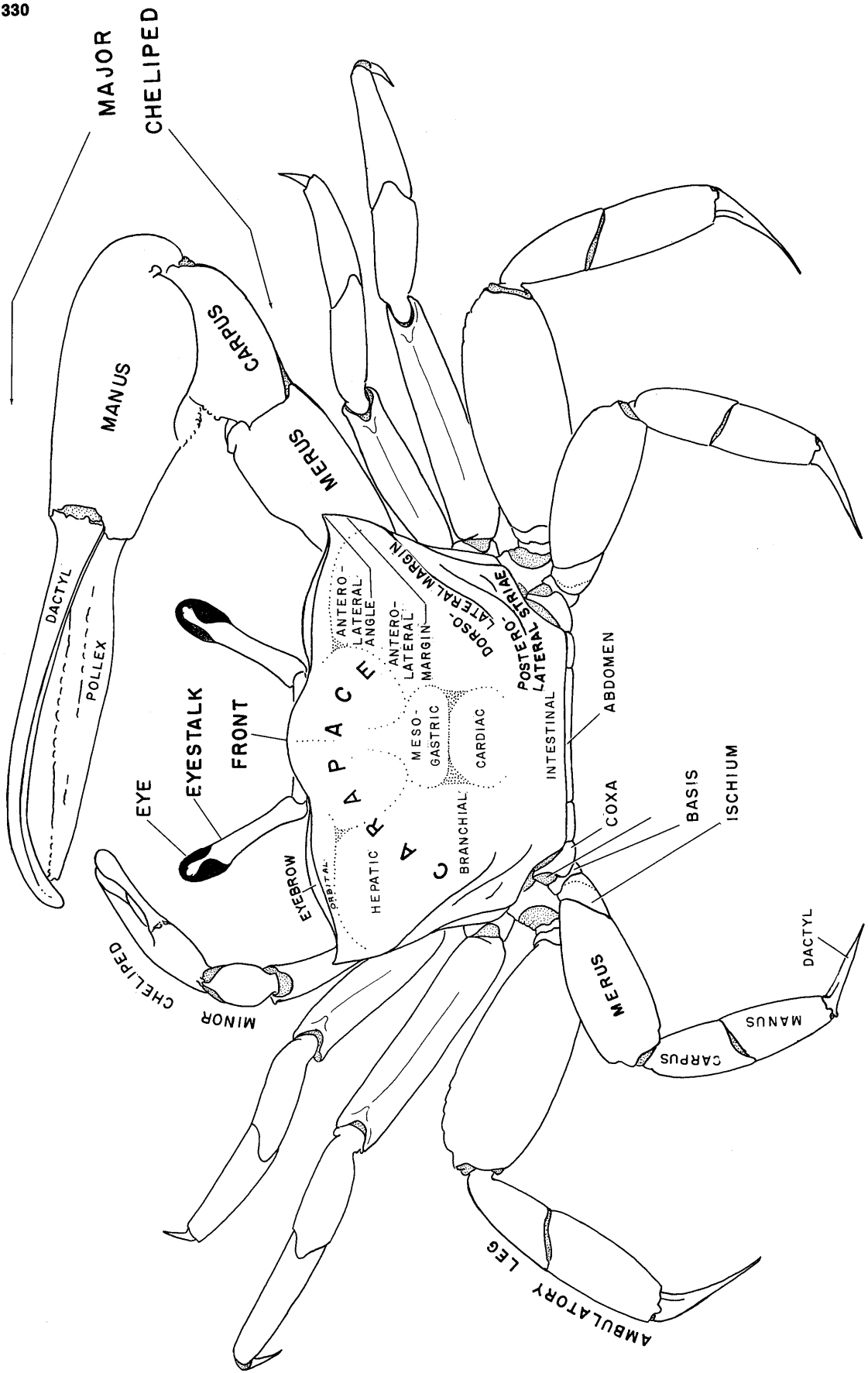


FIG. 1. Diagrammatic dorsal view of a fiddler crab (genus *Uca*), showing some of the anatomical terms used in this contribution. See also Figs. 2, 3, 4, 42, 43, 44, and pp. 448ff.



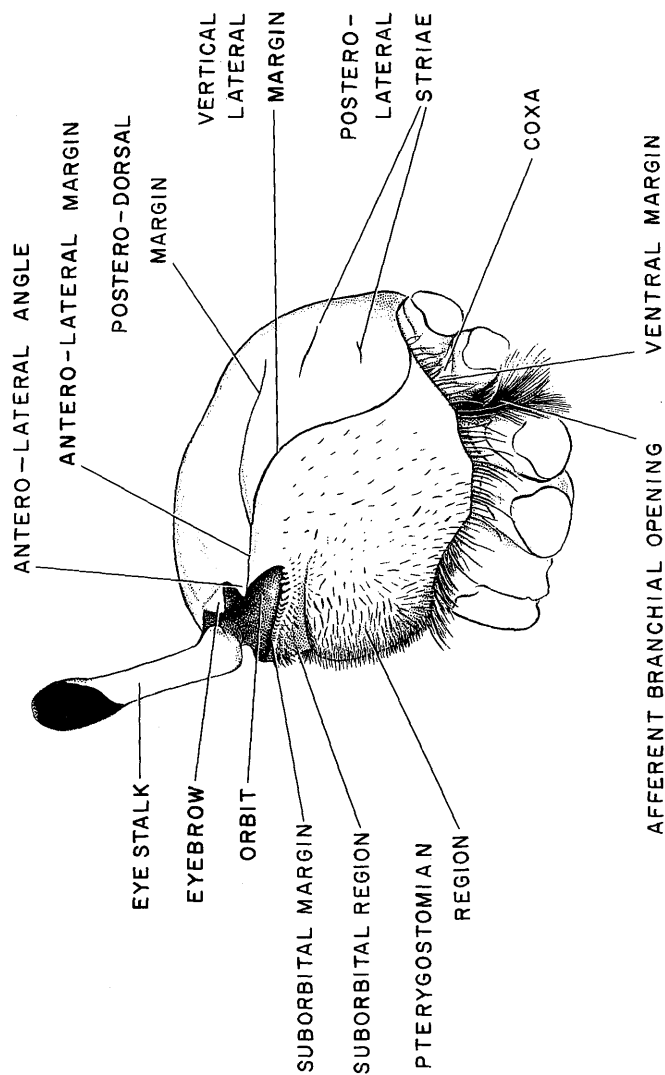


FIG. 3. Diagrammatic lateral view of a fiddler crab (genus *Uca*). Other information as in Fig. 1.

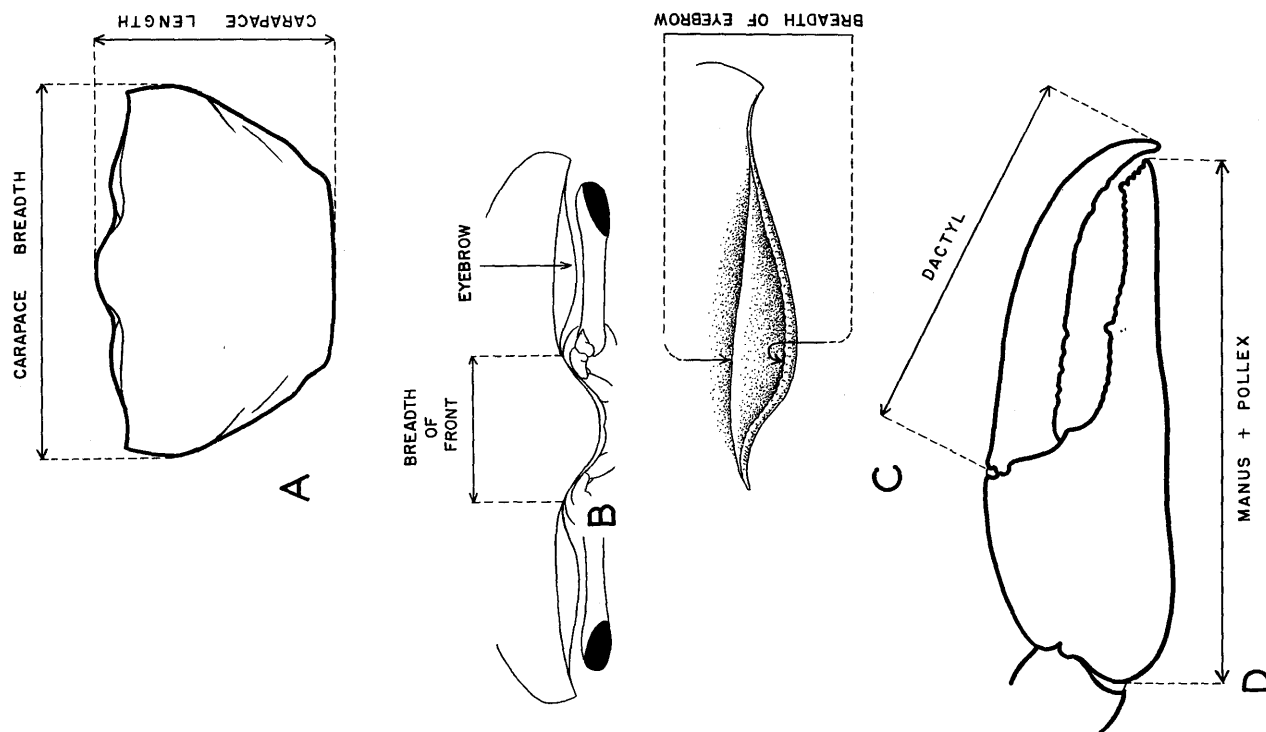


FIG. 4. Methods of measurement. *A*, carapace; in this contribution the breadth is always measured between the tips of the antero-lateral angles, which is usually, but as shown above, not always the widest part of the carapace. *B*, front; *C*, eyebrow; *D*, major claw. (Pp. 449, 456.)



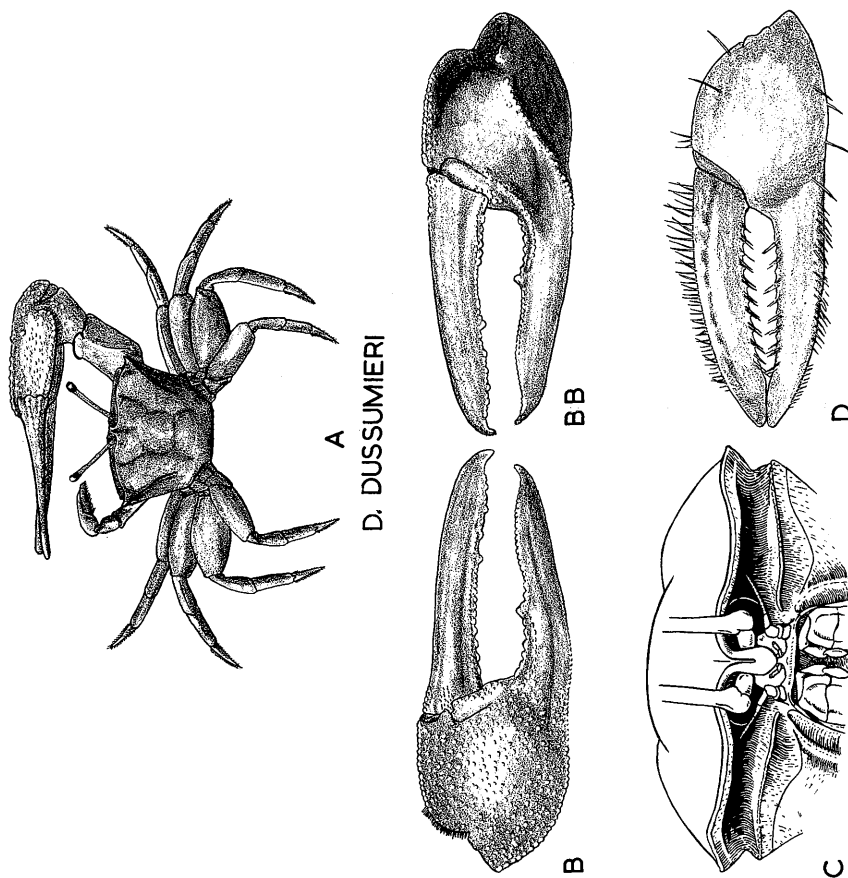


FIG. 5. *Uca (Deltuca) dussumieri dussumieri* (Milne-Edwards): example from Zamboanga, Philippine Is.; carapace length, 13 mm. A, dorsal view; B, major claw, outer view; BB, same, inner view; C, carapace, anterior view; D, minor claw, outer view. (P. 37.)

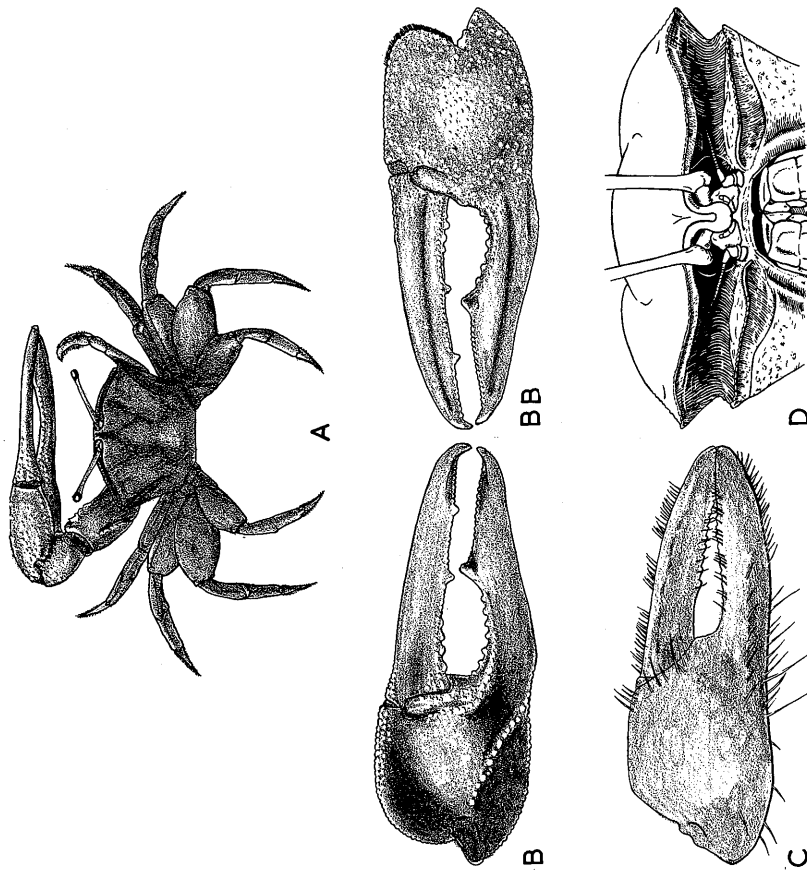
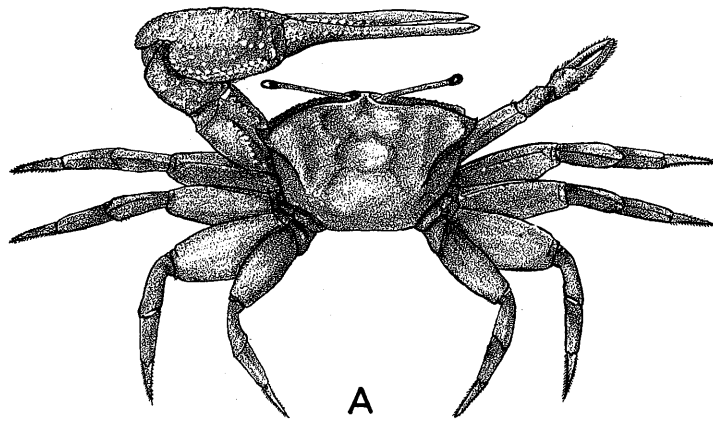
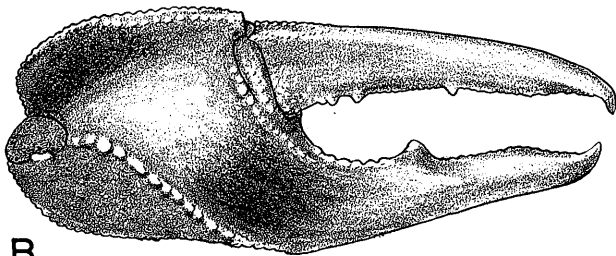


FIG. 6. *Uca (Deltuca) coarctata flammula* subsp. nov.: male; Port Darwin, Australia; carapace length, 16 mm. A, dorsal view; B, major claw, inner view; BB, same, outer view; C, minor claw, outer view; D, carapace, anterior view. (P. 56.)

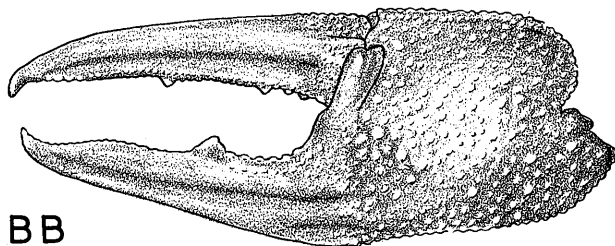
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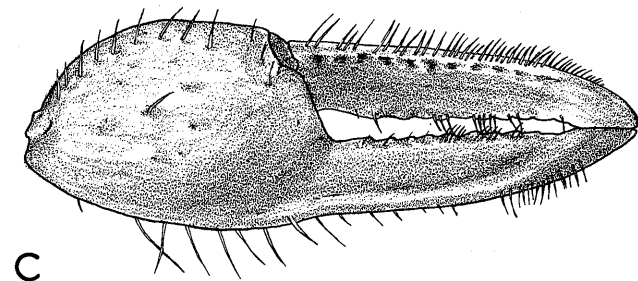


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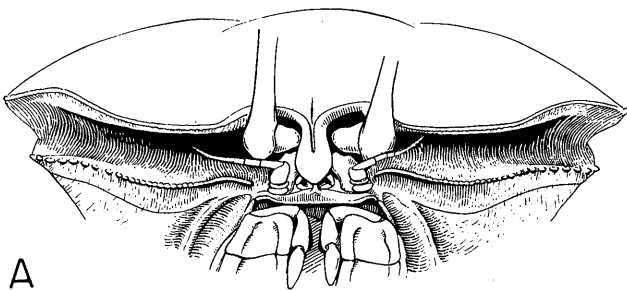
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FIG. 7. *Uca* (*Deltuca*) *urvillei* (Milne-Edwards): example from Pemba I., Zanzibar, Tanzania; carapace length, 16 mm. A, dorsal view; B, major claw, inner view; BB, same, outer view; C, minor claw, outer view. (P. 58.)

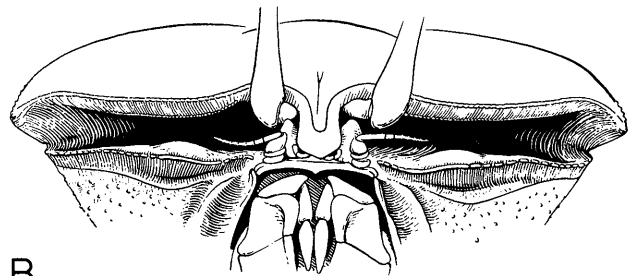


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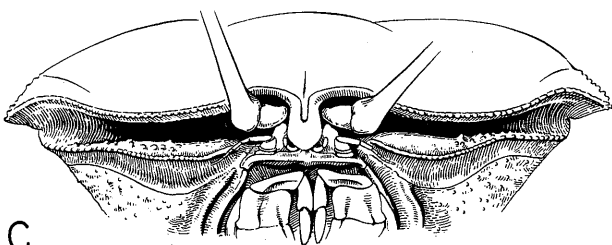
FIG. 8. Type-specimens of *Gelasimus* in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. All described by Milne-Edwards, 1852. Localities are those given by Milne-Edwards and by the labels on the specimens. See text under name in parentheses. Anterior views of carapaces. A, *Gelasimus dussumieri*; Samarang (= *Uca dussumieri dussumieri*, lectotype). B, *Gelasimus dussumieri*; Malabar (= *Uca urvillei*). C, *Gelasimus brevipes*; Chine (= *Uca arcuata*). D, *Gelasimus urvillei*; Vanikoro (= *Uca urvillei*, holotype). (Pp. 35, 47.)



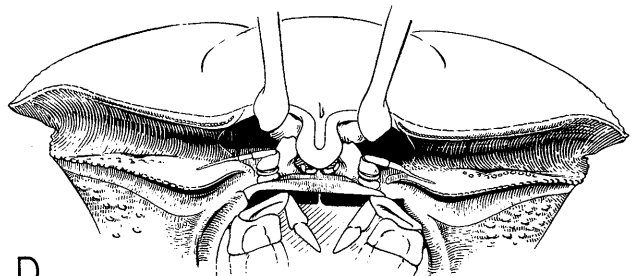
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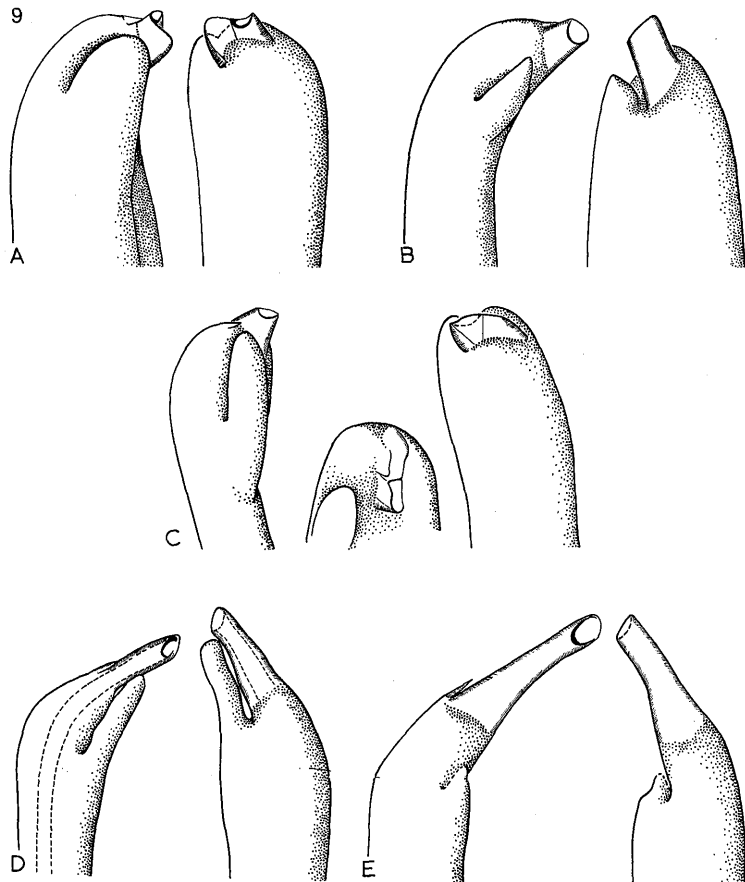
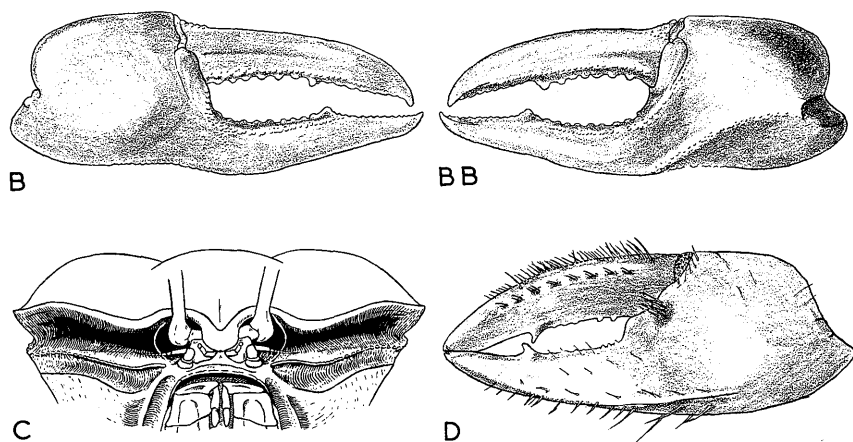
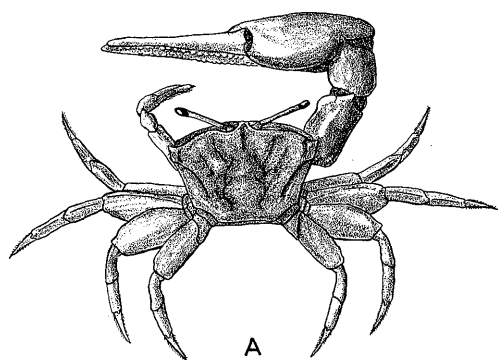
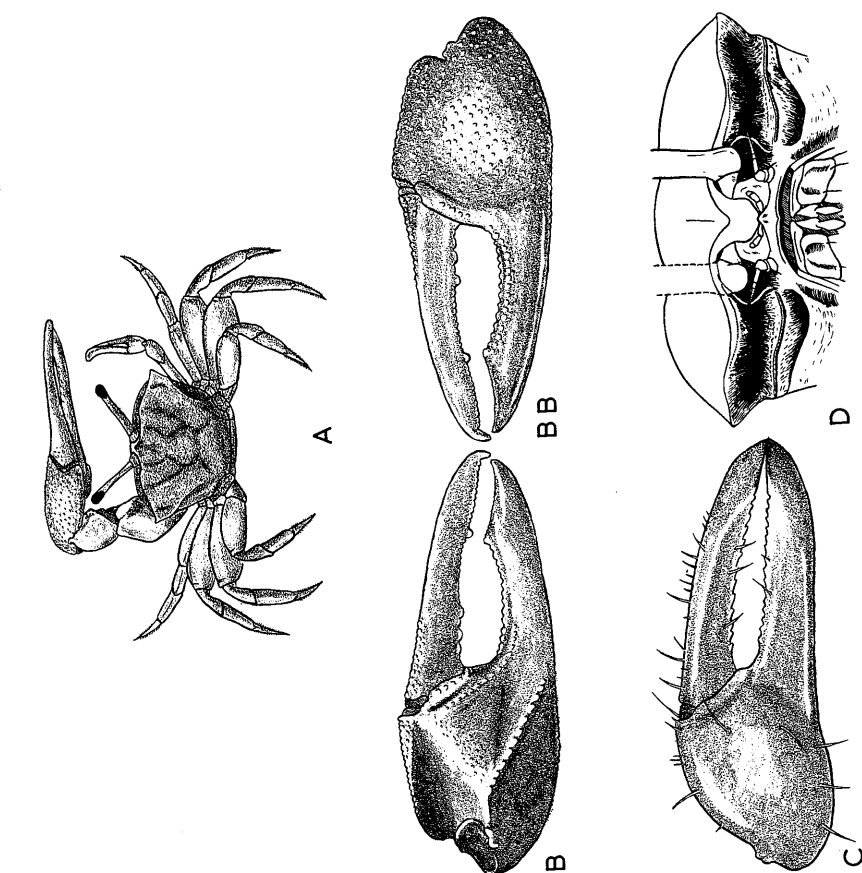


FIG. 9. Type-specimens of *Gelasimus* in the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. Data as in Fig. 8. Gonopods. A, *Gelasimus dussumieri*; Samarang (= *Uca dussumieri dussumieri*, lectotype). B, *Gelasimus coarctatus*; Odessa (= *Uca coarctata*, lectotype). C, *Gelasimus brevipes*; Chine (= *Uca arcuata*); D, *Gelasimus urvillei*; Vanikoro (= *Uca urvillei*, holotype). E, *Gelasimus dussumieri*; Malabar (= *Uca urvillei*). Thumb broken off. (Pp. 35, 47.)

FIG. 10. *Uca (Australuca) polita* sp. nov.: holotype male; Gladstone, Queensland, Australia; carapace length, 15 mm. A, dorsal view; B, major claw, outer view; BB, same, inner view; C, carapace, anterior view; D, minor claw, outer view. (P. 72.)

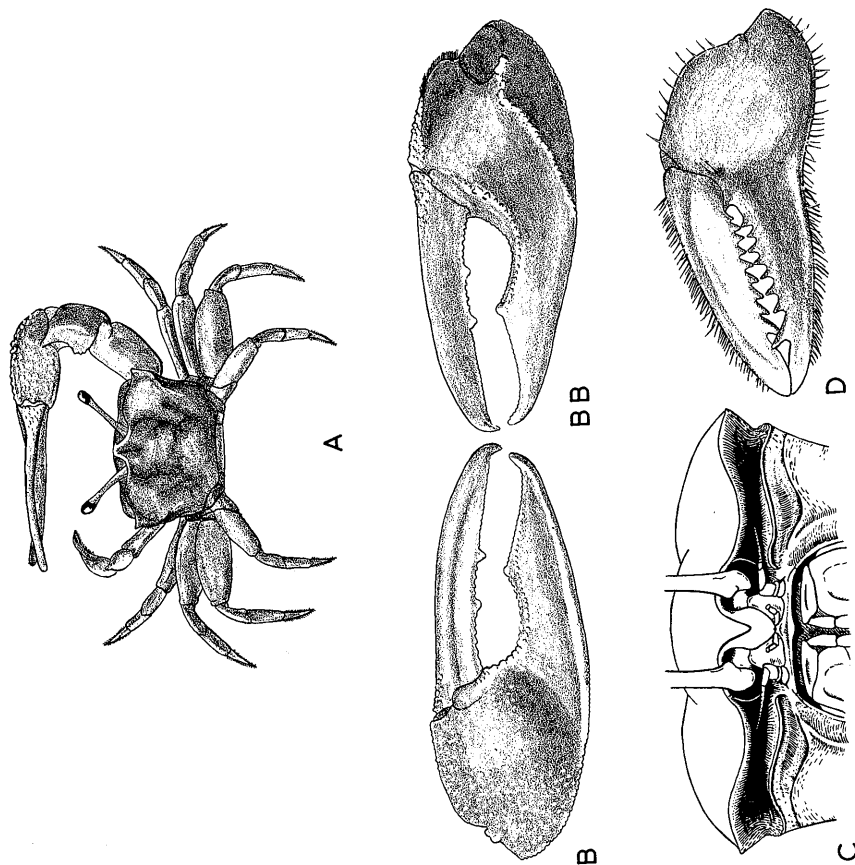


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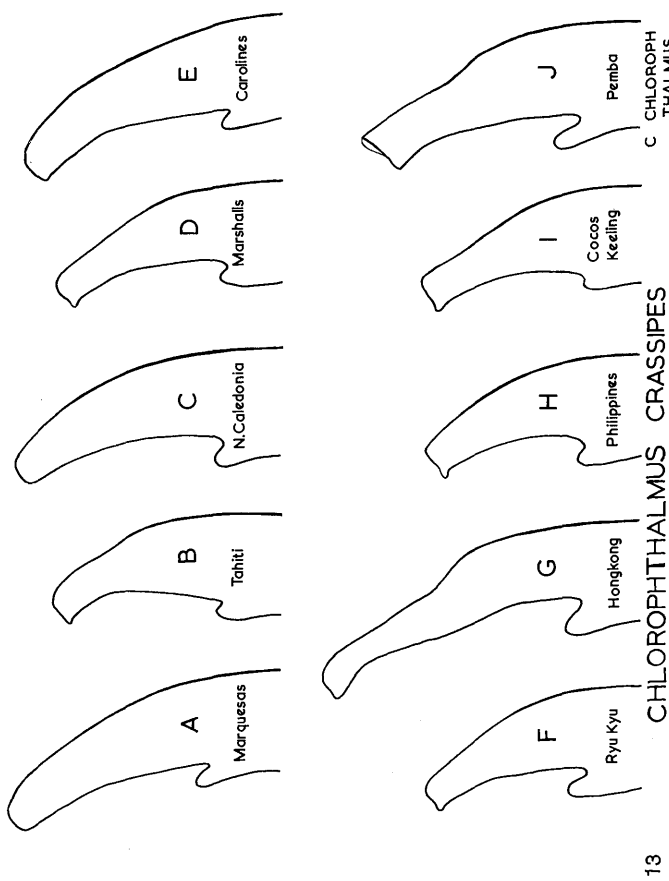
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FIG. 11. *Uca* (*Australuca*) *bellator minima* subsp. nov.: holotype male; Port Darwin, Australia; carapace length, 6.8 mm. *A*, dorsal view; *B*, major claw, inner view; *BB*, same, outer view; *C*, minor claw, outer view; *D*, carapace, anterior view. (P. 68.)

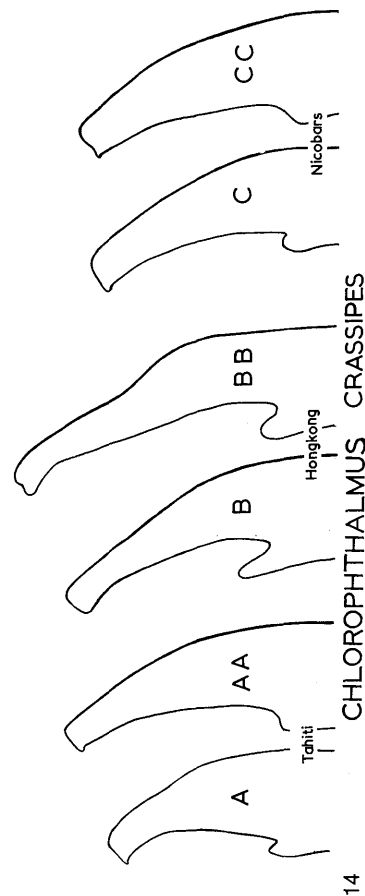


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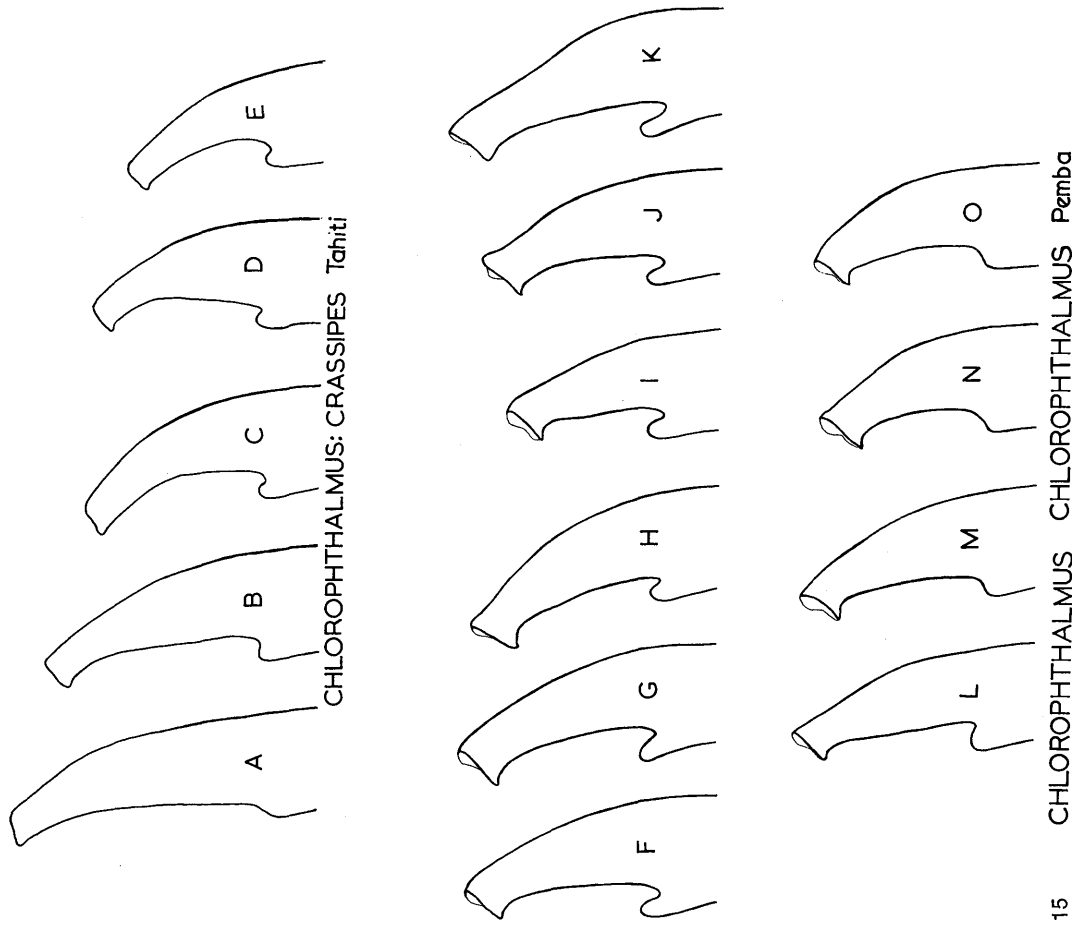
FIG. 12. *Uca* (*Australuca*) *seismella* sp. nov.: holotype male; Port Darwin, Australia; carapace length, 8 mm. *A*, dorsal view; *B*, major claw, outer view; *BB*, same, inner view; *C*, carapace, frontal view; *D*, minor claw, outer view. (P. 70.)



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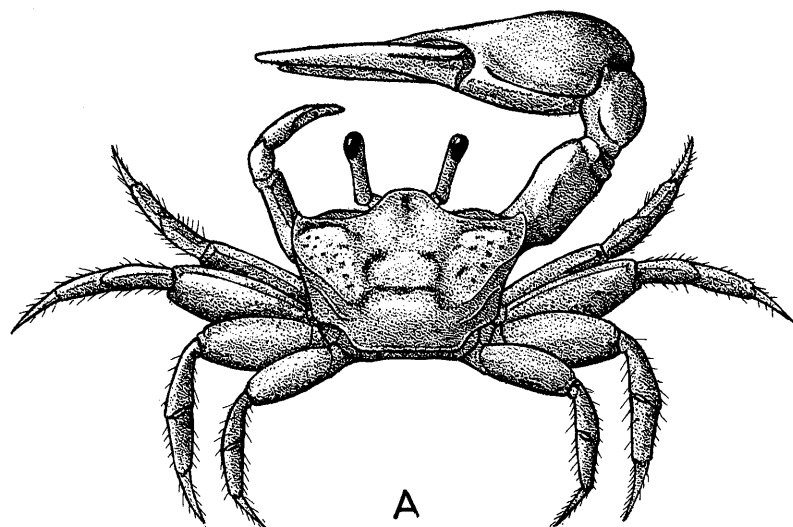


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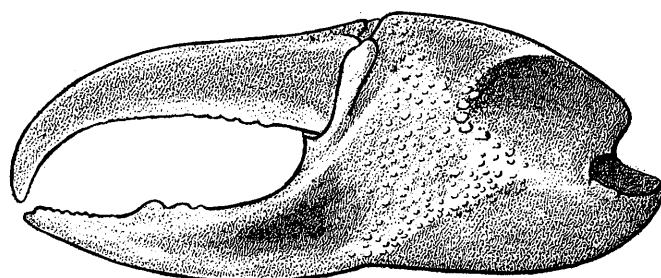
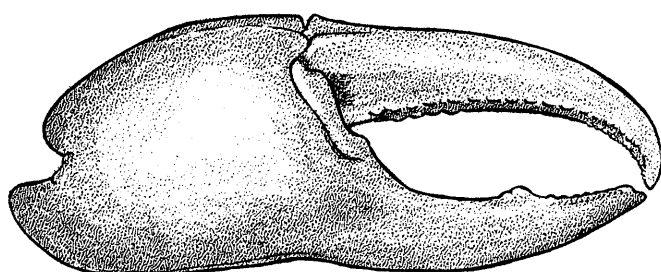
FIG. 13. *Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus*: outlines of gonopod tips from various parts of range. A-J, *chlorophthalmus crassipes*; J, *chlorophthalmus chlorophthalmus*. All examples from mature specimens. (Pp. 98ff.)

FIG. 14. *Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus crassipes*: outlines of gonopod tips from three localities, showing variation within populations. A-CC as labeled. All examples from mature specimens. (Pp. 98ff.)

FIG. 15. *Uca (Amphiuca) chlorophthalmus*: outlines of gonopod tips to show changes with growth within single populations. A-O as labeled. Carapace lengths in mm: A, 4.2; B, 6.2; C, 8.3; D, 12.0; E, 13.0; F, 5.4; G, 5.6; H, 8.5; I, 10.0; J, 11.0; K, 12.0; L, 5.6; M, 6.2; N, 8.9; O, 11.0 (Pp. 98ff.)

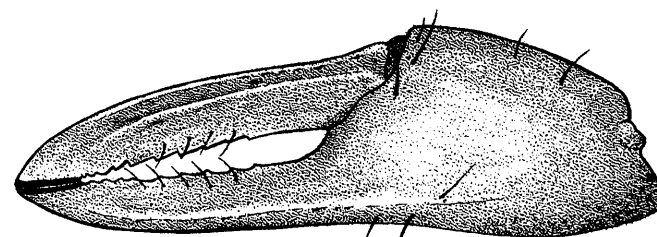
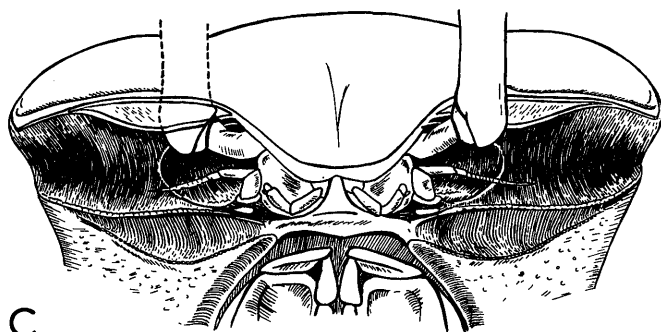


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VOCATOR ECUADORIENSIS



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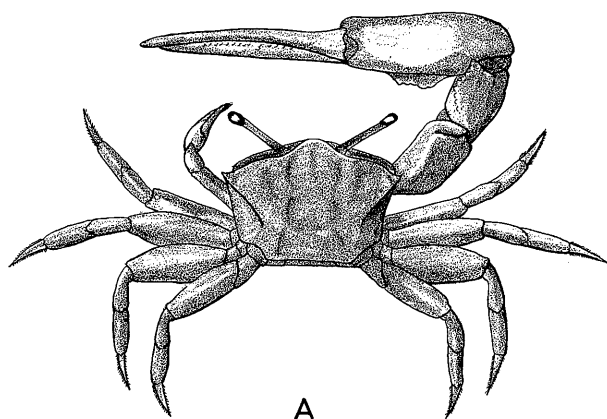
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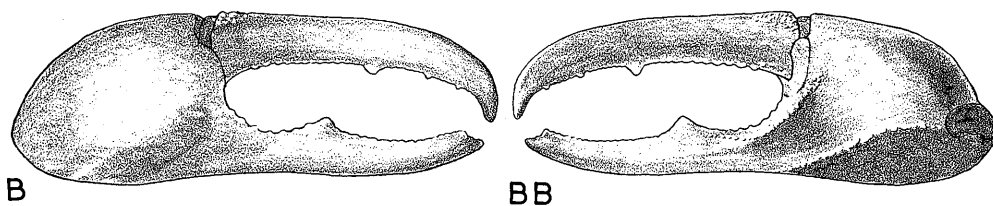
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FIG. 16. *Uca (Minuca) vocator ecuadoriensis* Nobili: example from Guayaquil, Ecuador. Carapace length: 11 mm. A, dorsal view; B, major claw, outer view; BB, same, inner view; C, carapace, anterior view; D, minor claw, outer view. (P. 166.)



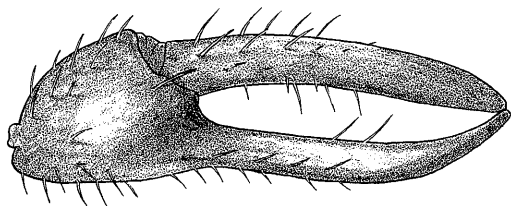
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UCA LACTEA MJOBERGI



B

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FIG. 17. *Uca (Celuca) lactea mjobergi* Rathbun: from Broome, Northwest Territory, Australia. A, dorsal view; B, major claw, outer view; BB, same, inner view; C, minor claw, outer view. (P. 299.)

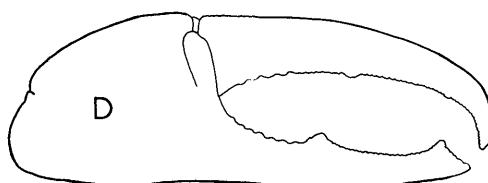


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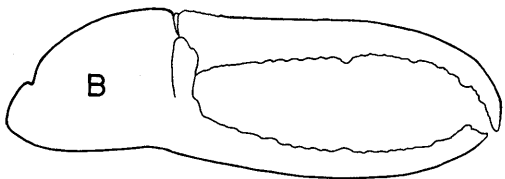
FIG. 18. *Uca (Celuca) lactea*: outlines of major claws, showing variation in shape in adults of two subspecies. A-F, as labeled. All examples from mature specimens. (Pp. 293ff.)



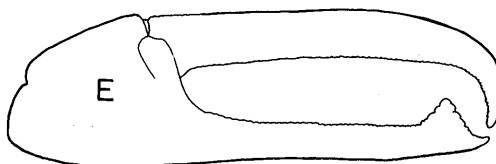
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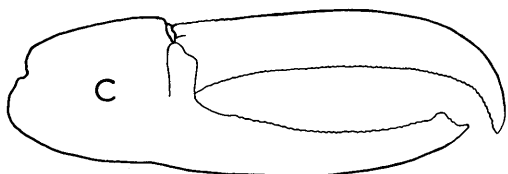
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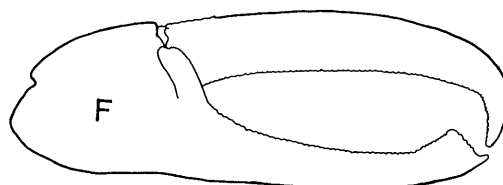
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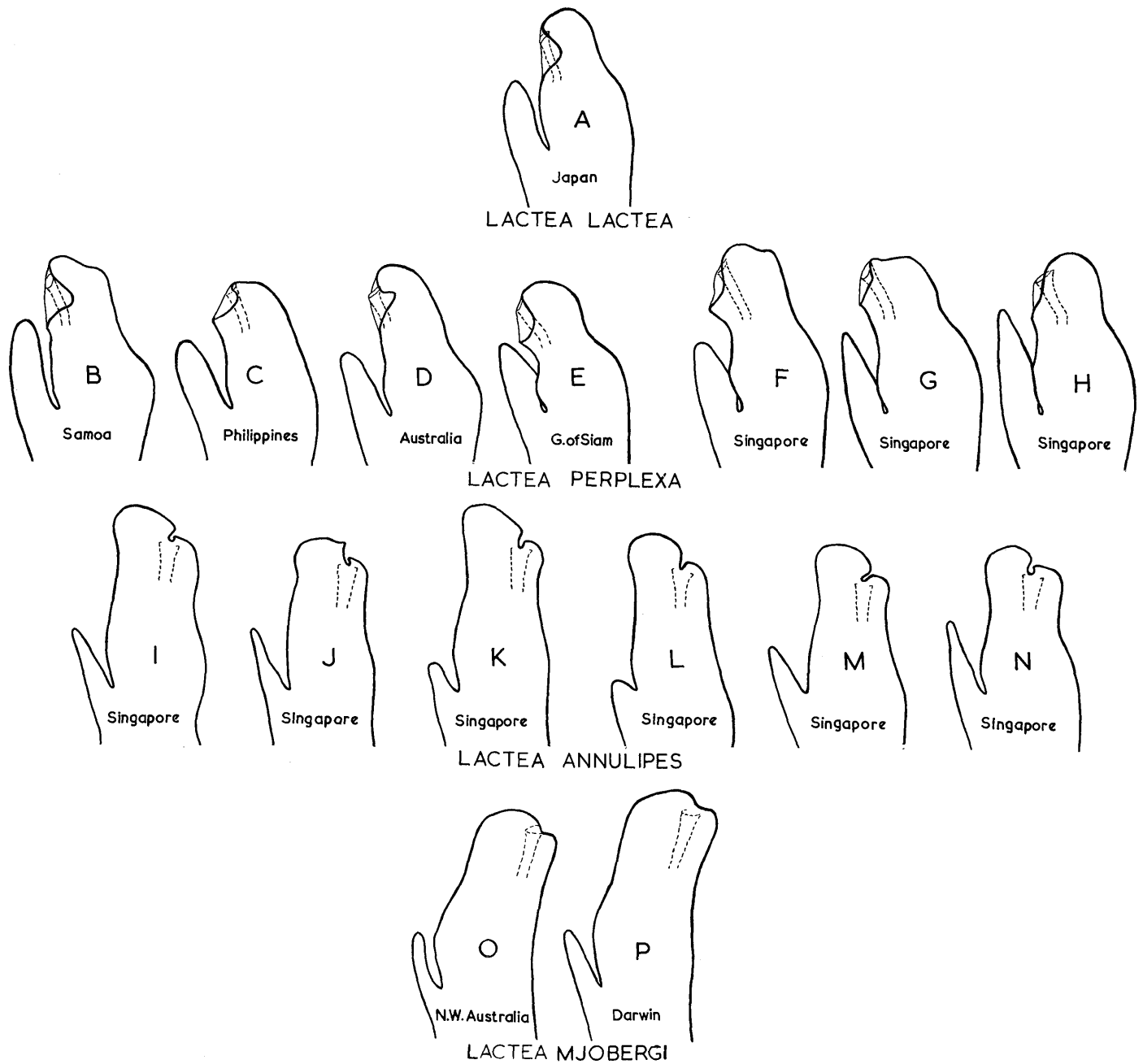


FIG. 19. *Uca (Celuca) lactea*: outlines of gonopod tips of all four subspecies, showing differences between forms and variations within the subspecies. A-P, as labeled. All examples from mature specimens. (Pp. 294ff.)



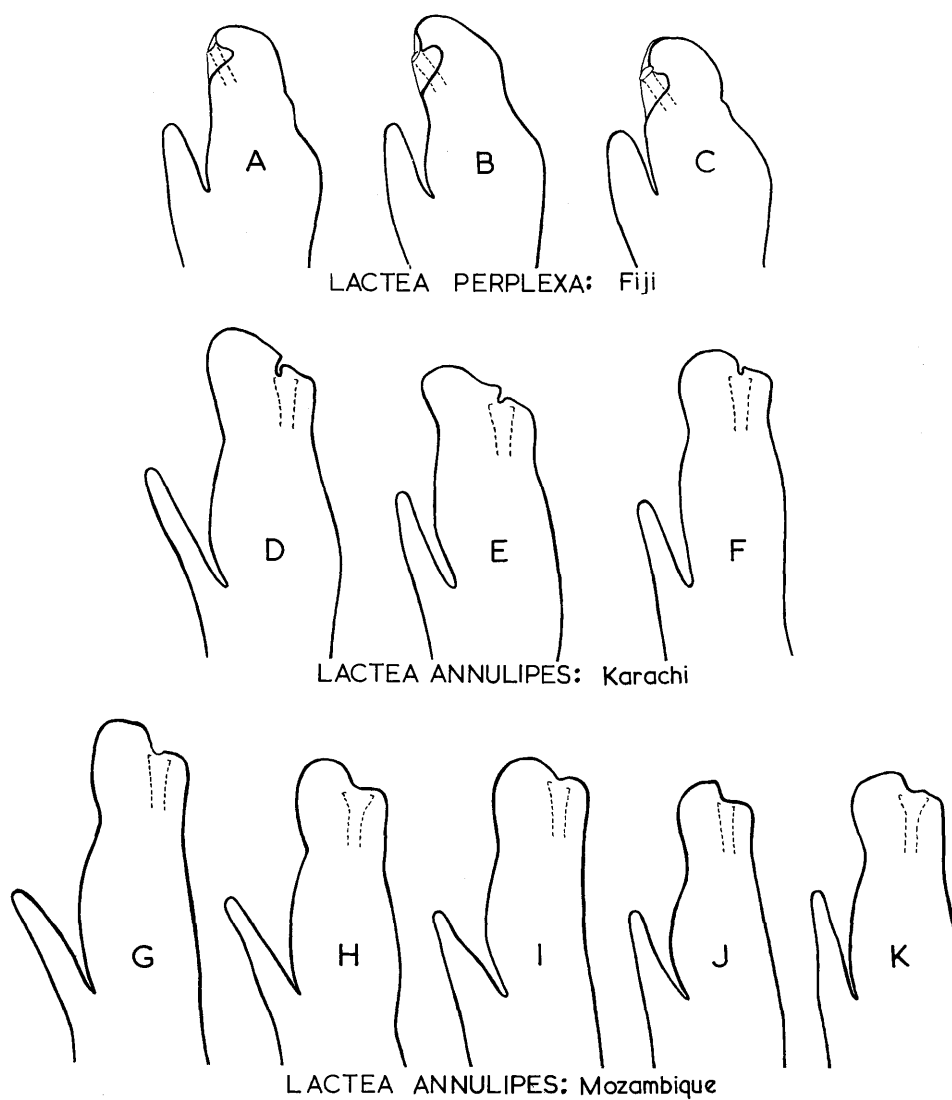


FIG. 20. *Uca (Celuca) lactea*: outlines of gonopod tips in two subspecies to show changes with growth within single populations. A-K, as labeled. Carapace lengths in mm: A, 6.0; B, 8.0; C, 10.0; D, 9.3; E, 10.0; F, 11.0; G, 4.0; H, 7.7; I, 10.0; J, 11.0; K, 12.0. (Pp. 294ff.)

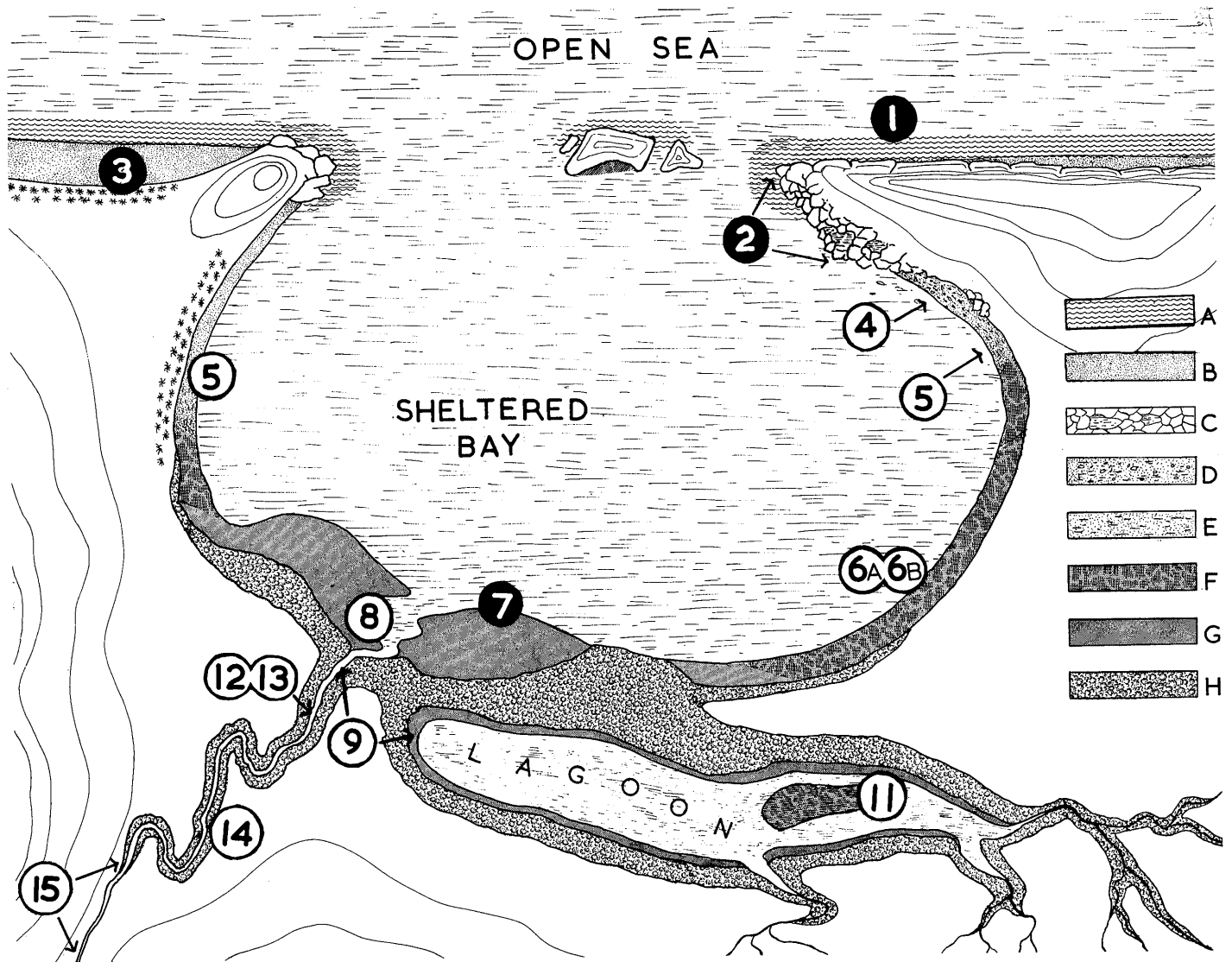
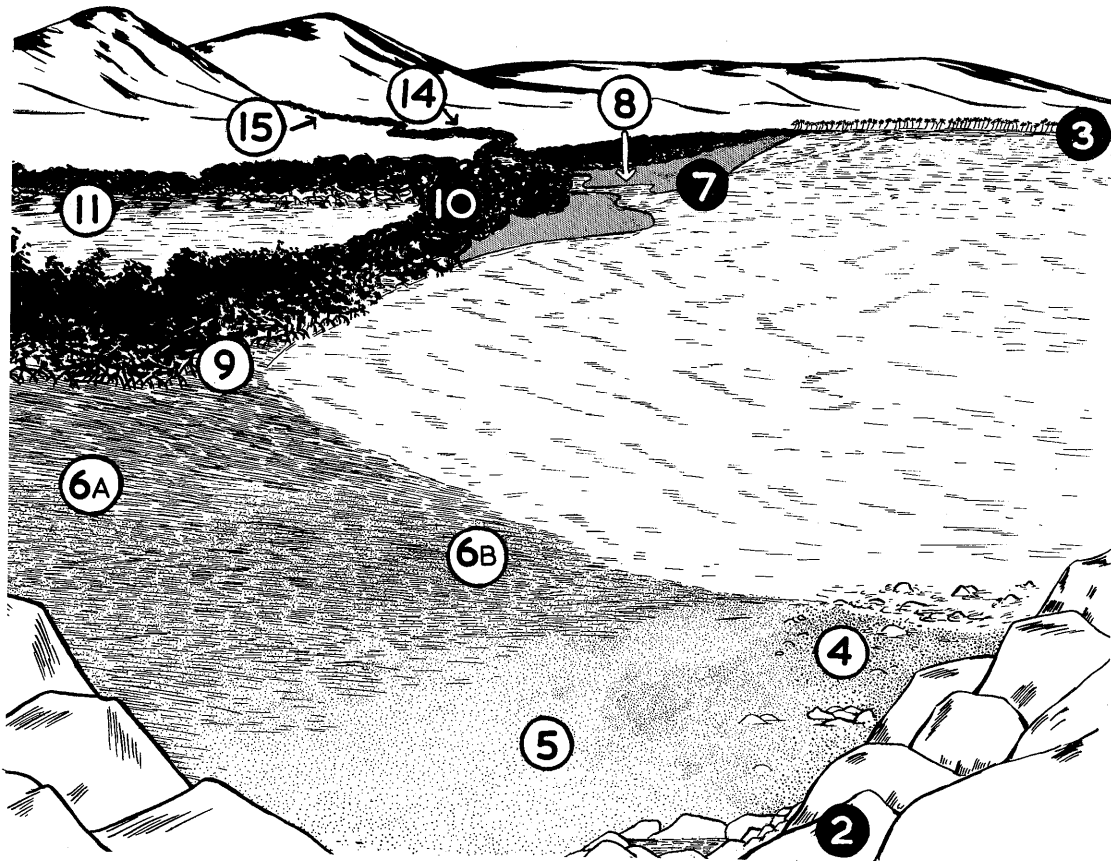
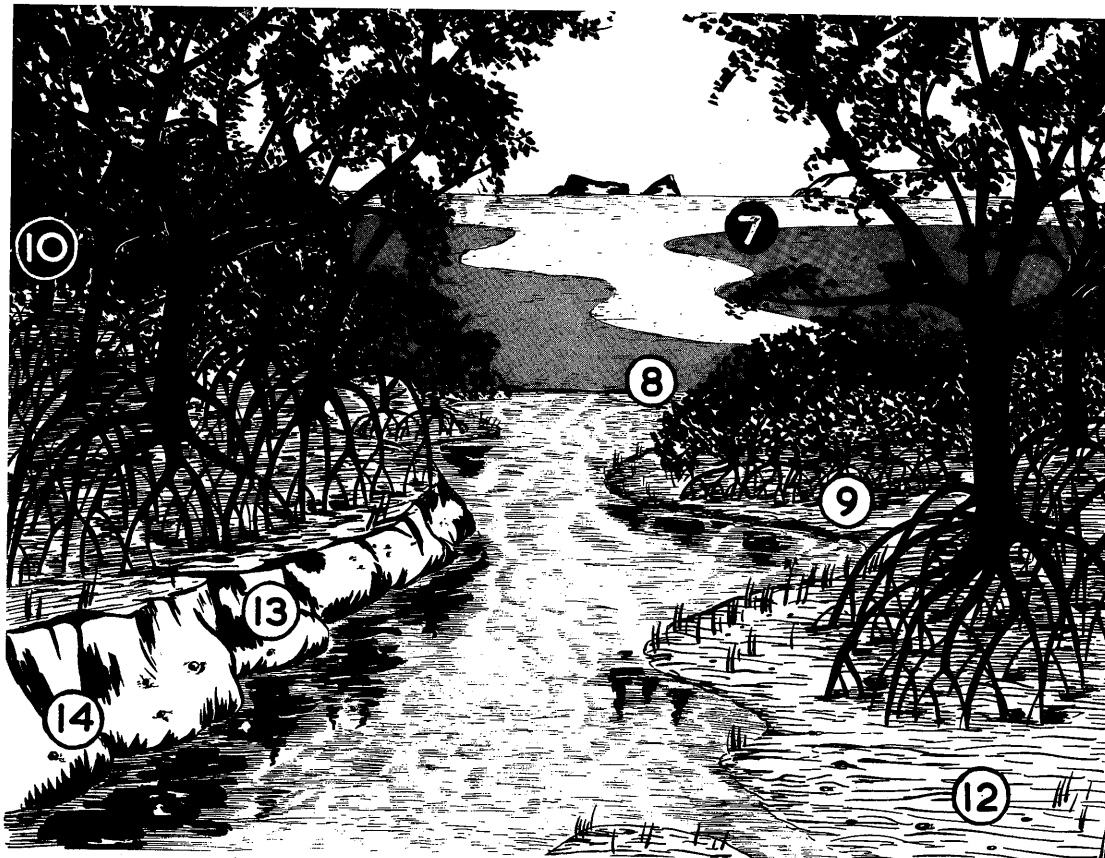


FIG. 21. Diagrammatic plan of principal biotopes supporting *Uca*. For key see Table 10; discussion on pp. 444ff.



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FIG. 22. Same as Fig. 21, but semi-realistic view.

FIG. 23. Biotopes, as diagrammed in Figs. 21 and 22, visible from near mouth of river.

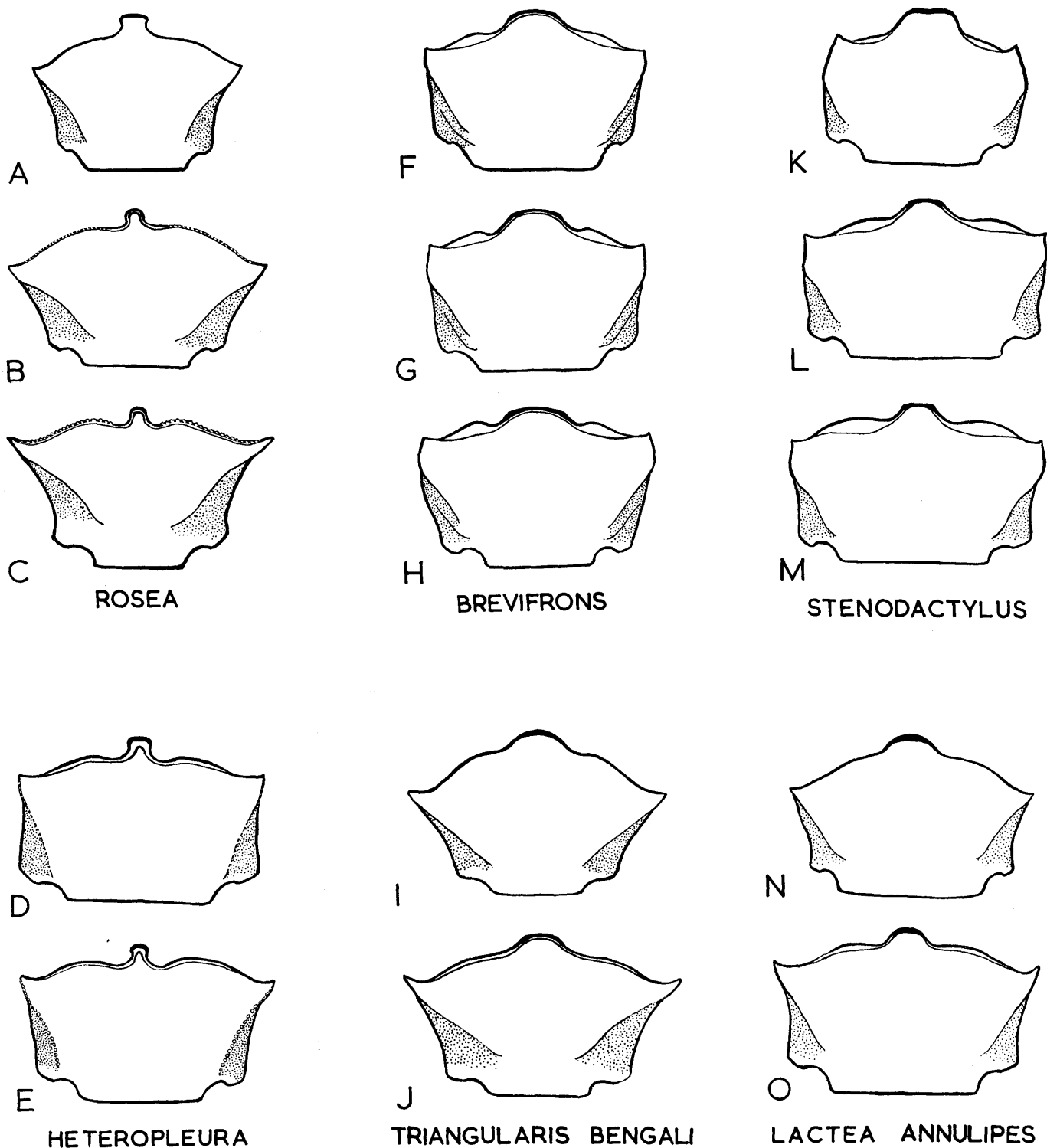


FIG. 24. Outlines of carapaces in six species of *Uca*, to show differences among species and changes with growth in each species. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: A, 1.7; B, 2.9; C, 13.0. (*Uca*) *heteropleura*: D, 4.0; E, 14.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: F, 3.4; G, 4.7; H, 18.0. (*Celuca*) *triangularis*: I, 2.5; J, 7.6. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: K, 1.4; L, 2.0; M, 9.0. (*Celuca*) *lactea annulipes*: N, 4.0; O, 10.0. (Pp. 449ff.)

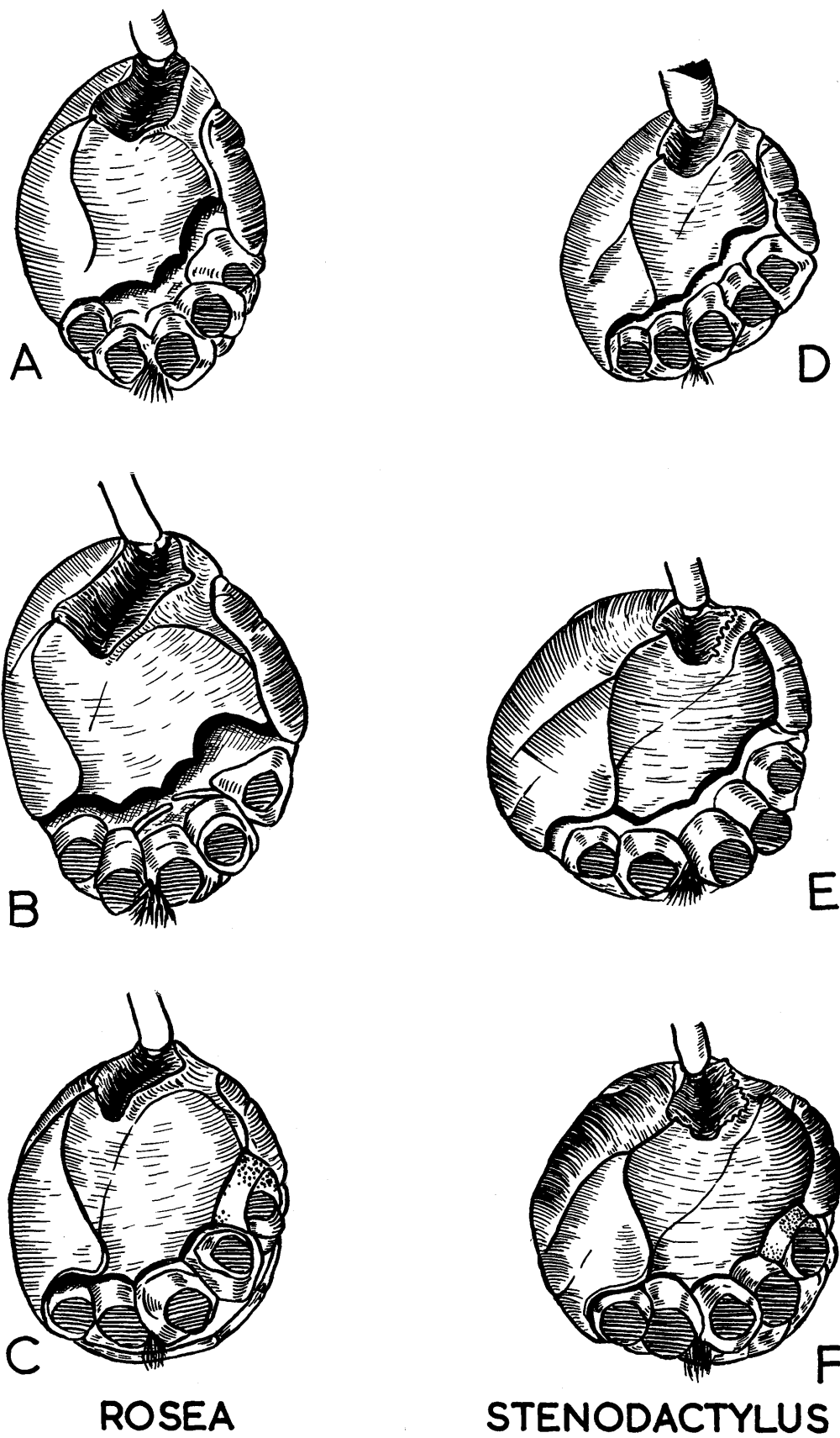


FIG. 25. Lateral views of carapaces in *Uca* to show changes with growth. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: A, 1.7; B, 2.9; C, 13.0. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: D, 1.4; E, 2.0; F, 9.0. (Pp. 449ff.)

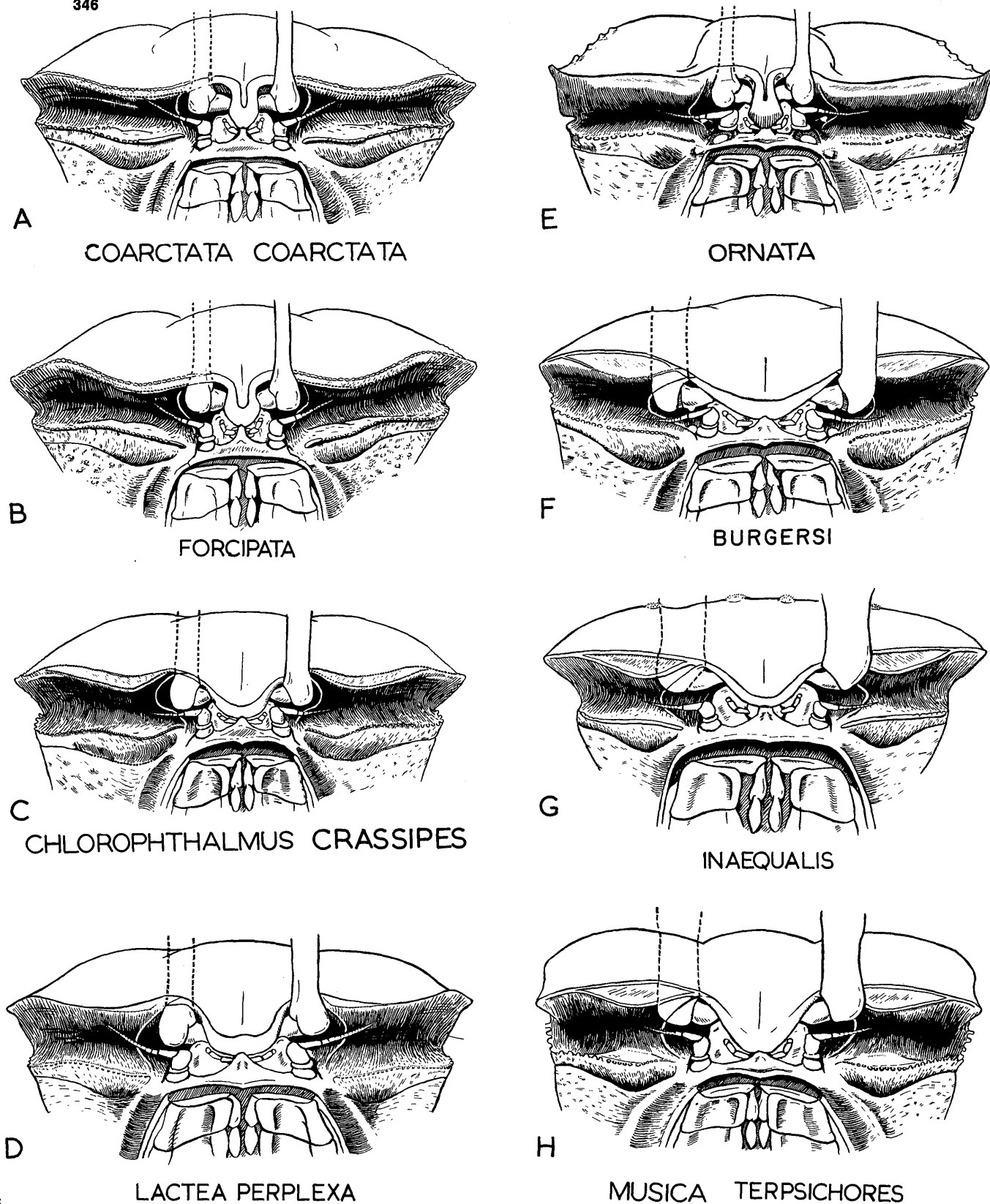
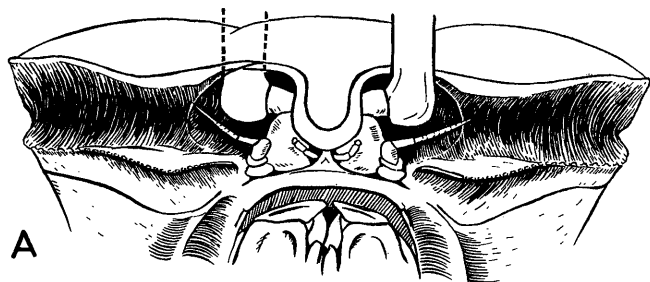
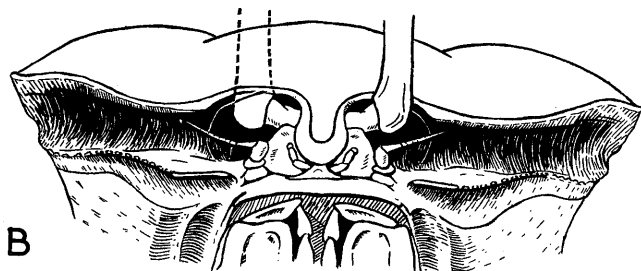


FIG. 26. Comparative morphology of anterior aspect of carapaces in *Uca*, with special reference to the front, eyebrows, armature of orbits, and dorsal profile. Subgenera: A, B, *Deltuca*; C, *Amphiuca*; D, G, H, *Celuca*; E, *Uca*; F, *Minuca*. Drawn from mature males. (Pp. 452-454.)

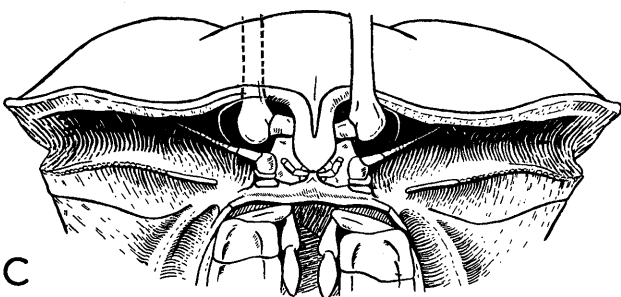
FIG. 27. Comparative morphology of anterior aspect of carapaces in *Uca*, to show changes with growth; with special reference to the front, eyebrows, armature of orbits, and dorsal profile. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri spinata*: A, 4.0; B, 7.6; C, 20.0. (*Afruca*) *tangeri*: D, 3.0; E, 6.0; F, 24.0. (*Deltuca*) *urvillei*: G, 5.0; H, 18.0. (*Celuca*) *lactea annulipes*: I, 4.0; J, 10.5. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: K, 2.0; L, 9.0. (Pp. 452-454.)



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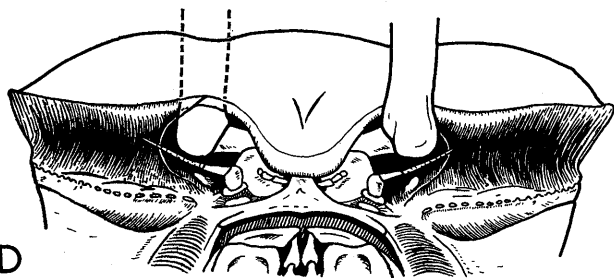


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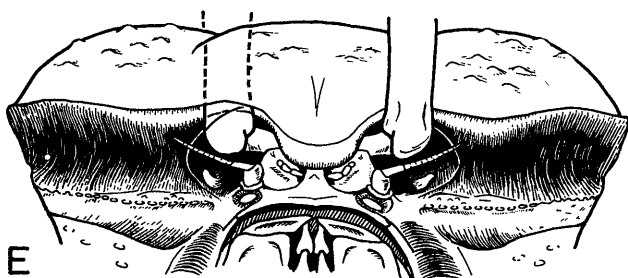


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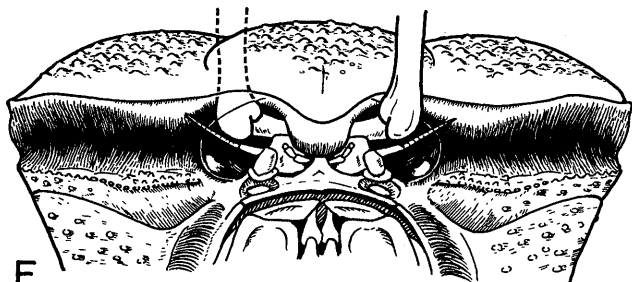
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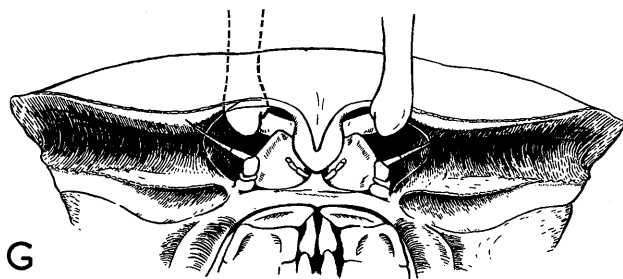


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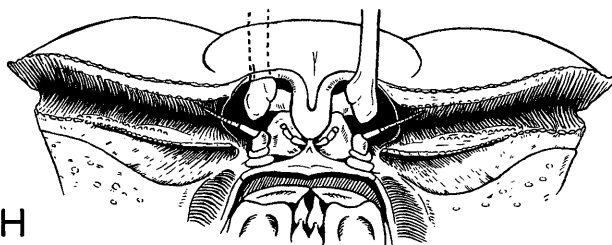


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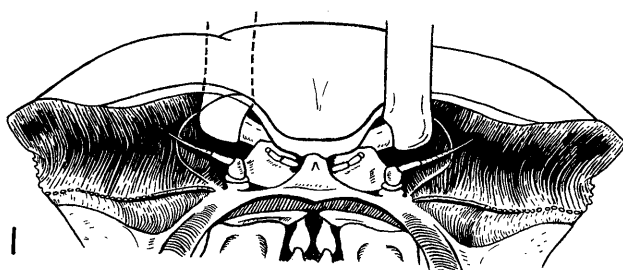


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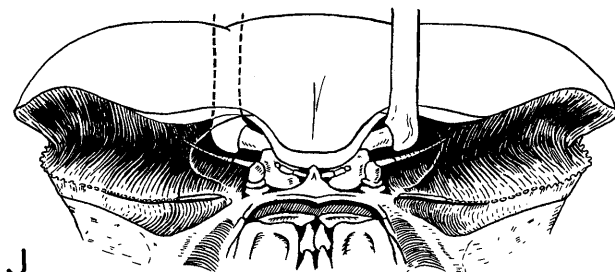


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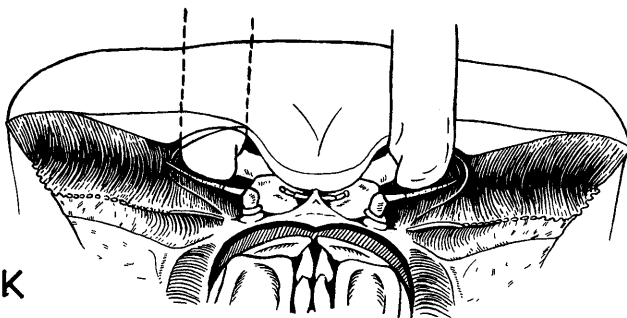


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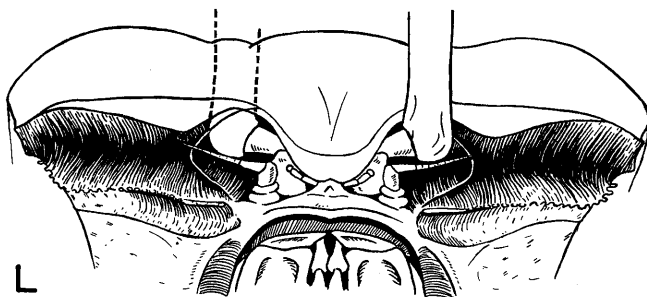


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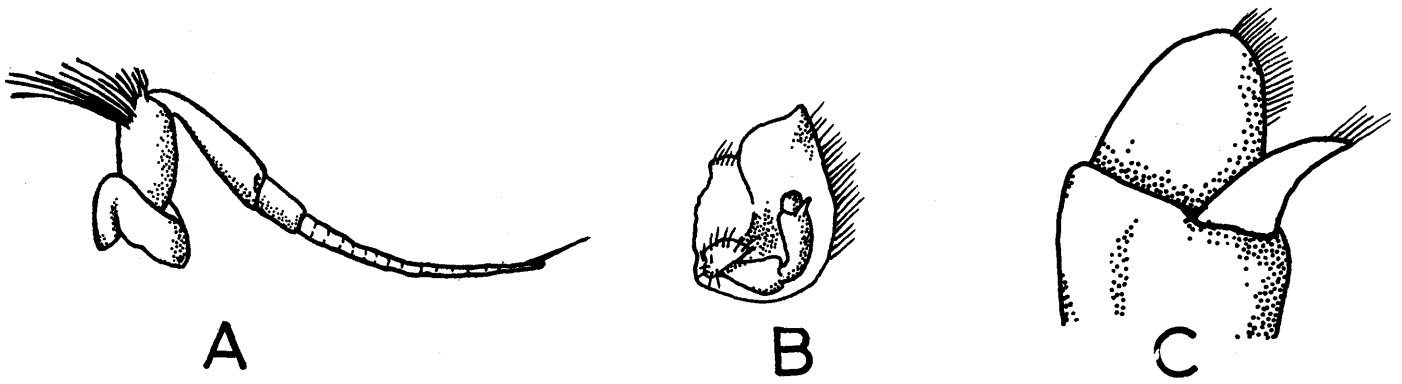


FIG. 28. *Uca* (*Uca*) *maracoani*: A, antenna. B, C, antennule. (P. 454.)

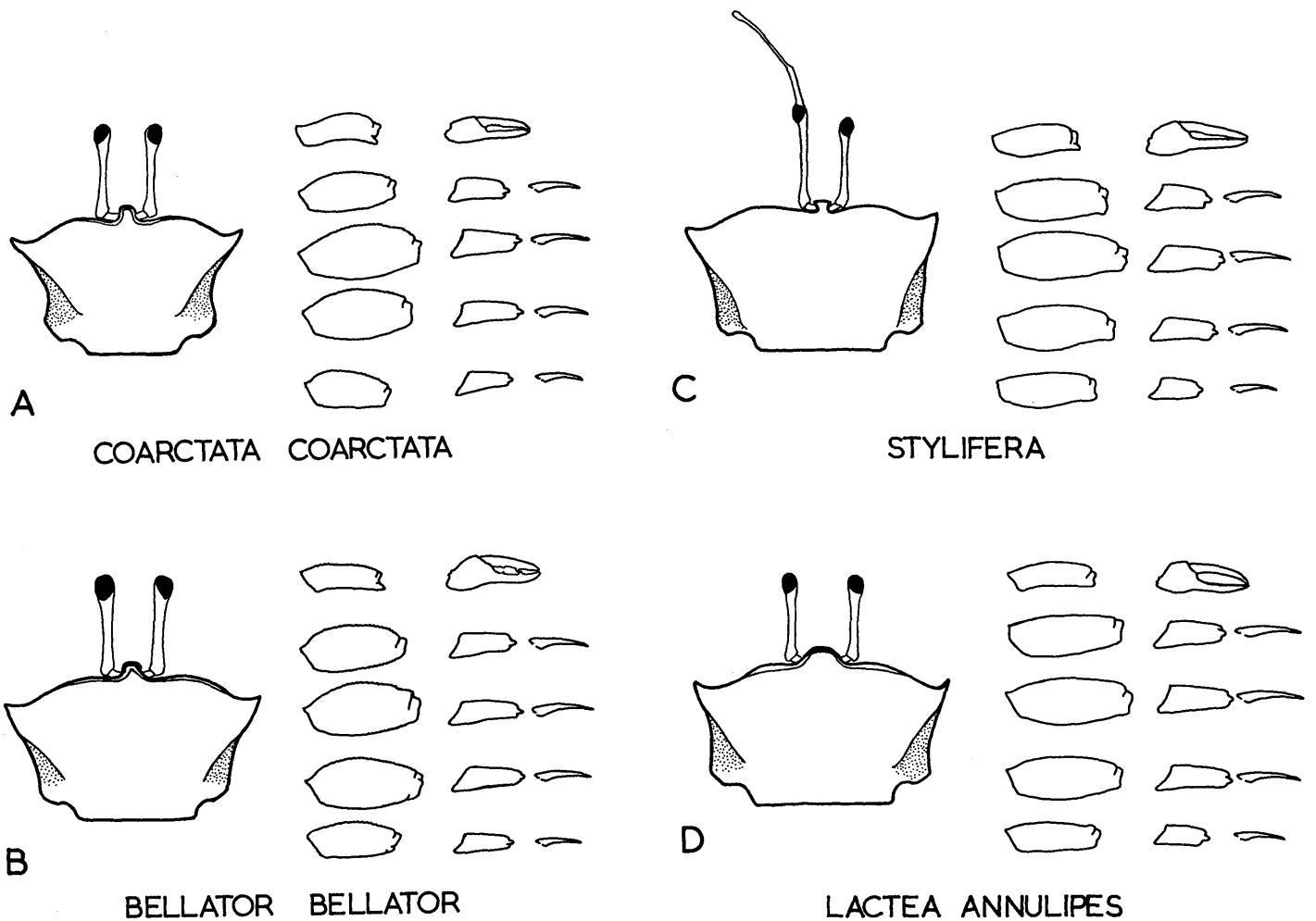
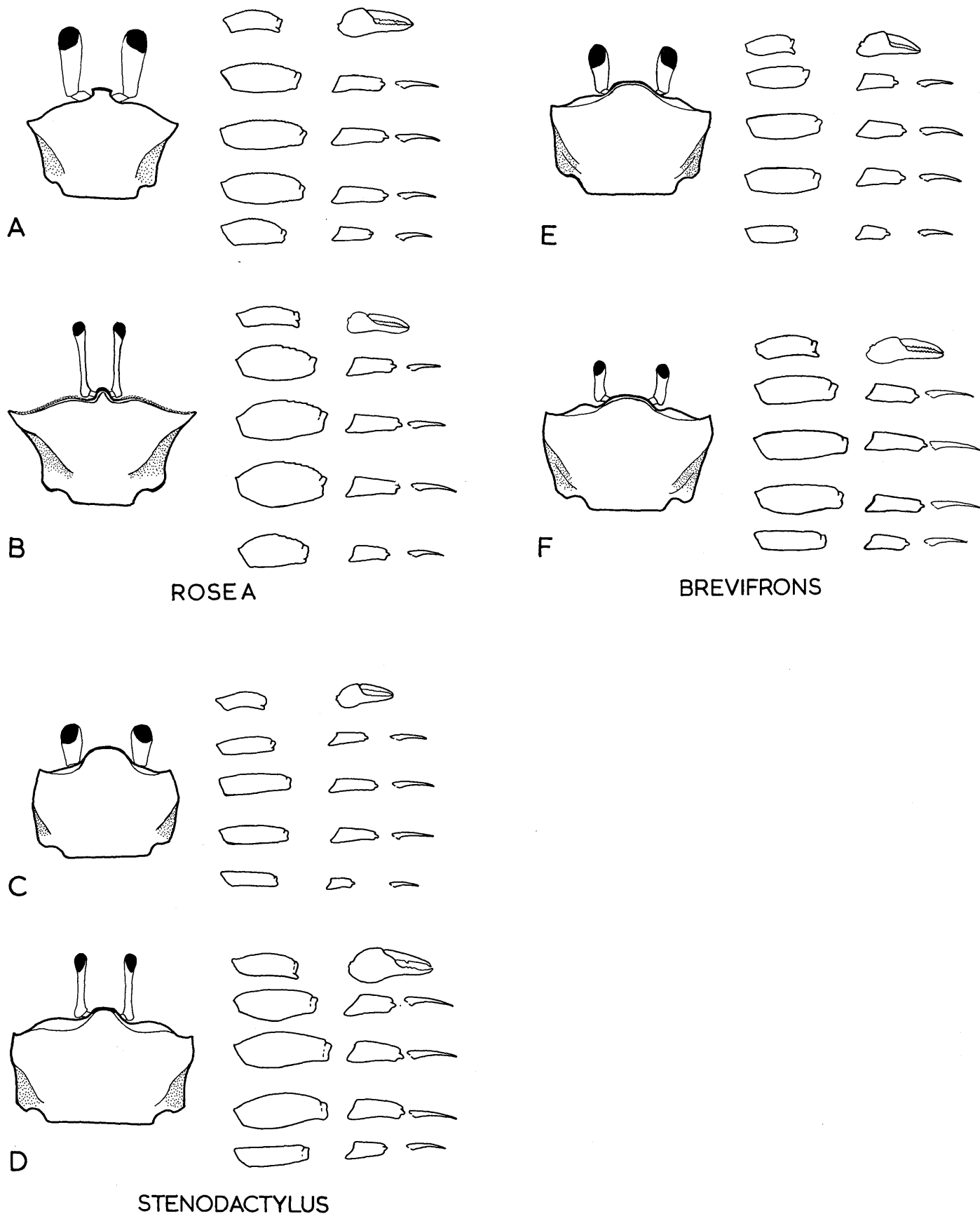


FIG. 29. Dorsal views in examples of four subgenera of *Uca*, showing general similarities of proportions. Subgenera: A, *Deltuca*; B, *Australuca*; C, *Uca*; D, *Celuca*. Segments of minor chelae illustrated: merus, propodus, and dactyl; of ambulatories: merus, manus, and dactyl. Drawn from mature males. (P. 461.)





g. 30. Changes in proportions occurring with growth, in examples of three subgenera of *Uca*. In each of the three species the per figure is a young male, the lower a mature male. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: A, 1.7; B, 13.0. (*Deltuca*) *stenodactylus*: C, 1.4; D, 9.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: E, 3.4; F, 18.0. (Pp. 451, 462.)

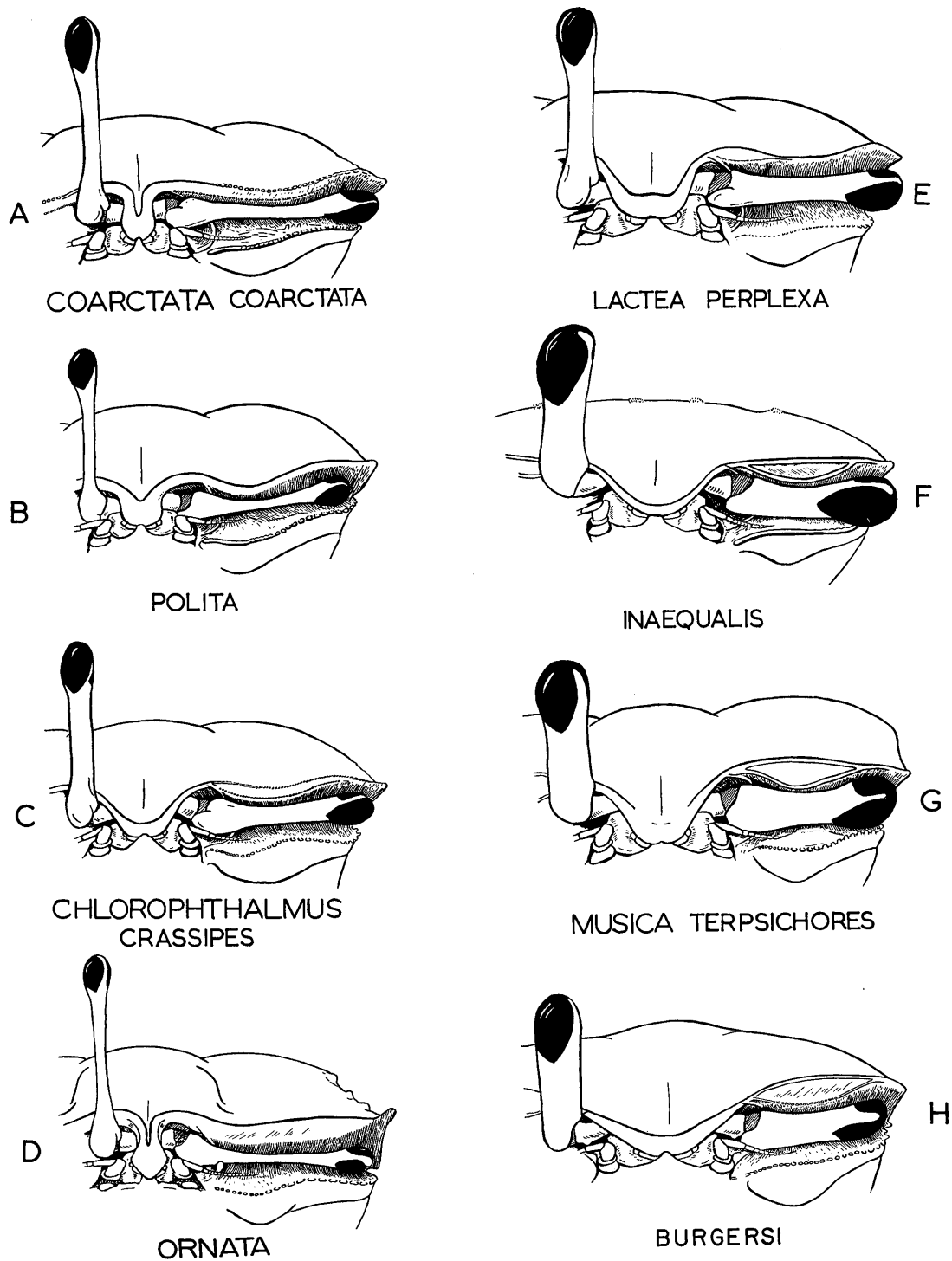


FIG. 31. Frontal views in mature males of eight species of *Uca*, showing range of differences in shape and proportions of eyes and eyestalks. Subgenera: A, *Deltuca*; B, *Australuca*; C, *Amphiuca*; D, *Uca*; E, F, G, *Celuca*; H, *Minuca*. (P. 454.)

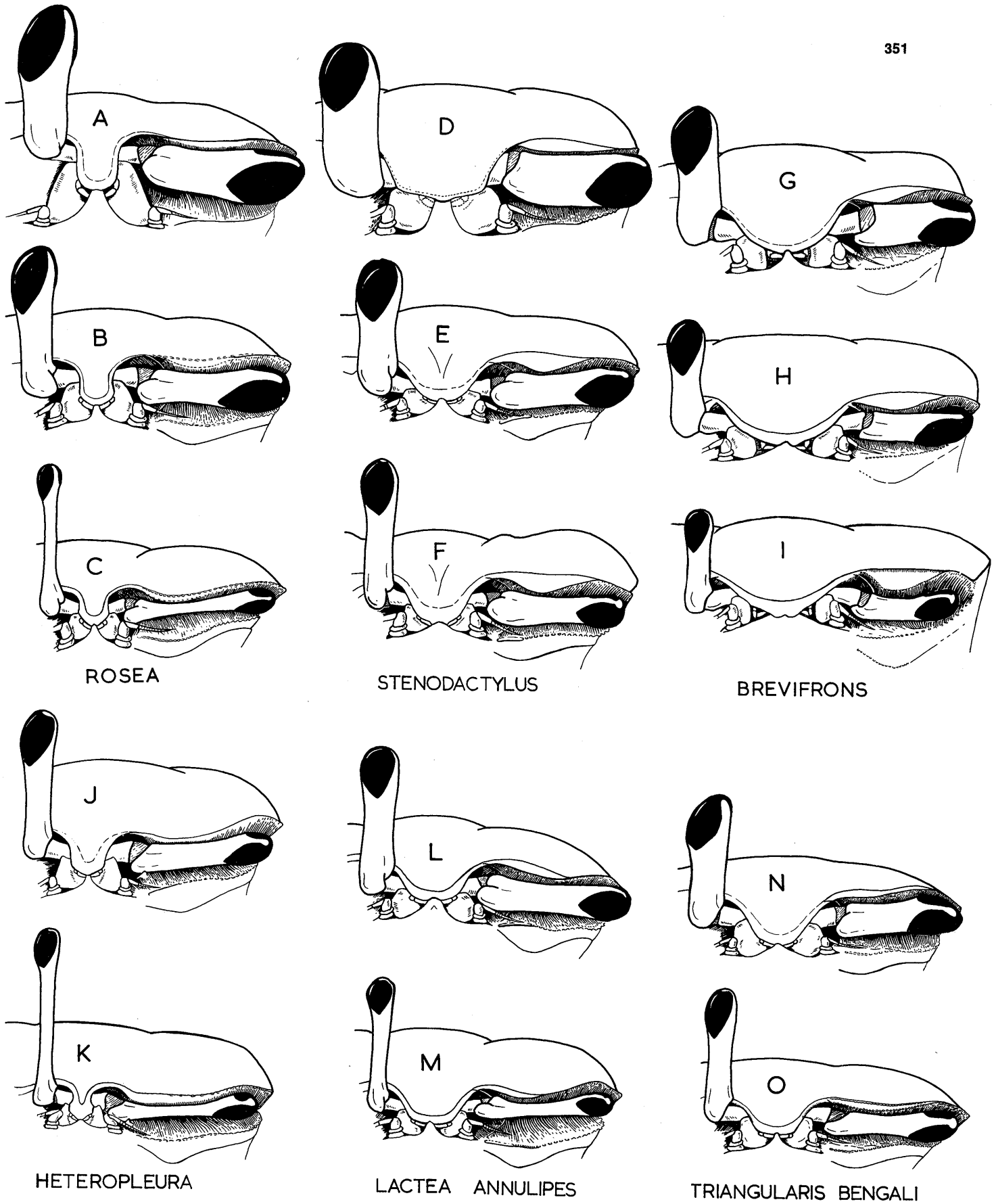


FIG. 32. Changes in proportions of eyestalks occurring with growth, in examples of six species of *Uca*. Drawn from males. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: A, 1.7; B, 2.9; C, 13.0. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: D, 1.5; E, 2.7; F, 9.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: G, 3.4; H, 4.7; I, 18.0. (*Uca*) *heteropleura*: J, 4.0; K, 14.0. (*Celuca*) *lactea annulipes*: L, 4.0; M, 9.0. (*Celuca*) *triangularis bengali*: N, 2.5; O, 7.6. (P. 455.)

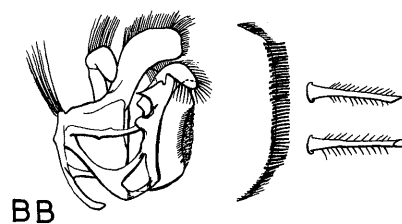
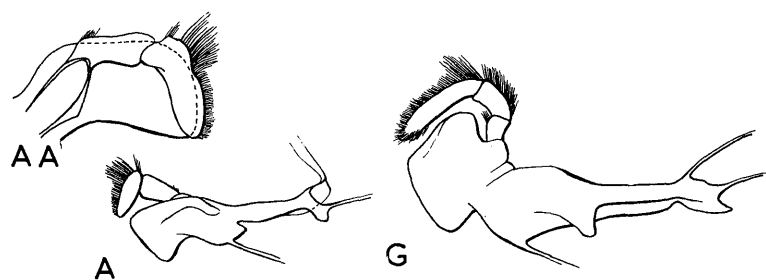
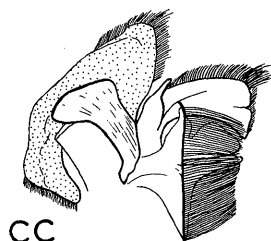
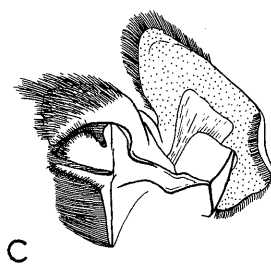
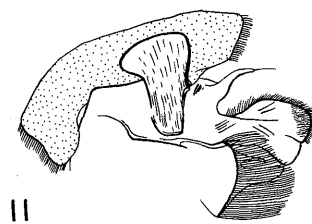
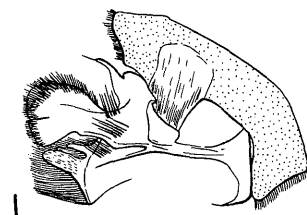


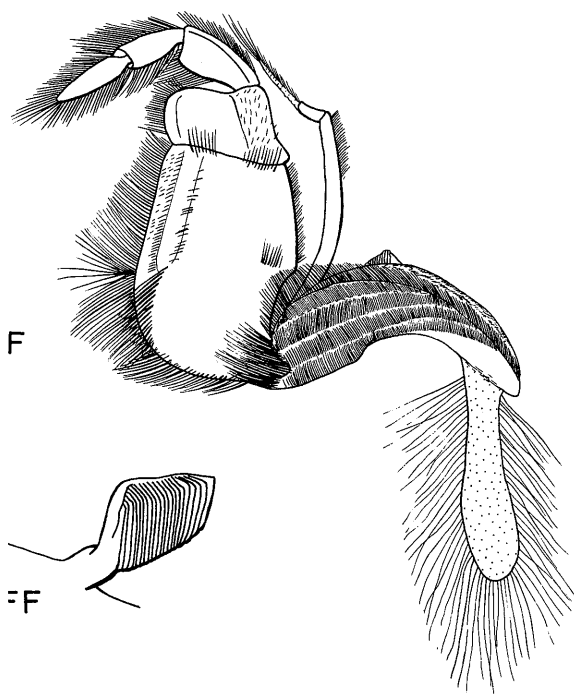
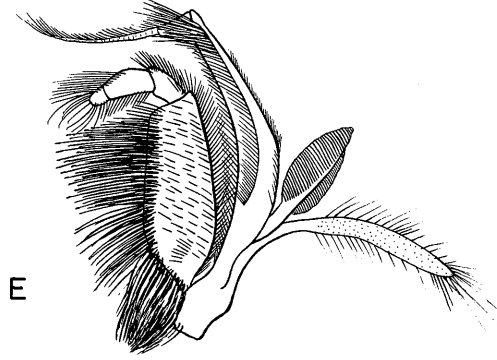
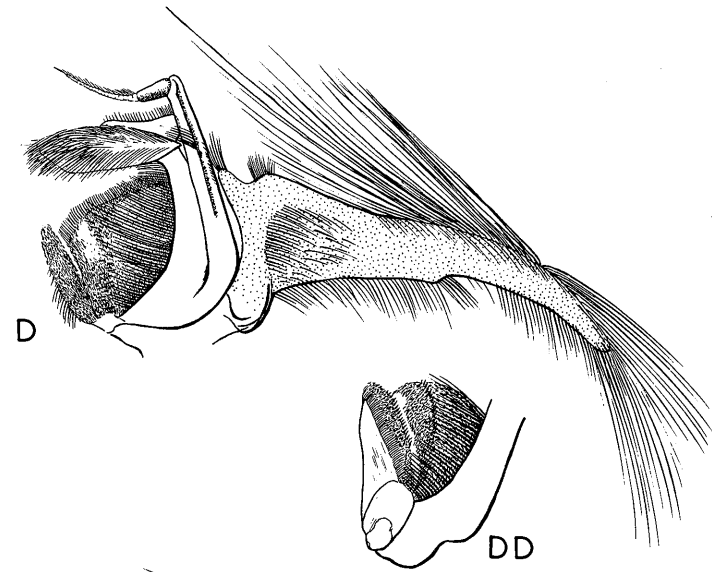
FIG. 33. Mouthparts in adult males of *Uca maracoani* and *Ocypode albicans*. A-FF, *Uca maracoani*; G-LL, *Ocypode albicans*. Mandible: A, AA, G. First maxilla: B, BB, H. Second maxilla: C, CC, I, II. First maxilliped: D, DD, J. Second maxilliped: E, K. Third maxilliped: F, L. Gill of third maxilliped, enlarged, FF, LL. (P. 455.)



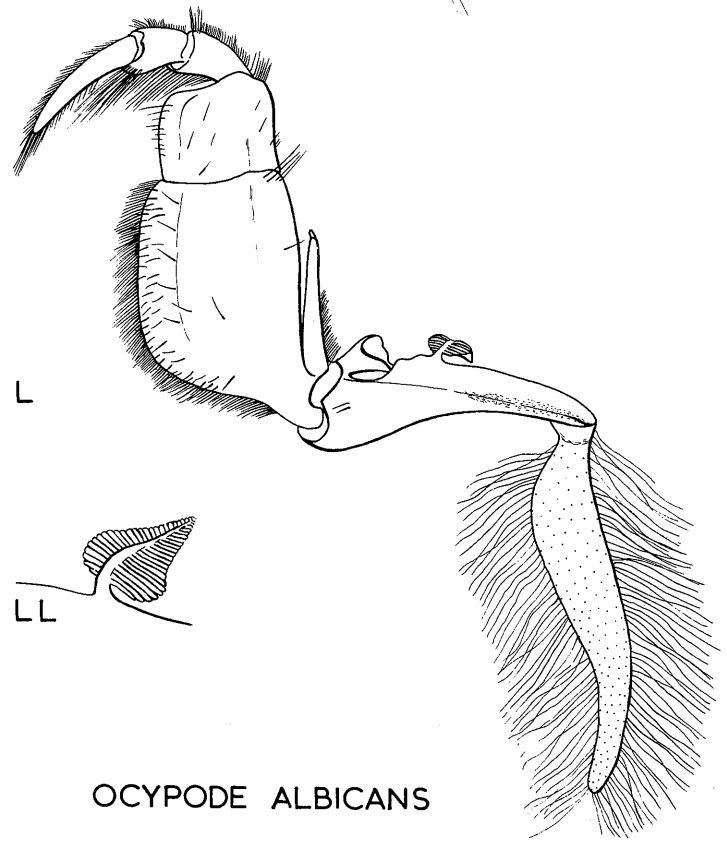
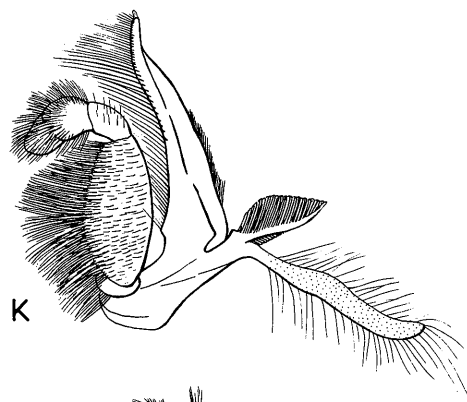
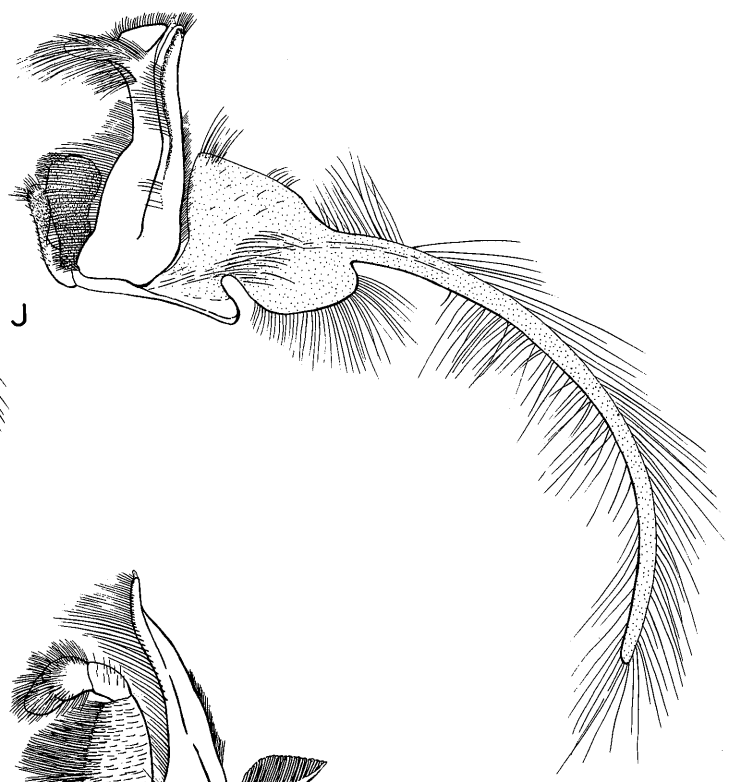
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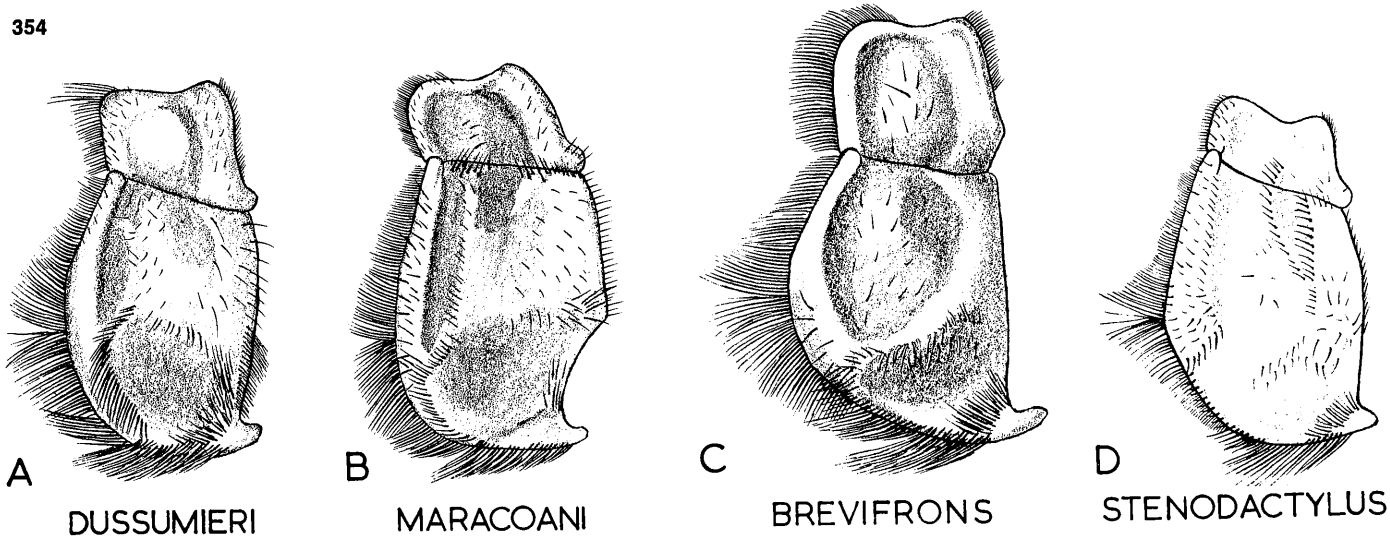


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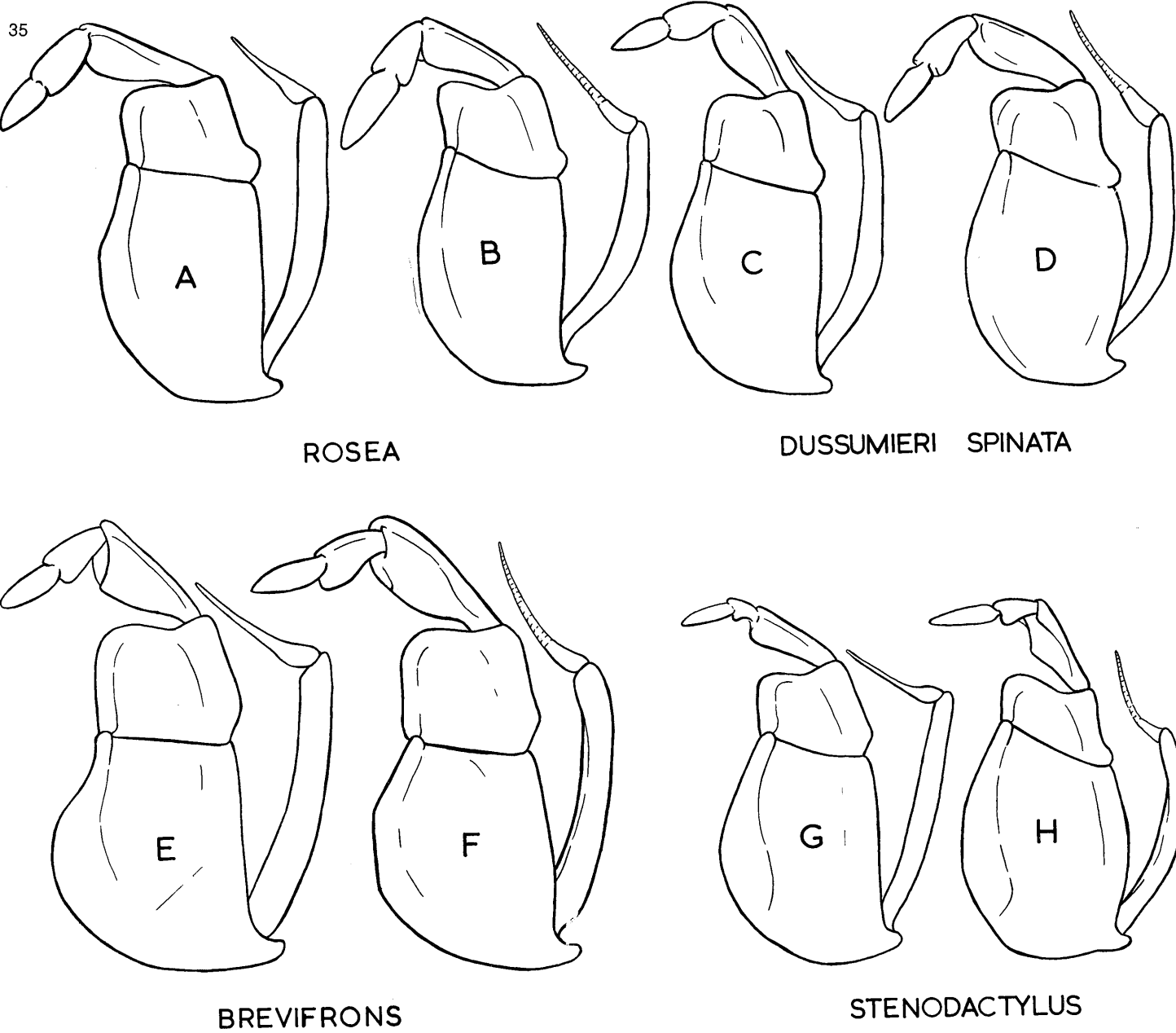


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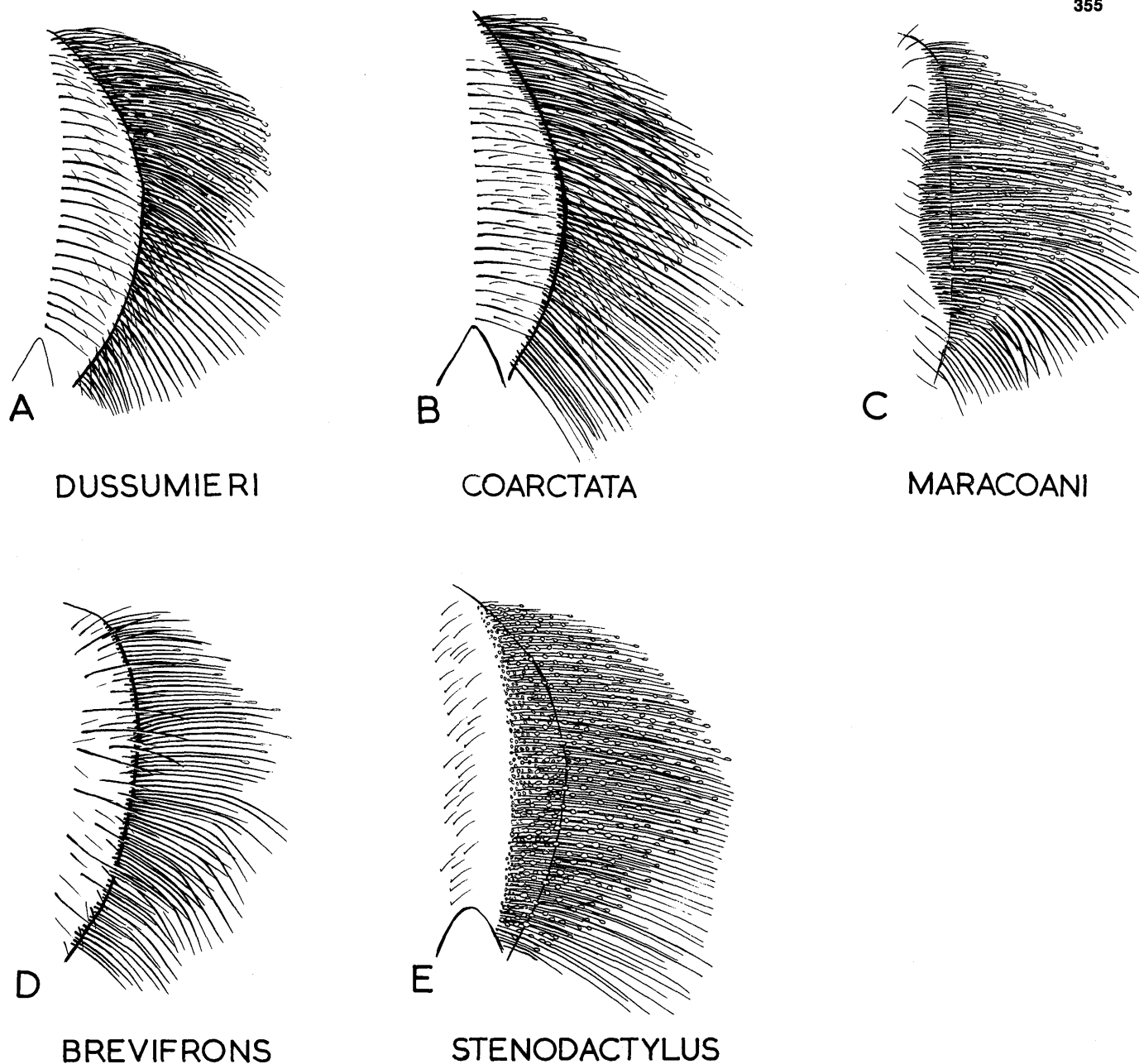
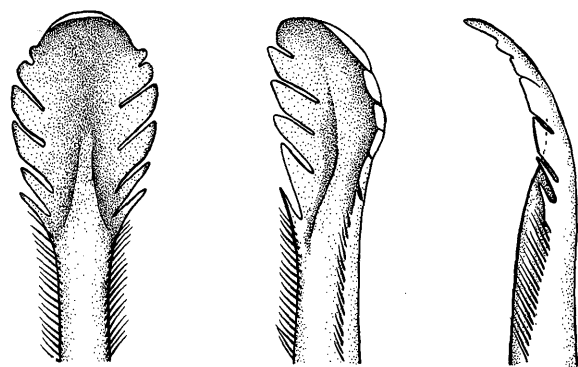


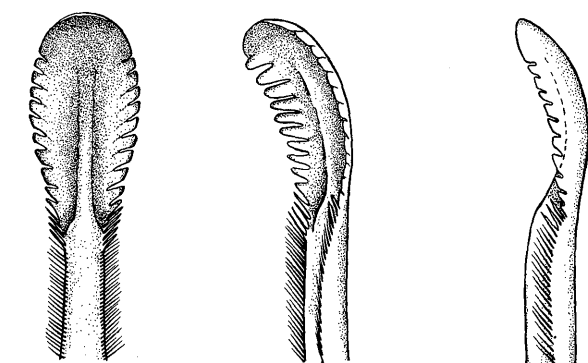
FIG. 34. Ischium and merus of left third maxilliped in examples of four subgenera in *Uca*. A, (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri*; B, (*Uca*) *maracoani*; C, (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*; D, (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*. Throughout, the length of the ischium is used as the constant. Drawn from mature males. (P. 455.)

FIG. 35. Ischium and merus of left third maxilliped in *Uca* to show comparison in young and mature crabs. Other data as in Fig. 34. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: A, 1.7; B, 13.0. (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri*: C, 4.0; D, 20.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: E, 3.4; F, 18.0. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: G, 1.6; H, 9.0. (P. 455.)

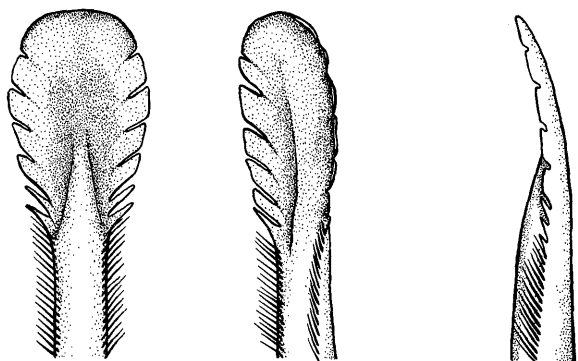
FIG. 36. Merus of second maxilliped in five species of *Uca*, to show relative abundance of spoon-tipped setae. Subgenera: A, B, *Deltuca*; C, *Uca*; D, *Minuca*; E, *Celuca*. (P. 455.)



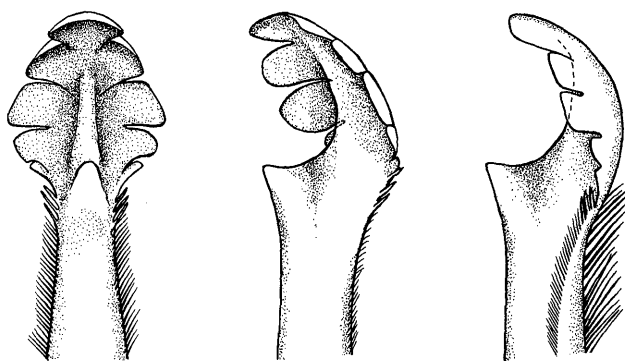
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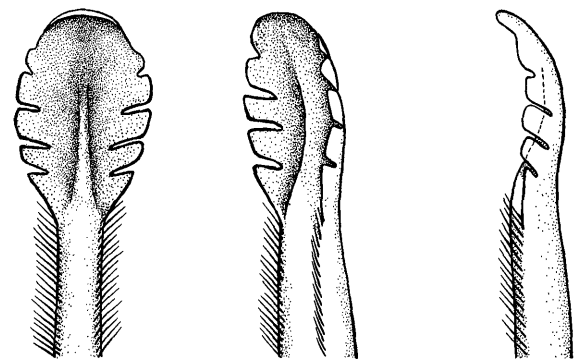
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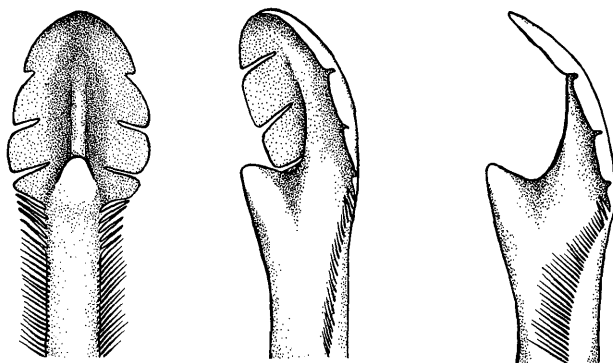
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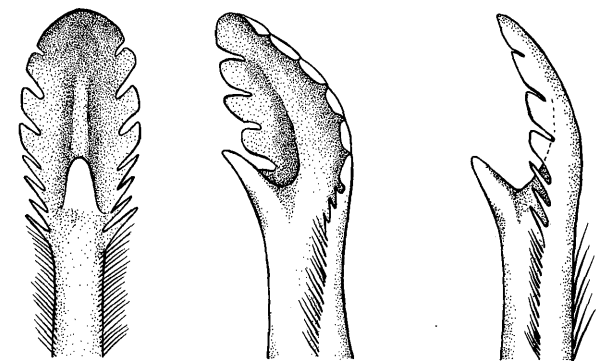
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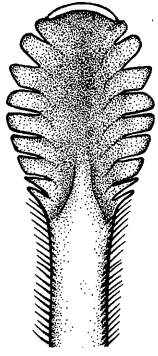
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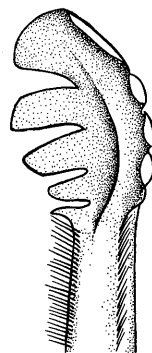
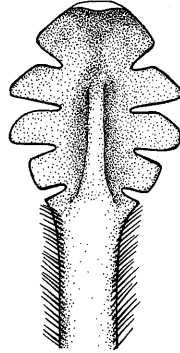
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FIG. 37. Examples of spoon-tipped setae in 15 species and subspecies of *Uca*. Subgenera: A, B, C, *Deltuca*; D, *Thalassuca*; E, *Afruca*; F, G, *Uca*; H, I, *Amphiuca*; J, *Minuca*; K-O, *Celuca*. (P. 455.) The three views of each represent, from left to right, view toward concave surface, an oblique view of the same, and a profile view showing amount of distal curvature.

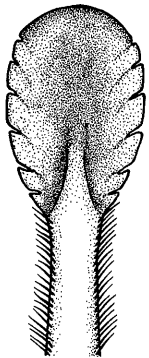




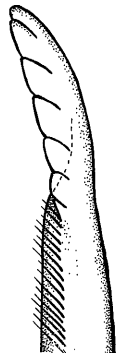
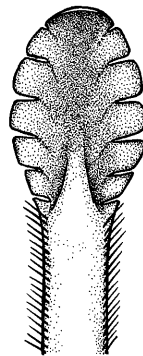
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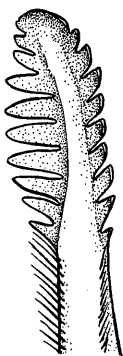
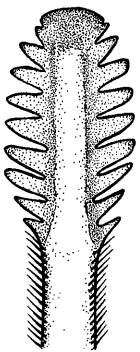
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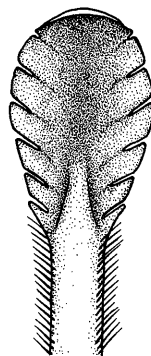
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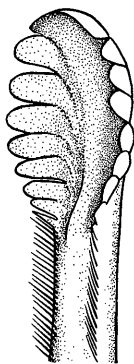
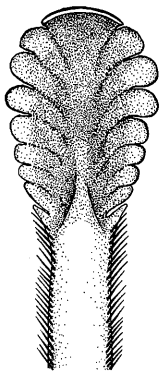
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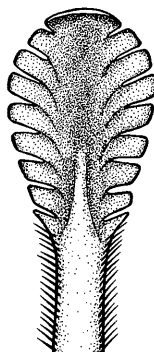
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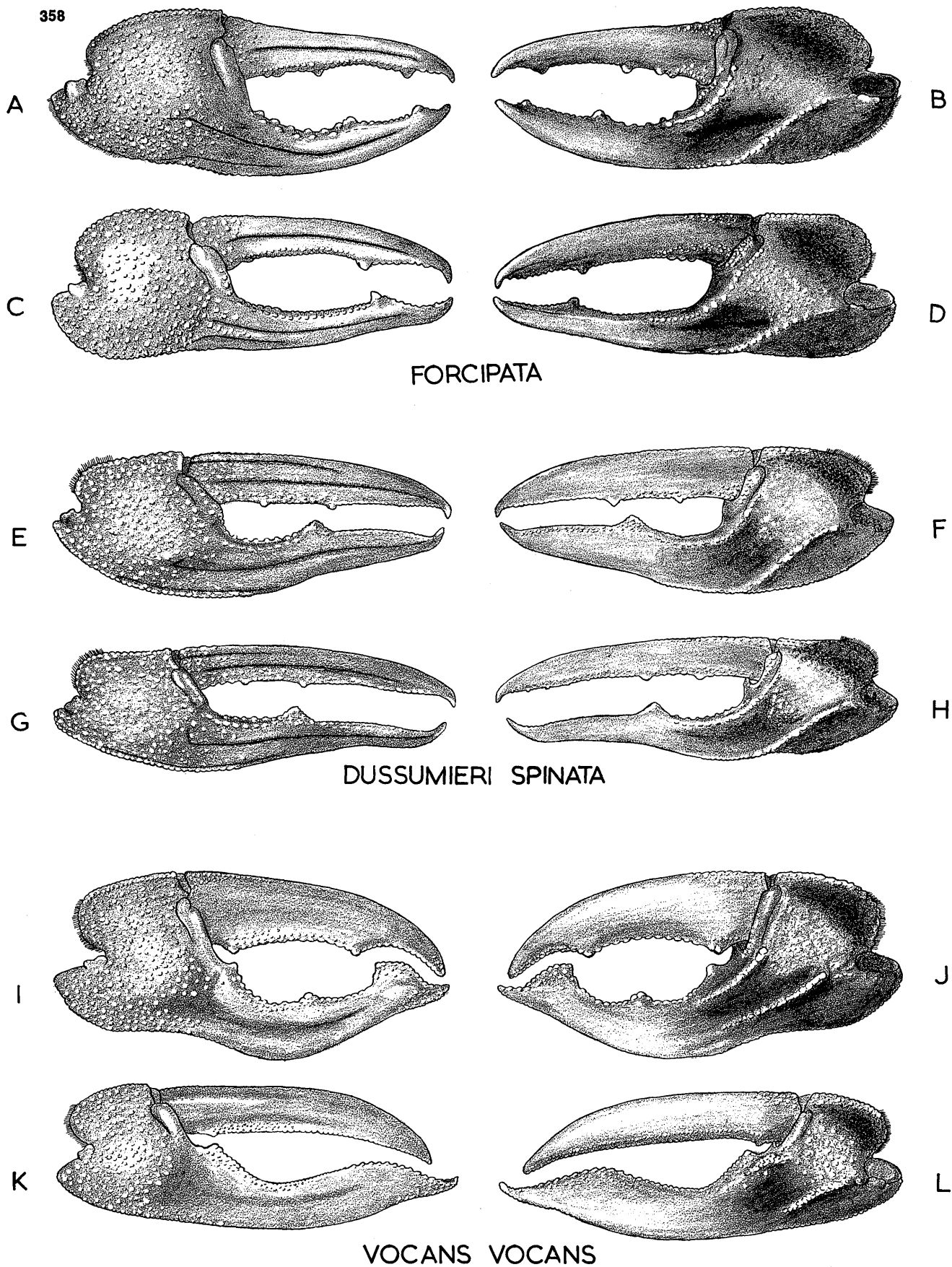
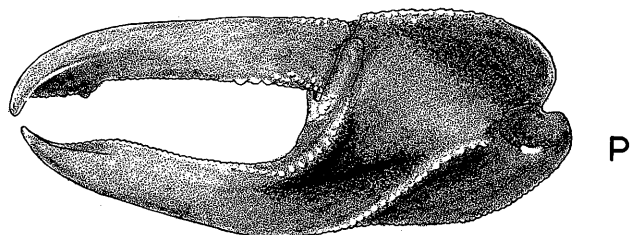
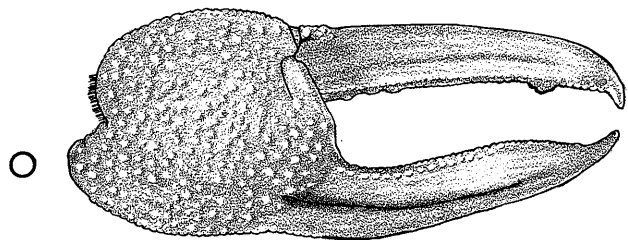
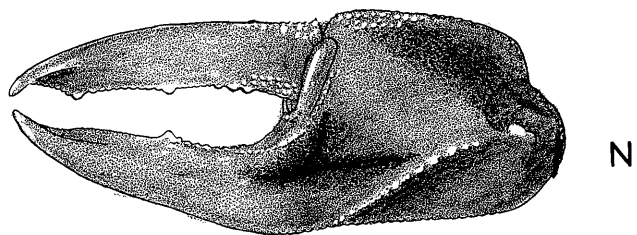
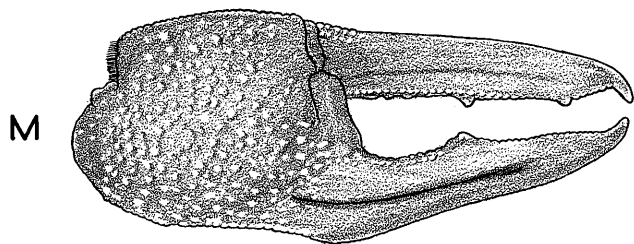
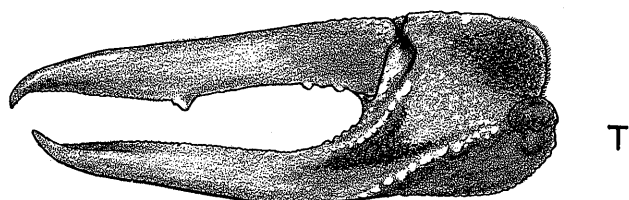
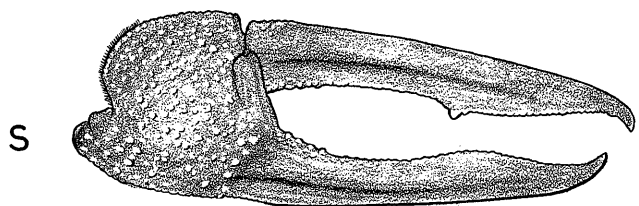
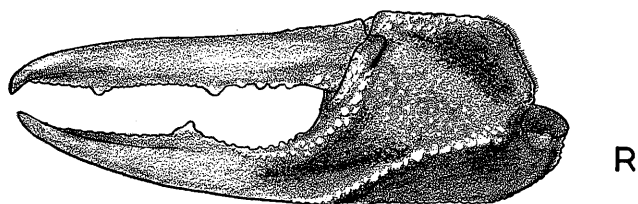
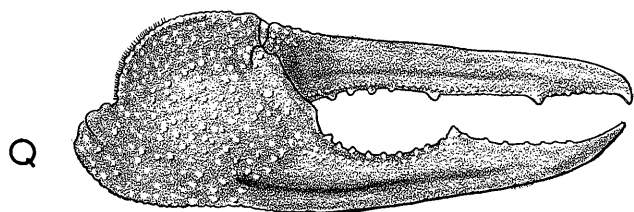


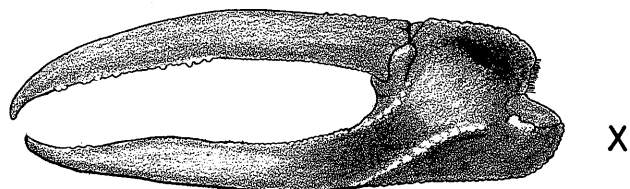
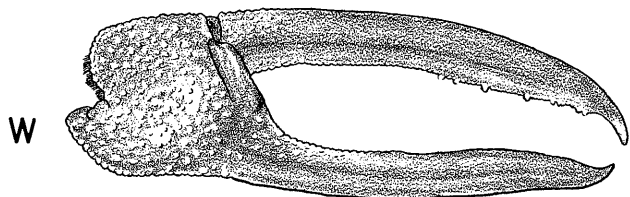
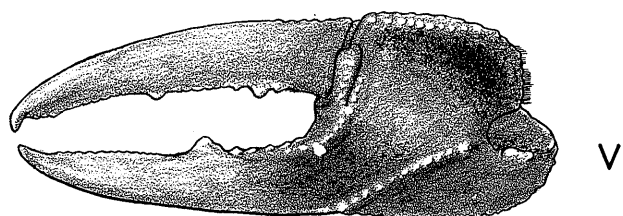
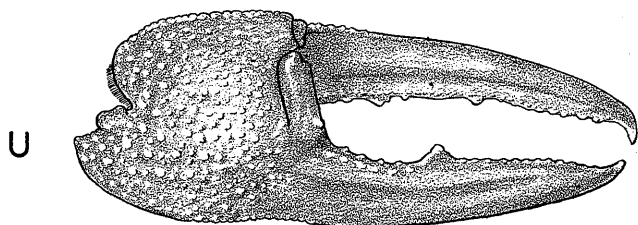
FIG. 38. Examples of dimorphism in claw of major cheliped in the subgenera *Deltuca* (A-H and M-X) and *Thalassuca* (I-L). In each species, outer views are on the left, inner on the right; brachychelous form above, leptochelous below. (P. 459.)



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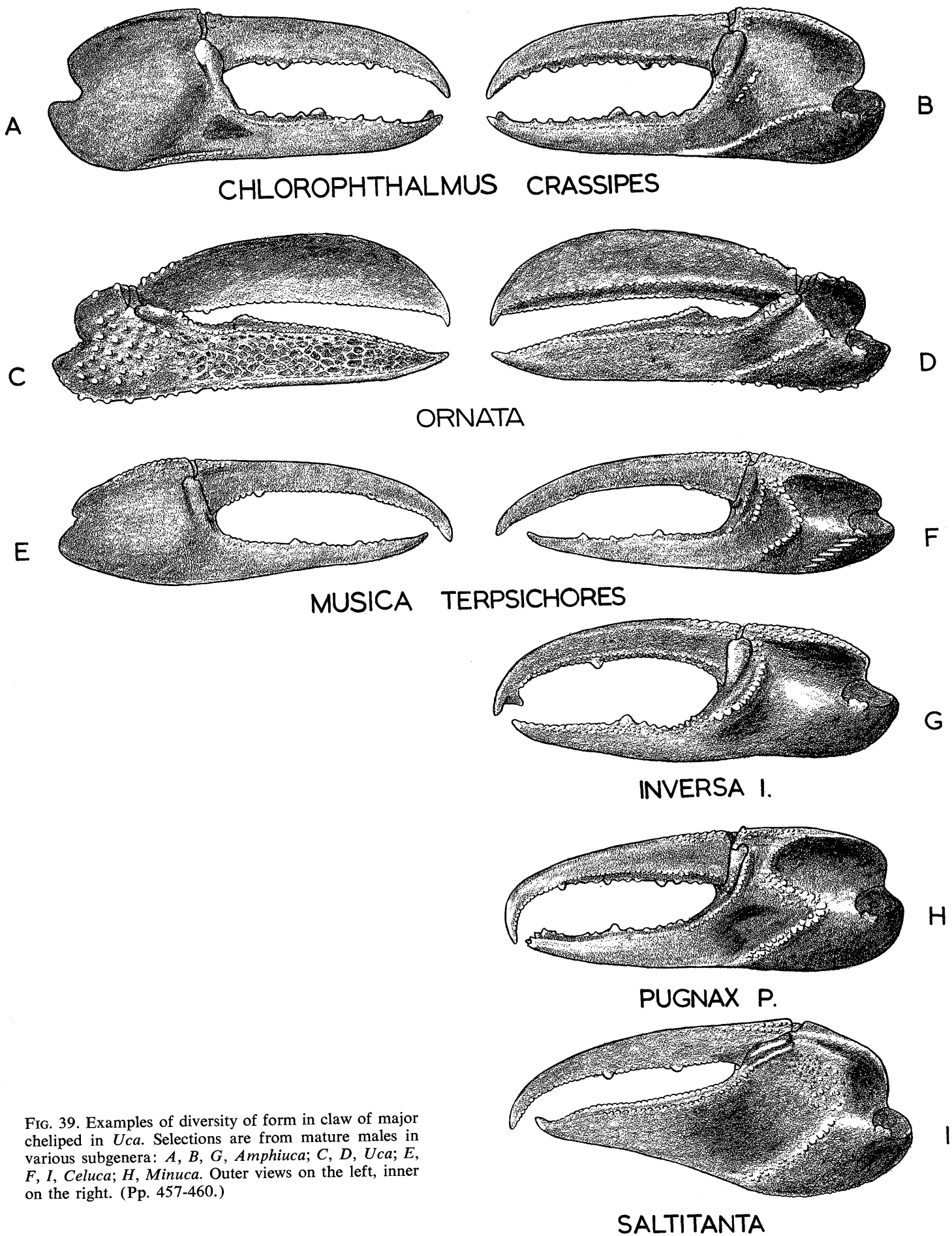


FIG. 39. Examples of diversity of form in claw of major cheliped in *Uca*. Selections are from mature males in various subgenera: A, B, G, *Amphiuca*; C, D, *Uca*; E, F, I, *Celuca*; H, *Minuca*. Outer views on the left, inner on the right. (Pp. 457-460.)

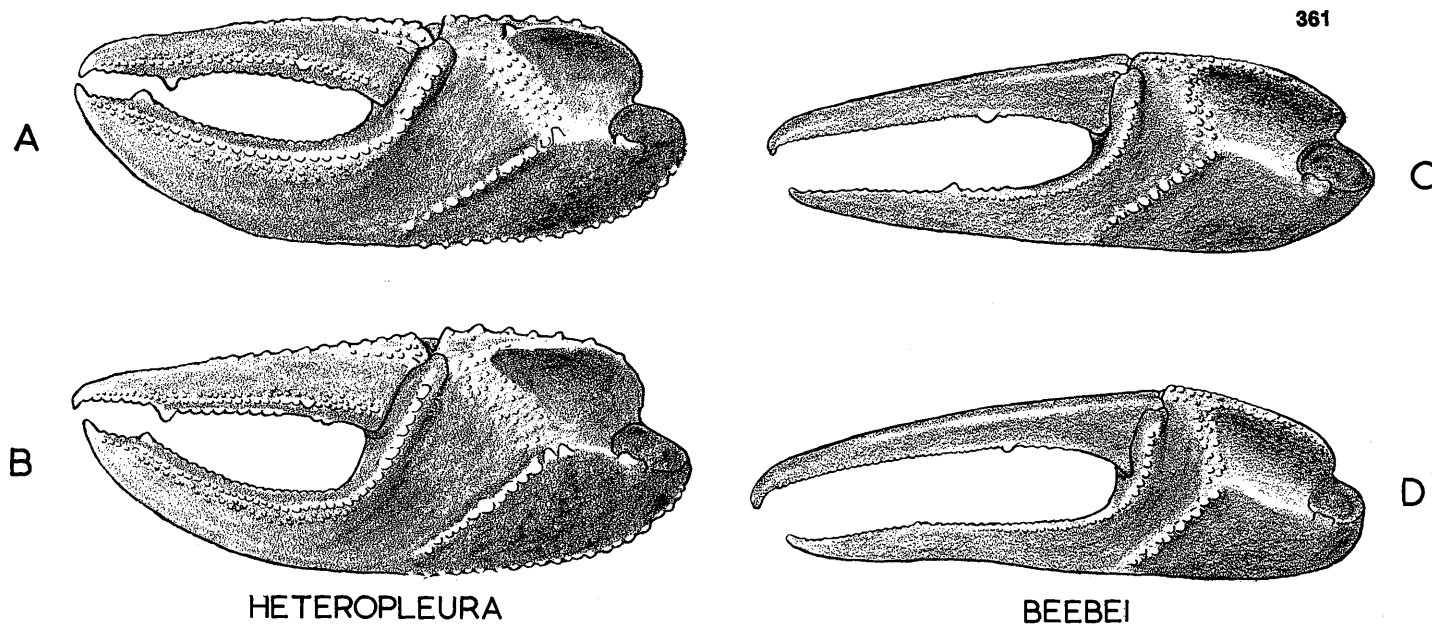


FIG. 40. Examples of dimorphism in claw of major cheliped in the subgenera *Uca* (A, B) and *Celuca* (C, D), for comparison with Fig. 38. (P. 459.)

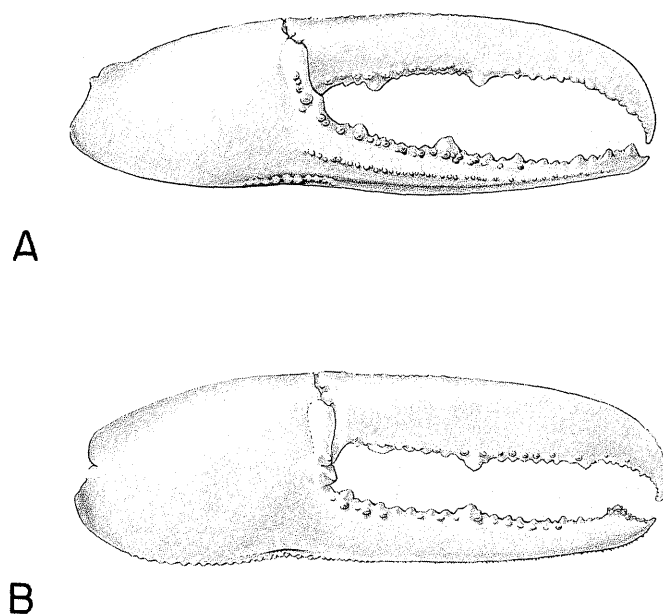
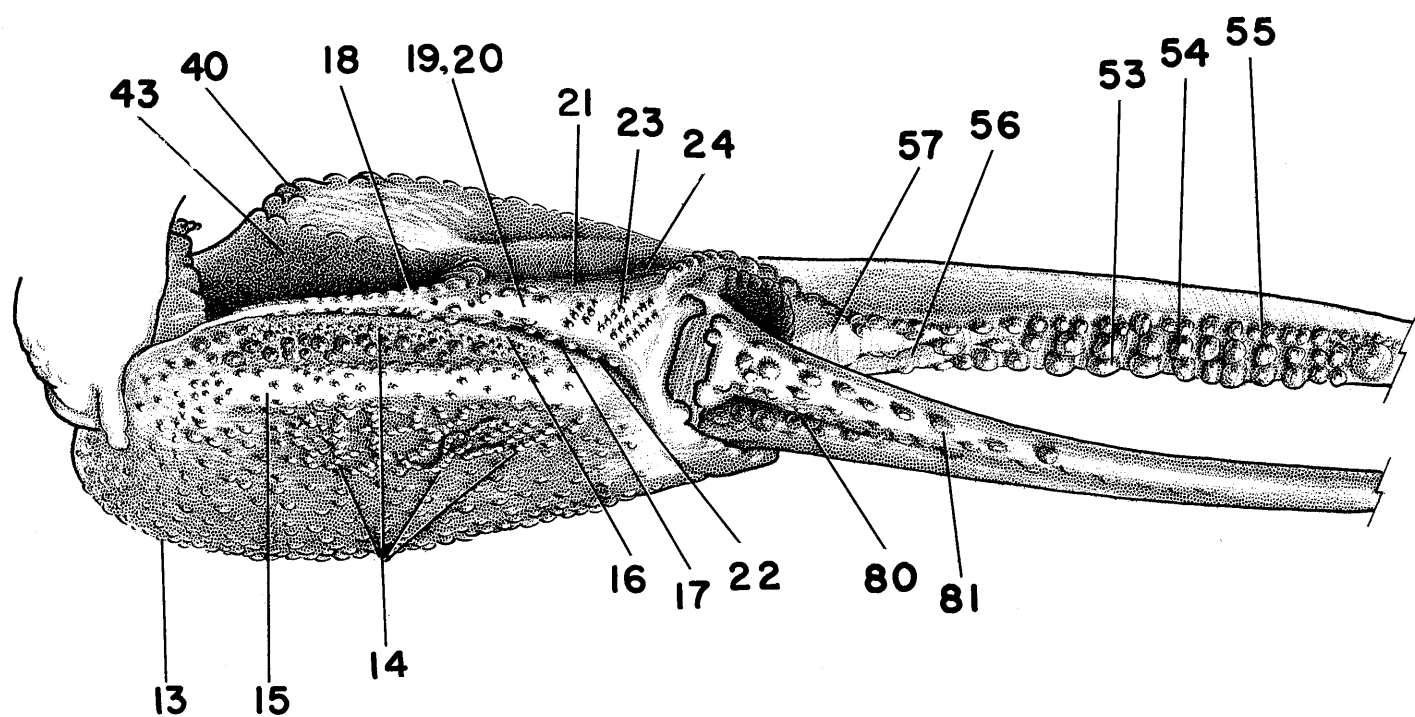
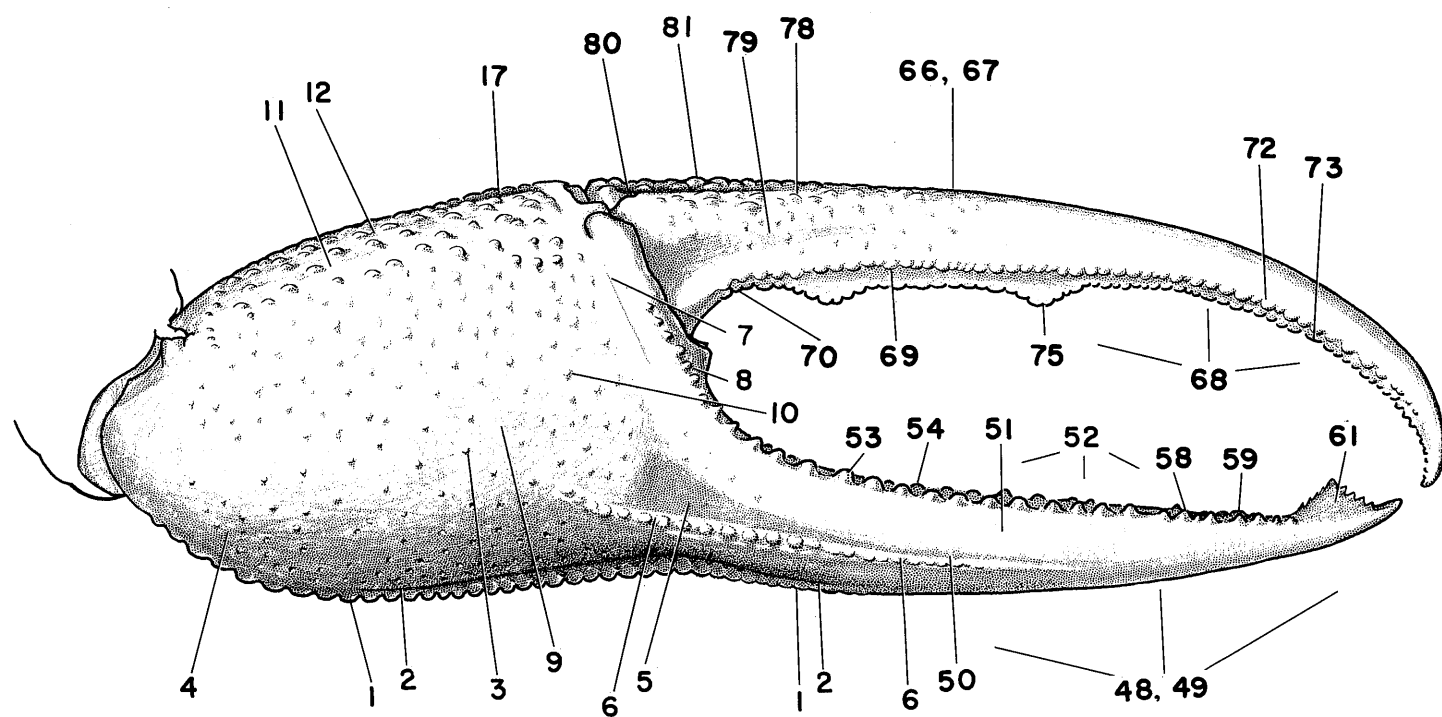


FIG. 41. Outer side of major claw in two subspecies of *U. (Celuca) lactea*: A, *l. annulipes*, from Inhaca I., Mozambique; pollex ridge here often reaches maximum development. B, *l. perplexa* from the Fiji Is.; dactyl breadth and triangular structure at pollex tip are usually more strongly developed in this eastern part of the species range than elsewhere. (Pp. 295, 639.)



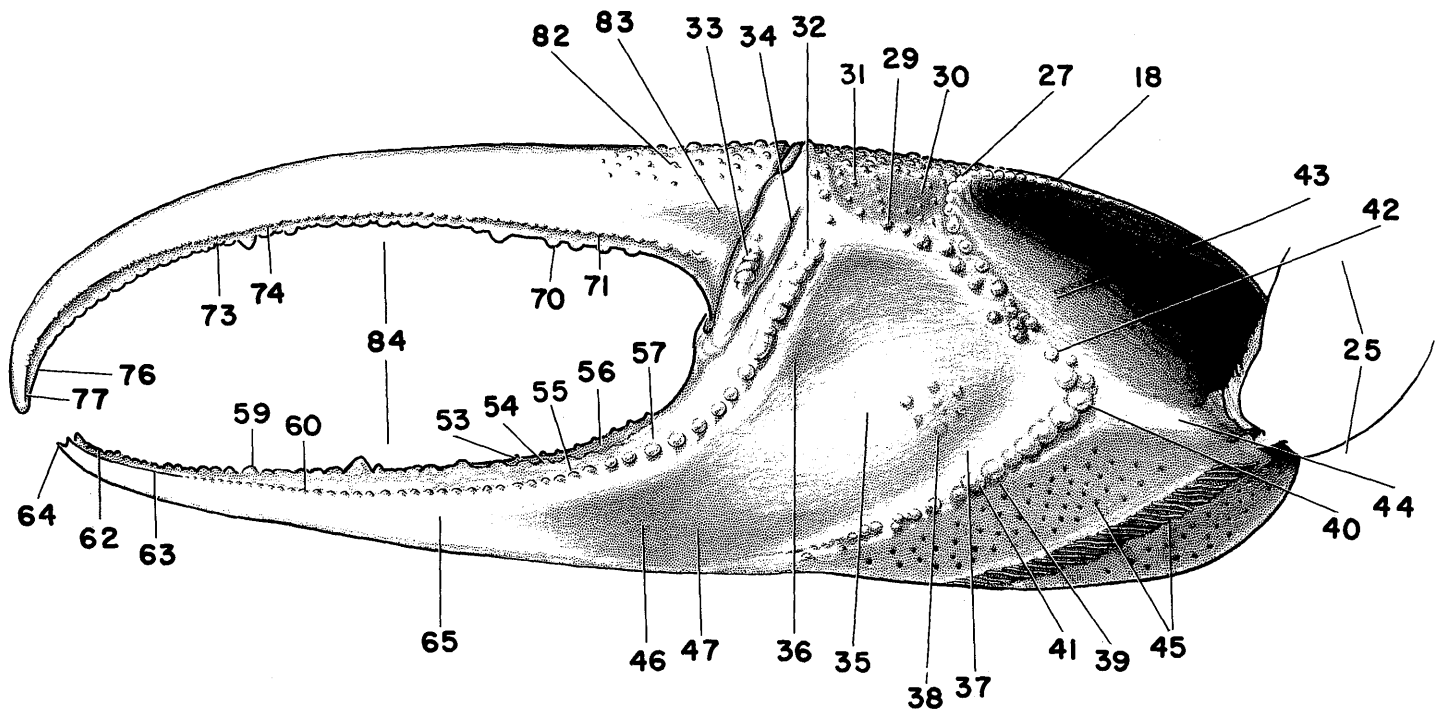
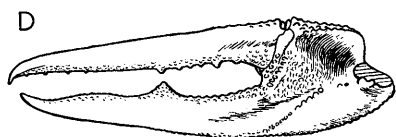
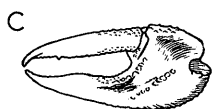


FIG. 42. Semi-diagrammatic view of outer claw in *Uca*, to show location and general appearance of contact areas functioning during intermale combat. The organization of the numbered regions into combat components is shown in Table 13. See also Table 14 and text, pp. 457ff and 487ff. The drawing is composite with characteristics drawn from a number of species.

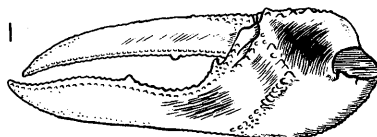
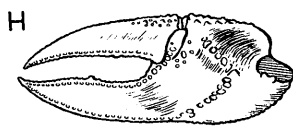
FIG. 43. As in Fig. 42, except that the view is obliquely dorsal, showing parts of both outer and inner surfaces of claw. In this composite other examples have been incorporated.

FIG. 44. As in Figs. 42 and 43, except that the view is of the inner (palmar) surface. Again, other examples have been used in constructing the composite; for example, the armature of the gape in this drawing does not correspond to that shown in Fig. 42.

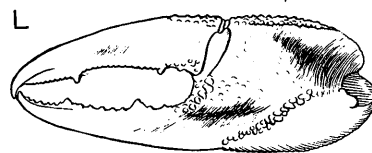




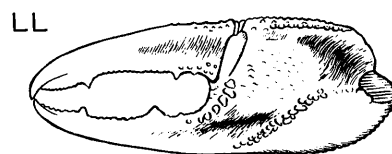
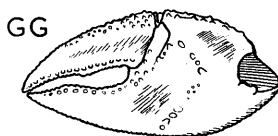
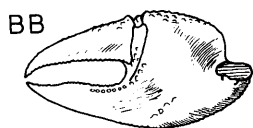
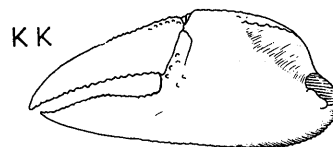
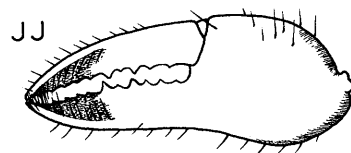
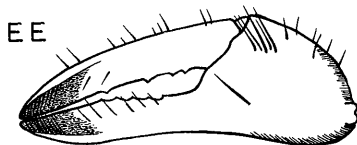
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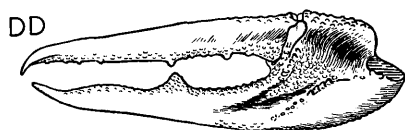
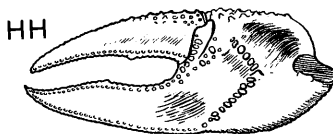
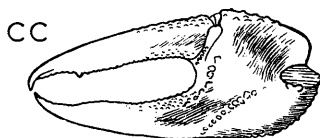
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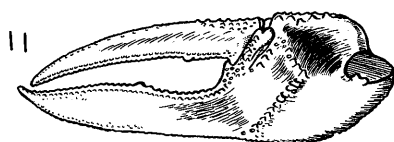
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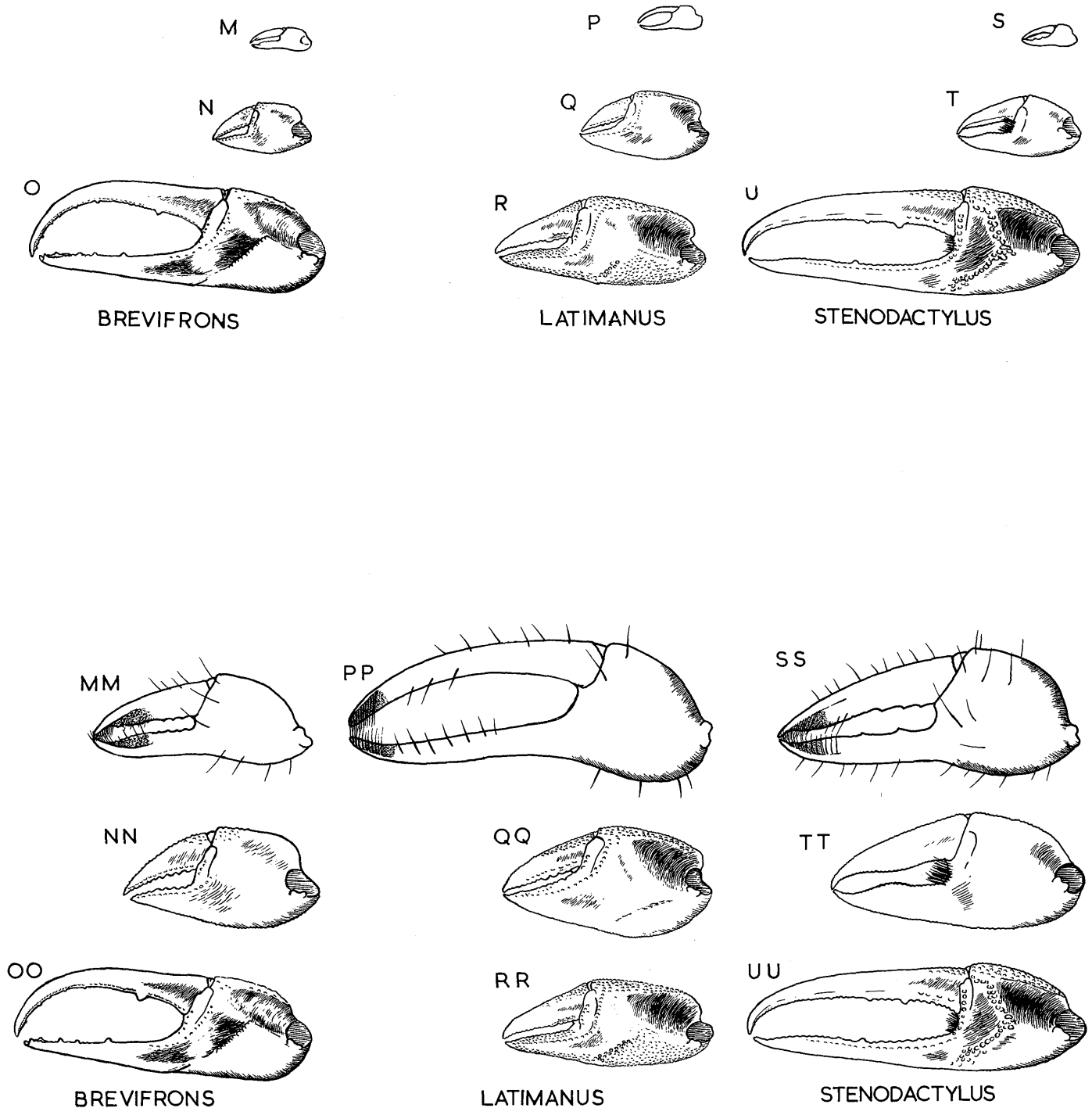
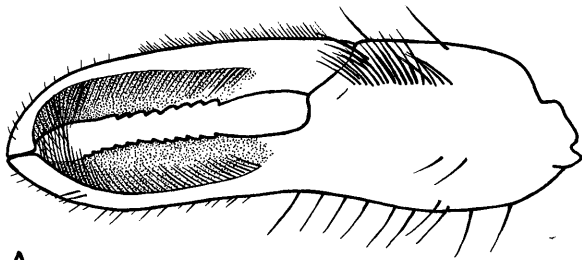
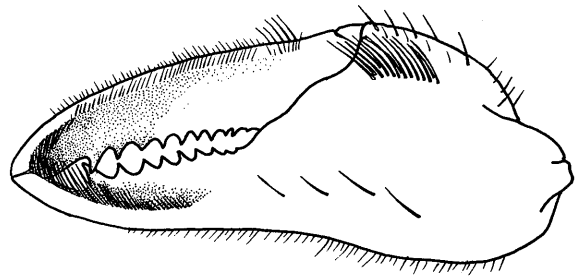


FIG. 45. Growth of major claw in six species of *Uca*. A-U, each claw drawn in proportion to length of that specimen's carapace; AA-UU, drawn with the length of manus constant throughout, to show changes in lengths of dactyl and pollex relative to manus. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri spinata*: A, AA, 4.0; B, BB, 7.6; C, CC, 12.0; D, DD, 20.0. (*Afruca*) *tangeri*: E, EE, 3.0; F, FF, 4.7; G, GG, 6.0; H, HH, 14.0; I, II, 24.0. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: J, JJ, 1.7; K, KK, 3.4; L, LL, 13.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: M, MM, 18.0; N, NN, 3.4; O, OO, 4.7. (*Celuca*) *latimanus*: P, PP, 3.0; Q, QQ, 4.6; R, RR, 8.1. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: S, SS, 1.6; T, TT, 20.0; U, UU, 9.0. (P. 459.)



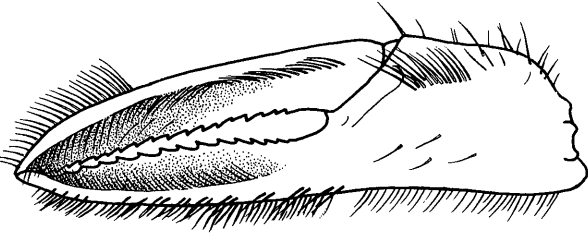
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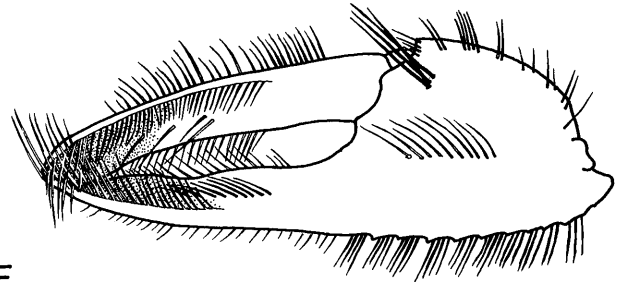
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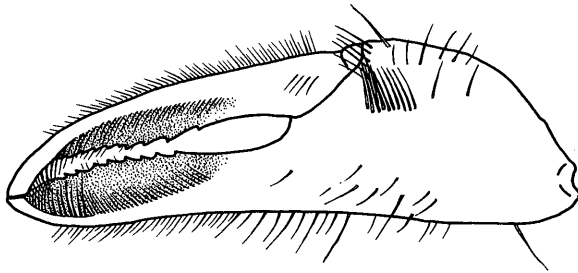
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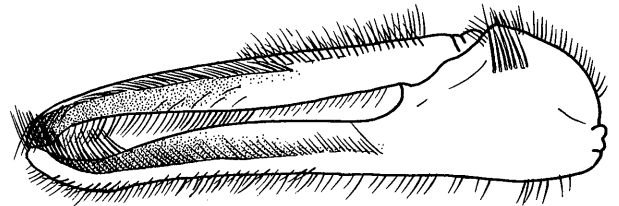
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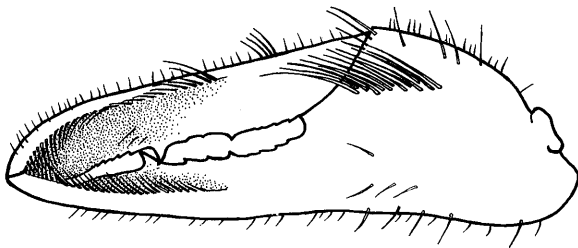
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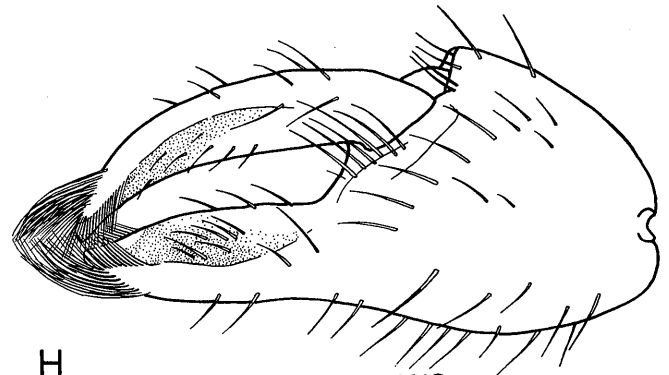
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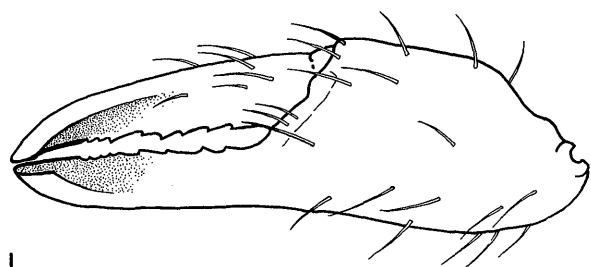
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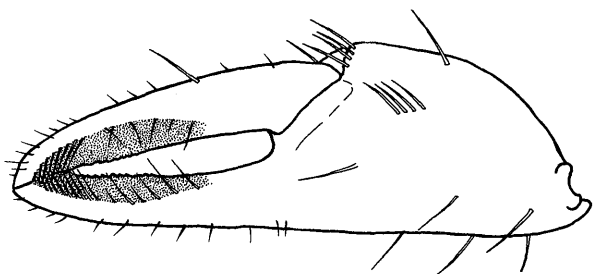
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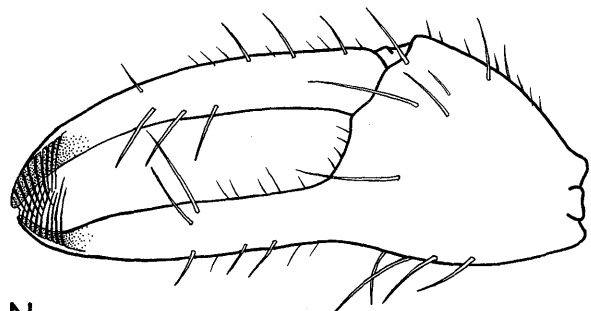
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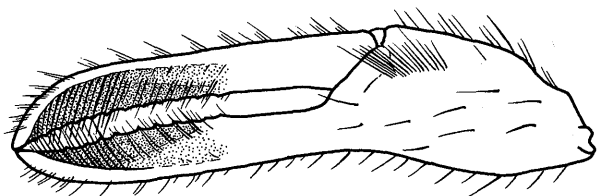
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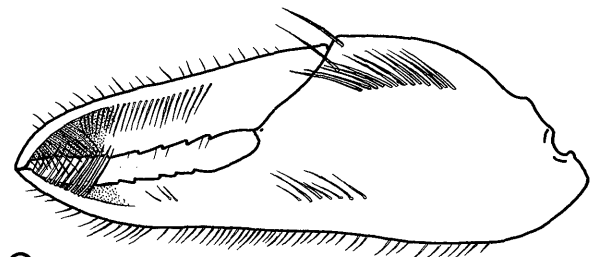
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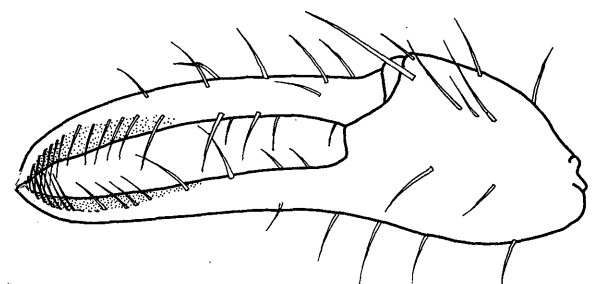
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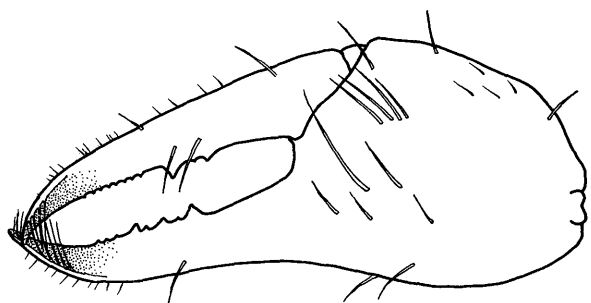
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FIG. 46. Examples of diversity of form in claw of minor cheliped. Seven subgenera in *Uca* are illustrated by one or more examples, all drawn from mature males. Subgenera: A-C, *Deltuca*; D-E, *Australuca*; F, *Afruca*; G, *Uca*; H-J, *Minuca*; K, *Boboruca*; L-P, *Celuca*. (P. 460.)

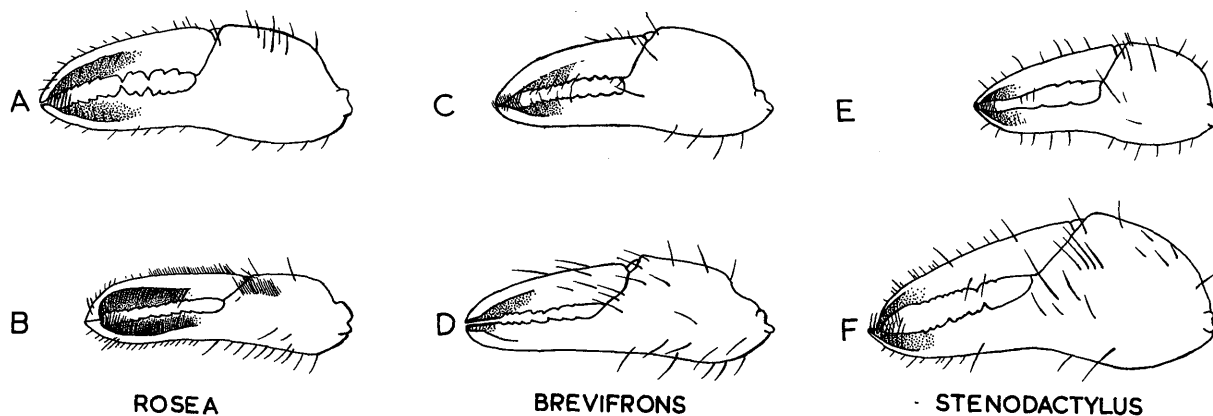


FIG. 47. Growth of minor claw in three species of *Uca*, each claw drawn in proportion to length of that specimen's carapace. Principal setae included. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) *rosea*: A, 1.7; B, 13.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: C, 3.4; D, 18.0. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: E, 1.4; F, 9.0. (P. 461.)

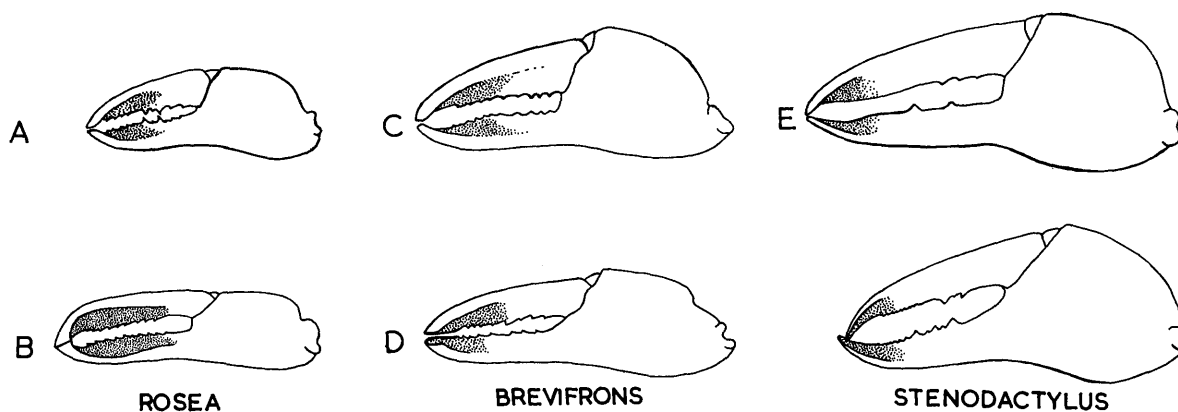


FIG. 48. Growth of minor claw in three species of *Uca*, drawn with the length of the manus constant throughout, to show changes in lengths of pollex and dactyl relative to manus. Setae omitted. Carapace lengths in mm are as follows. (*Deltuca*) A, 1.7; B, 13.0. (*Minuca*) *brevifrons*: C, 3.4; D, 18.0. (*Celuca*) *stenodactylus*: E, 1.4; F, 9.0. (P. 461.)

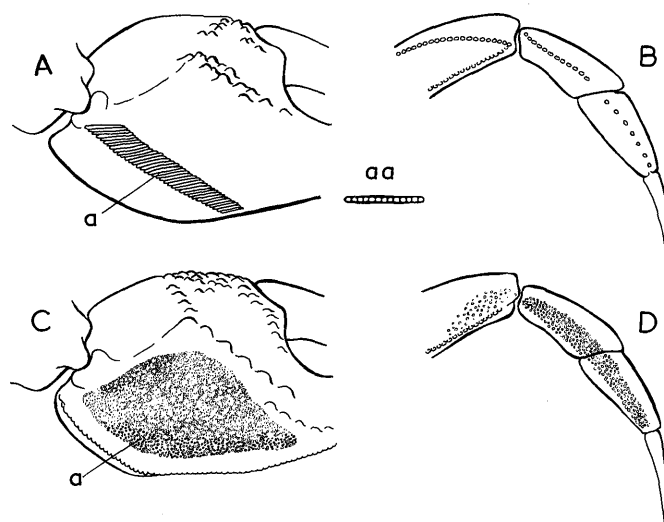


FIG. 49. Armature of proximal triangle on palm and of first ambulatory in two species of the subgenus *Celuca*. A, B, *musica musica* C, D, *beebei*; a, striae and tubercles; aa, enlargement of single stria. (Pp. 278, 315, 458.)

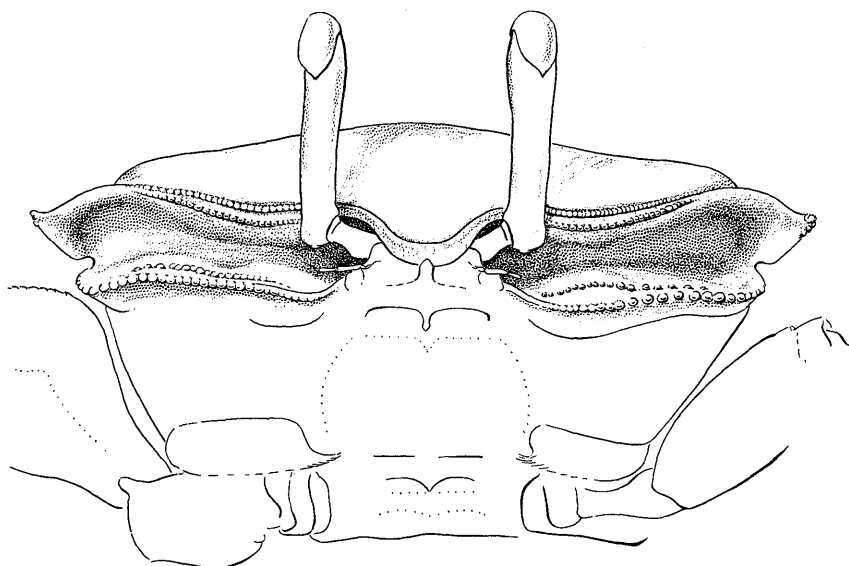
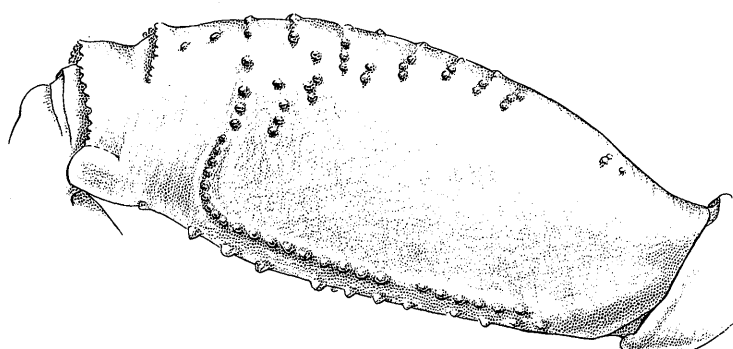
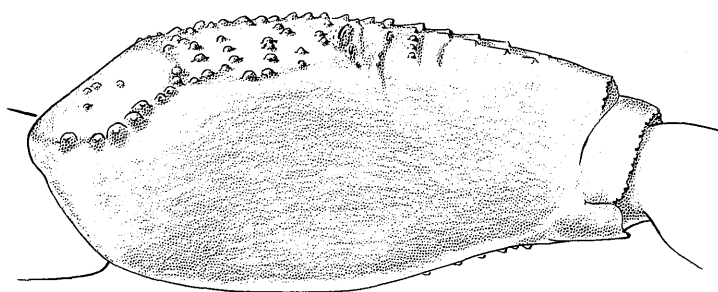


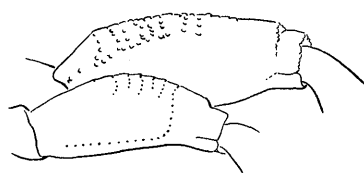
FIG. 50. Armature of orbits in (*Celuca*) *triangularis triangularis*. Note differences in position and spacing of tubercles, forming a row on floor of each orbit, on major and minor sides. (Pp. 286, 290.)



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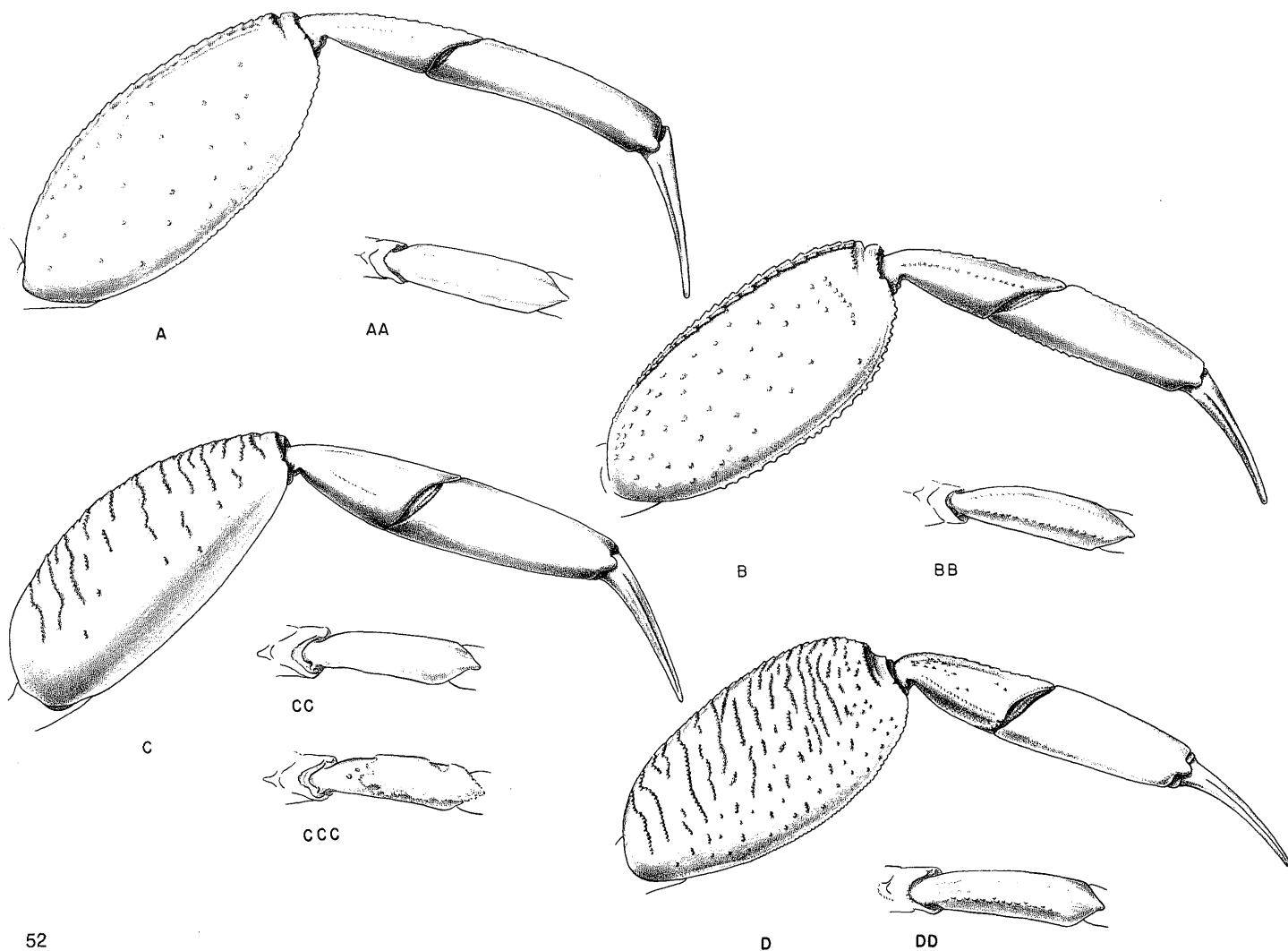
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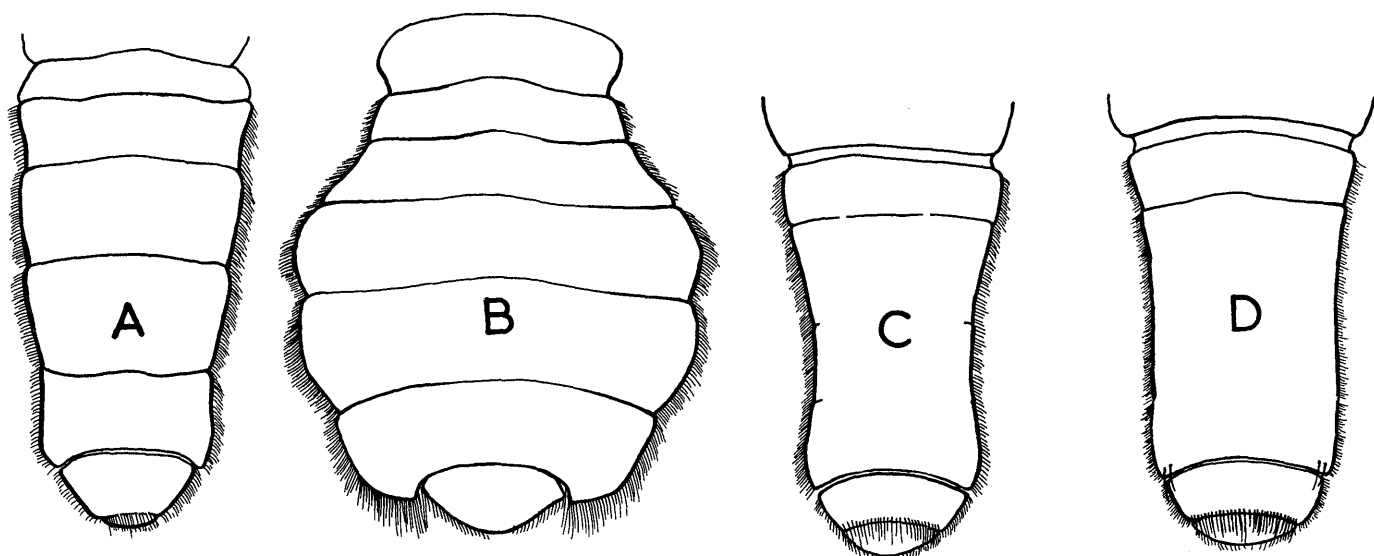
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FIG. 51. Details of certain elements of armature in (*Celuca*) *triangularis triangularis*: *A*, merus of minor cheliped, posterior view; *B*, first ambulatory merus, anterior view tilted slightly forward to show tubercles otherwise hidden; *C*, meri of minor and first ambulatory, anterior view, to show juxtaposition. The stippling illustrates positions of tubercles on posterior side. (Pp. 287, 290.)



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FIG. 52. Armature on third ambulatory in two subgenera of *Uca*. *A*, posterior view, *AA*, dorsal view of carpus in male (*Deltuca dussumieri*); *B*, *BB*, same in female. *C*, *CC*, corresponding structures in male (*Minuca rapax*, the pile having been removed from *CC*; *CCC*, pile in place; *D*, *DD*, same in female (pile on carpus always absent). (Pp. 16, 17, 462.)

FIG. 53. Form of abdomen in *Uca*, dorsal (external) views. *A*, usual form in male; *B*, female. *C*, male showing partial fusion of some segments characteristic of a few species of *Celuca*; *D*, male showing maximum fusion. (P. 463.)

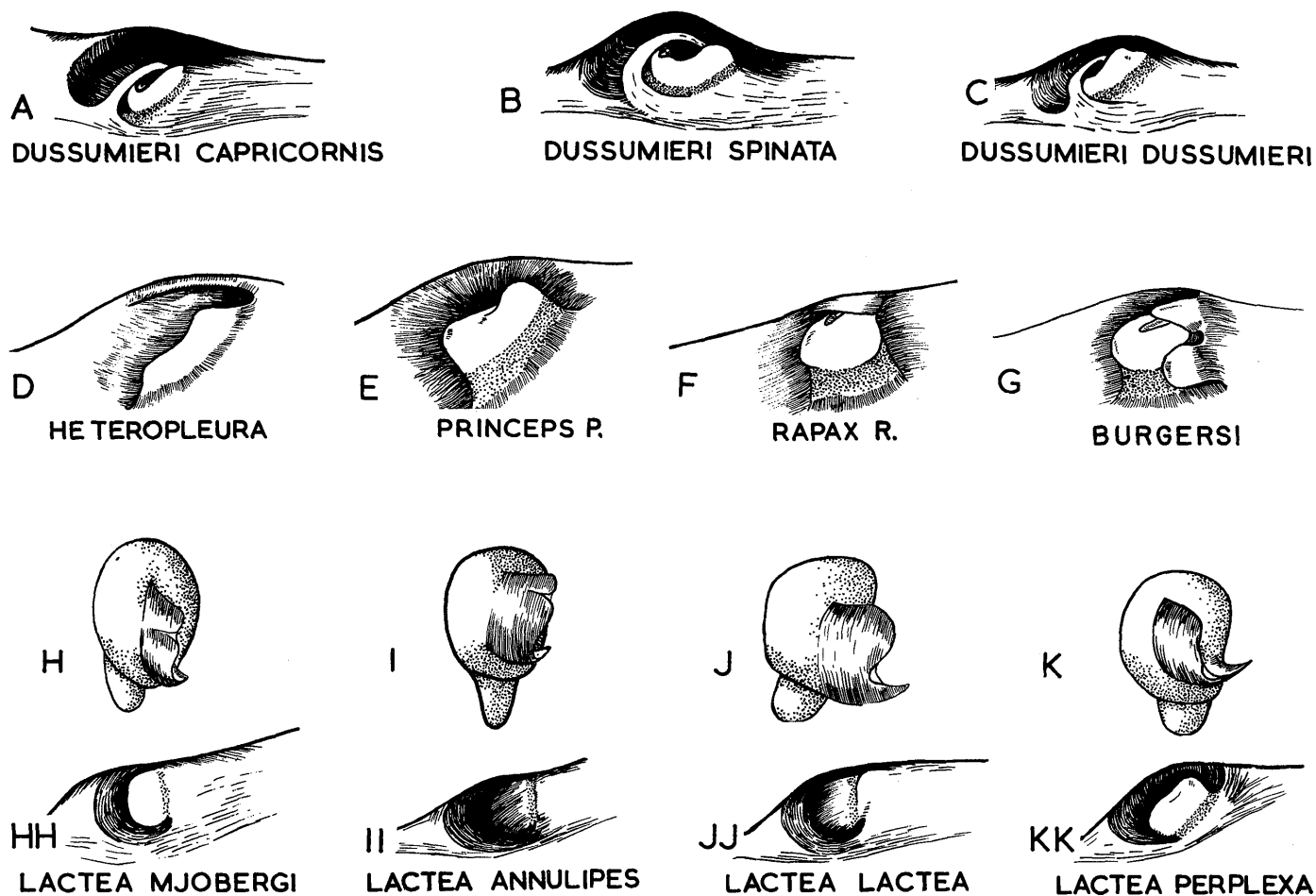


FIG. 54. Gonopores in examples of species and subspecies of *Uca*. A-G, gonopores alone; H-KK, gonopores (lower row) of subspecies of (*Celuca*) *lactea* in comparison with distal view of gonopod in corresponding male. Subgenera: A-C, *Deltuca*; D, E, *Uca*; F, G, *Minuca*; H-KK, *Celuca*. (P. 465.)

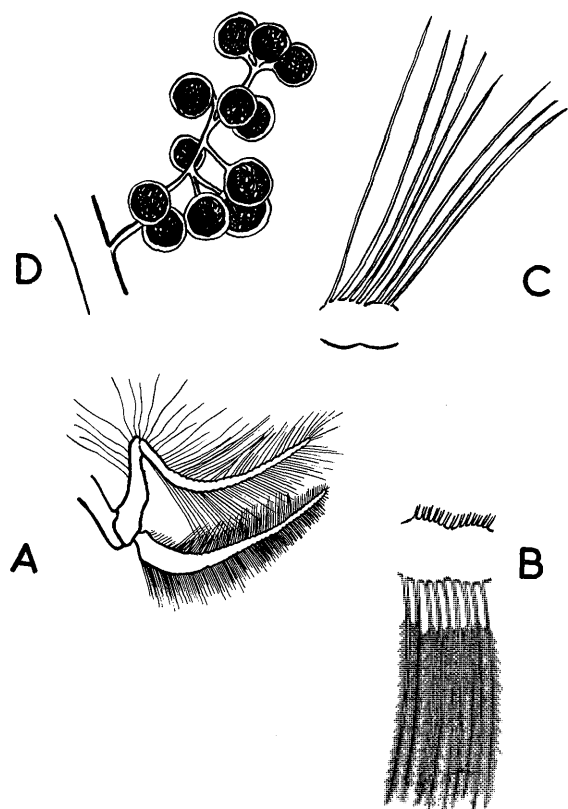


FIG. 55. Eggs and pleopods in *Uca (Uca) maracoani*. A, pleopod; B, setae on exopodite; C, setae on endopodite; D, attachment of eggs to setae on endopodite. (P. 465.)

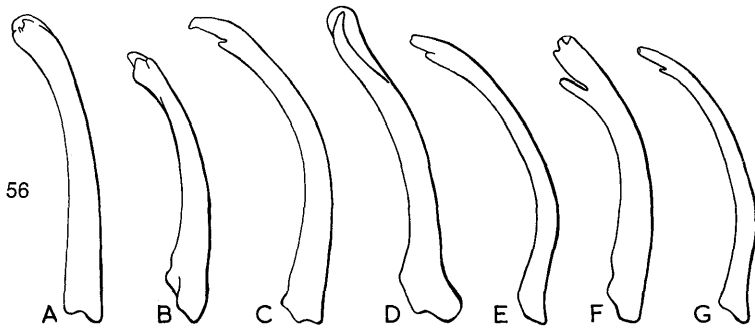
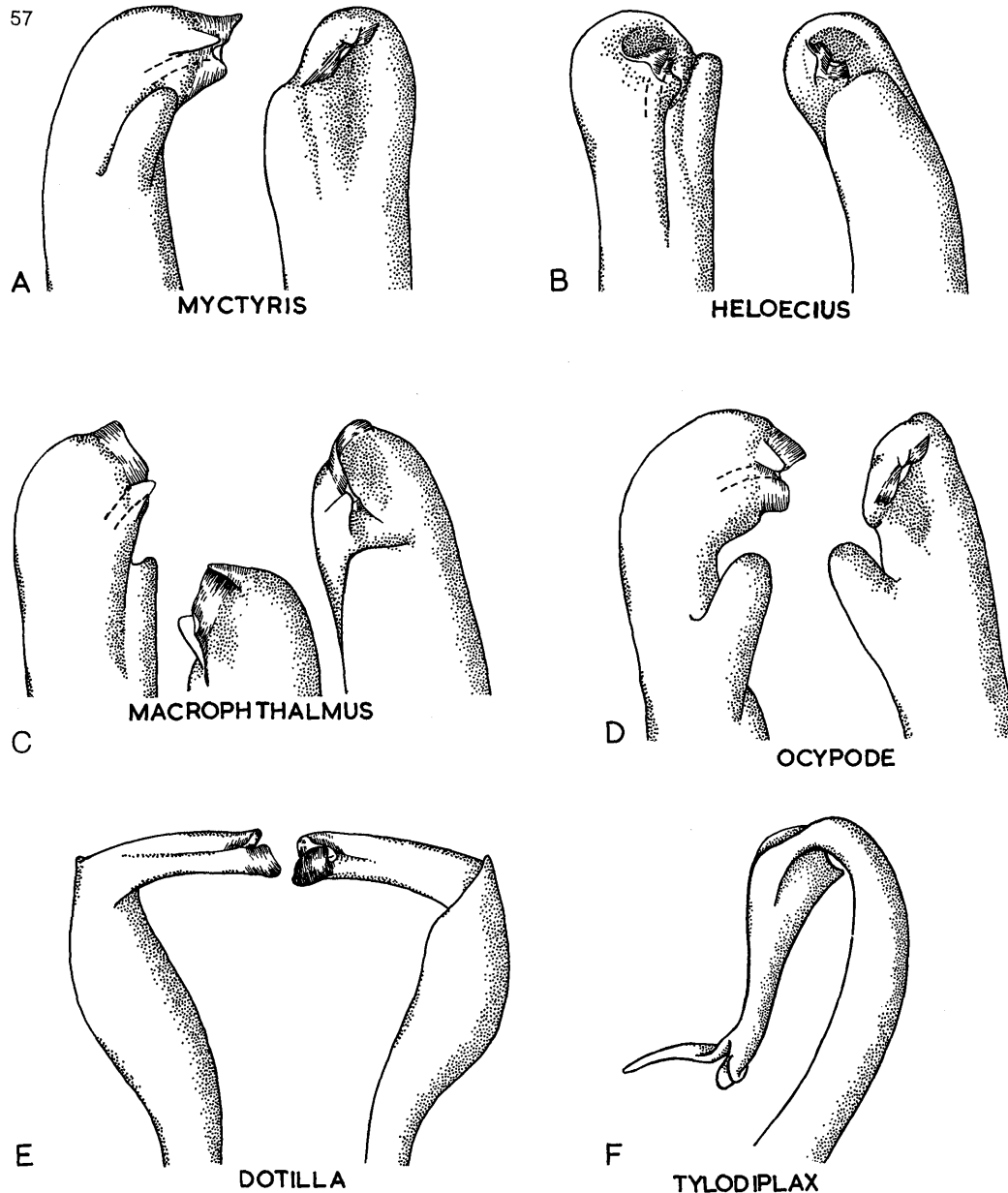


FIG. 56. Examples of gonopods in *Uca*, to show general range of shape. Outer views of right gonopods. A, (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri spinata*; B, (*Thalassuca*) *vocans vocans*; C, (*Amphiuca*) *chlorophthalmus crassipes*; D, (*Uca*) *maracoani maracoani*; E, (*Boboruca*) *thayeri thayeri*; F, (*Celuca*) *leptodactyla*; G, (*Celuca*) *cumulanta*. (P. 463.)

FIG. 57. Examples of gonopod tips in six genera of the family Ocypodidae. (P. 463.)





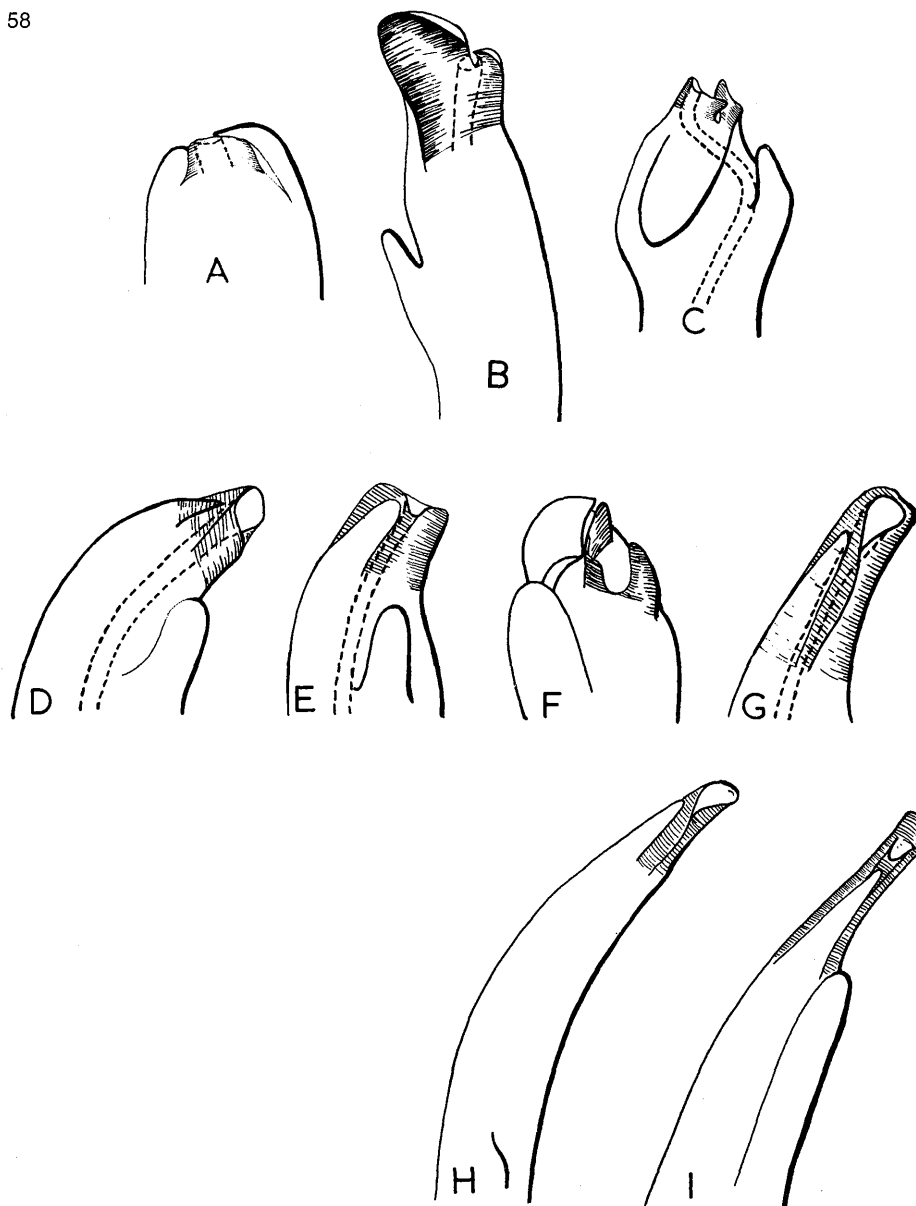


FIG. 58. Examples of characteristics of gonopod tips in *Uca*. *A*, simple flanges. *B*, large flange; thumb ending well below flange base. *C*, strong torsion. *D*, inner process spiny; genital pore large. *E*, inner process flat; genital pore small. *F*, inner process tumid; one flange deeply excavate; thumb large, reaching beyond flange base. *G*, inner process transparent; distal shaft of canal tubular, corneous, projecting; flanges inconspicuous to absent. *H*, edges of distal tubular shaft of canal clearly overlapping; thumb absent. *I*, canal appears as a simple, narrow tube fastened against a single flange that projects beyond it; thumb very long. (P. 463.)

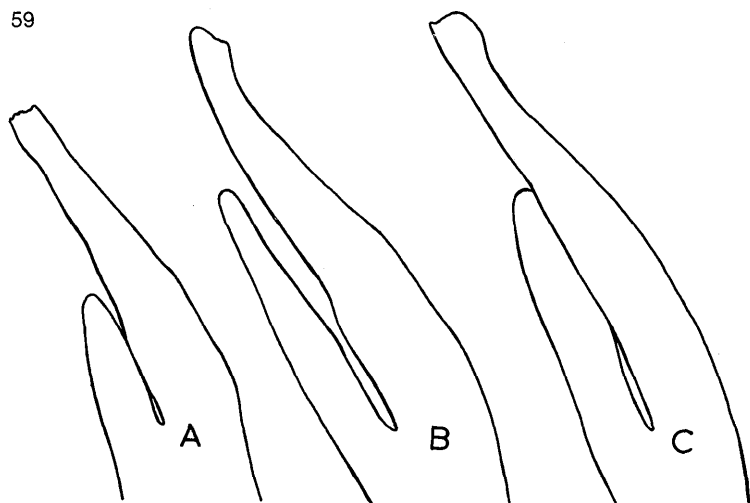
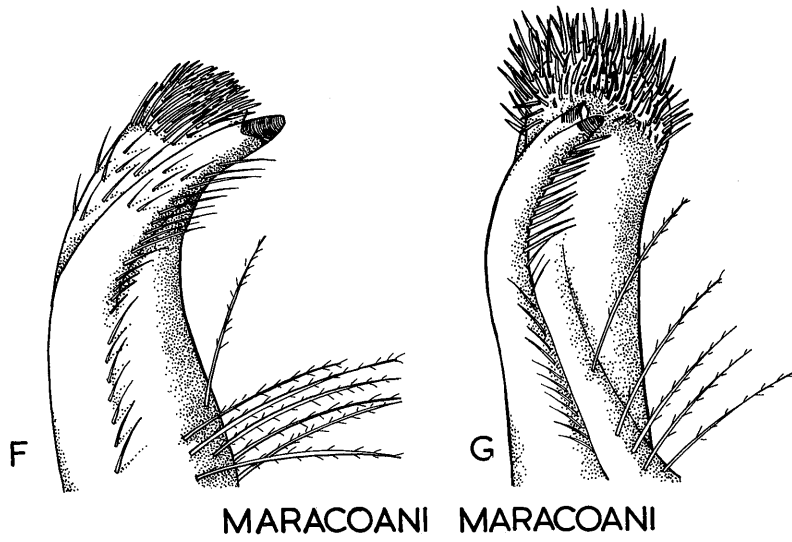
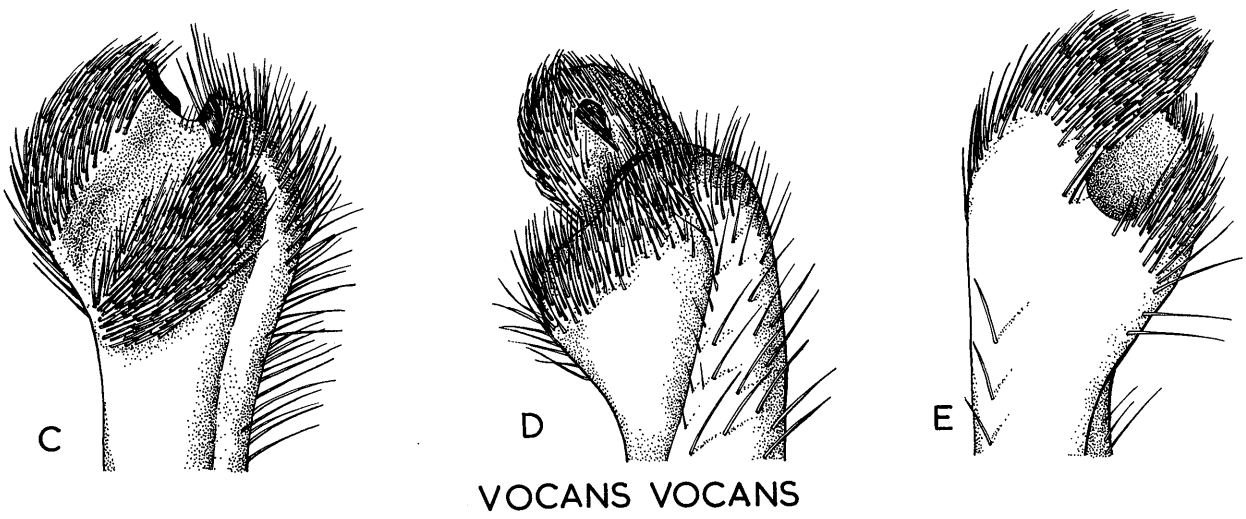
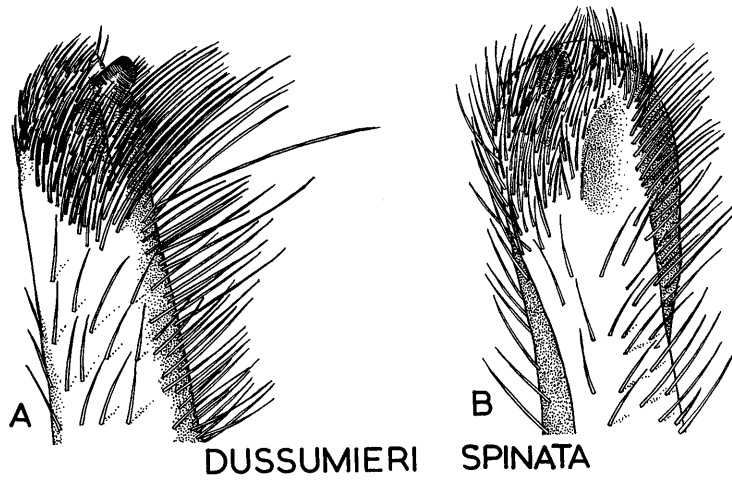


FIG. 59. *Uca* (*Celuca*) *triangularis*: variation in tips of gonopod. *A*, *triangularis bengali*, Penang, Malaya; *B*, *triangularis triangularis*, Magnanud R., Victorias, Negros Occidentalis, Philippine Is.; *C*, *triangularis triangularis*, Madaum, Mindanao, Philippine Is. Approximate carapace length in each, 8 mm. (Pp. 286, 463.)



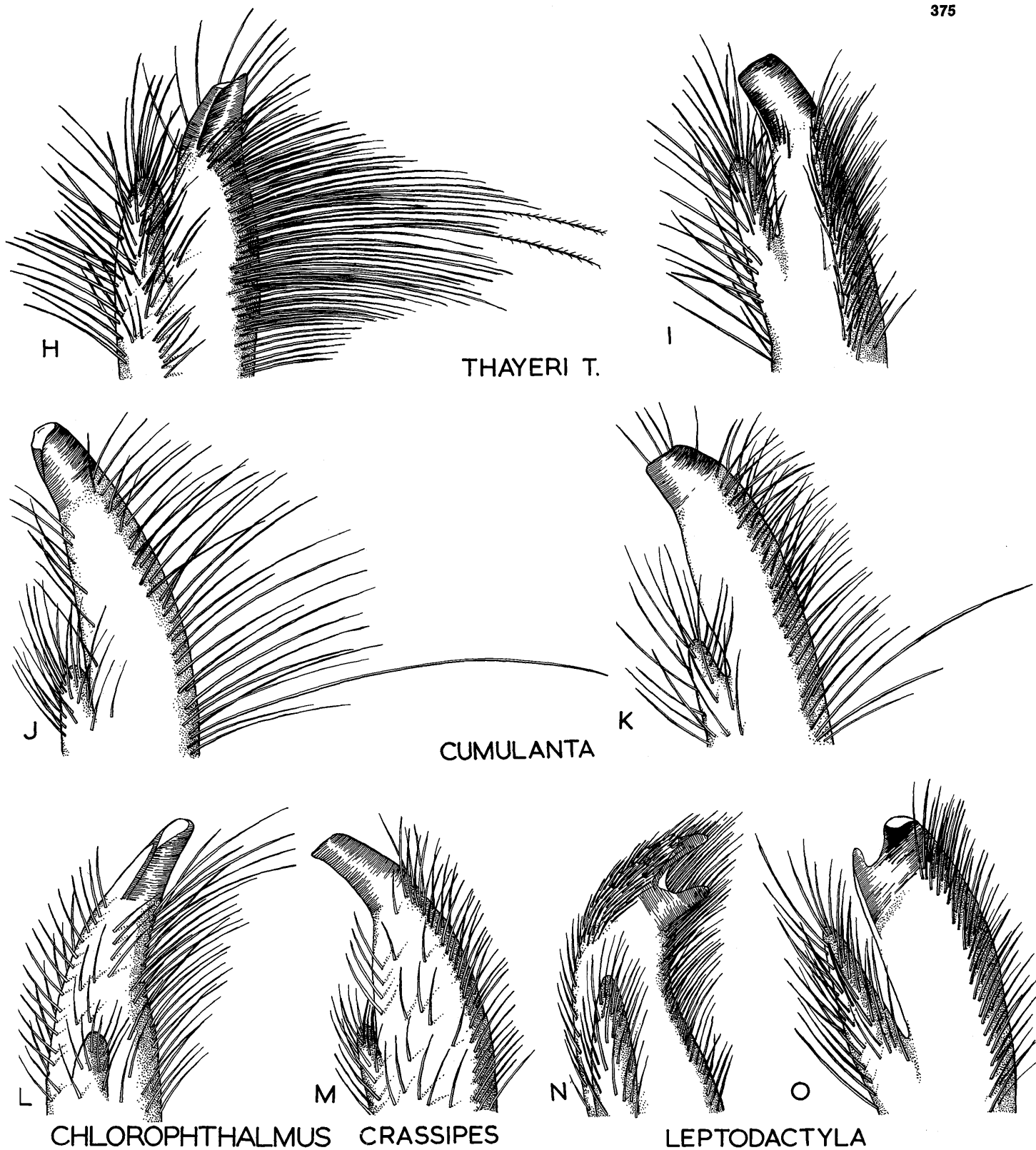


FIG. 60. Examples of gonopod tips in seven species of *Uca*, showing setae intact. Subgenera: A-B, *Deltuca*; C-E, *Thalassuca*; F-G, *Uca*; H-I, *Boboruca*; J-K, N-O, *Zeluca*; L-M, *Amphiuca*. (Setae have been removed in all other text-figures of gonopods.) (P. 463.)

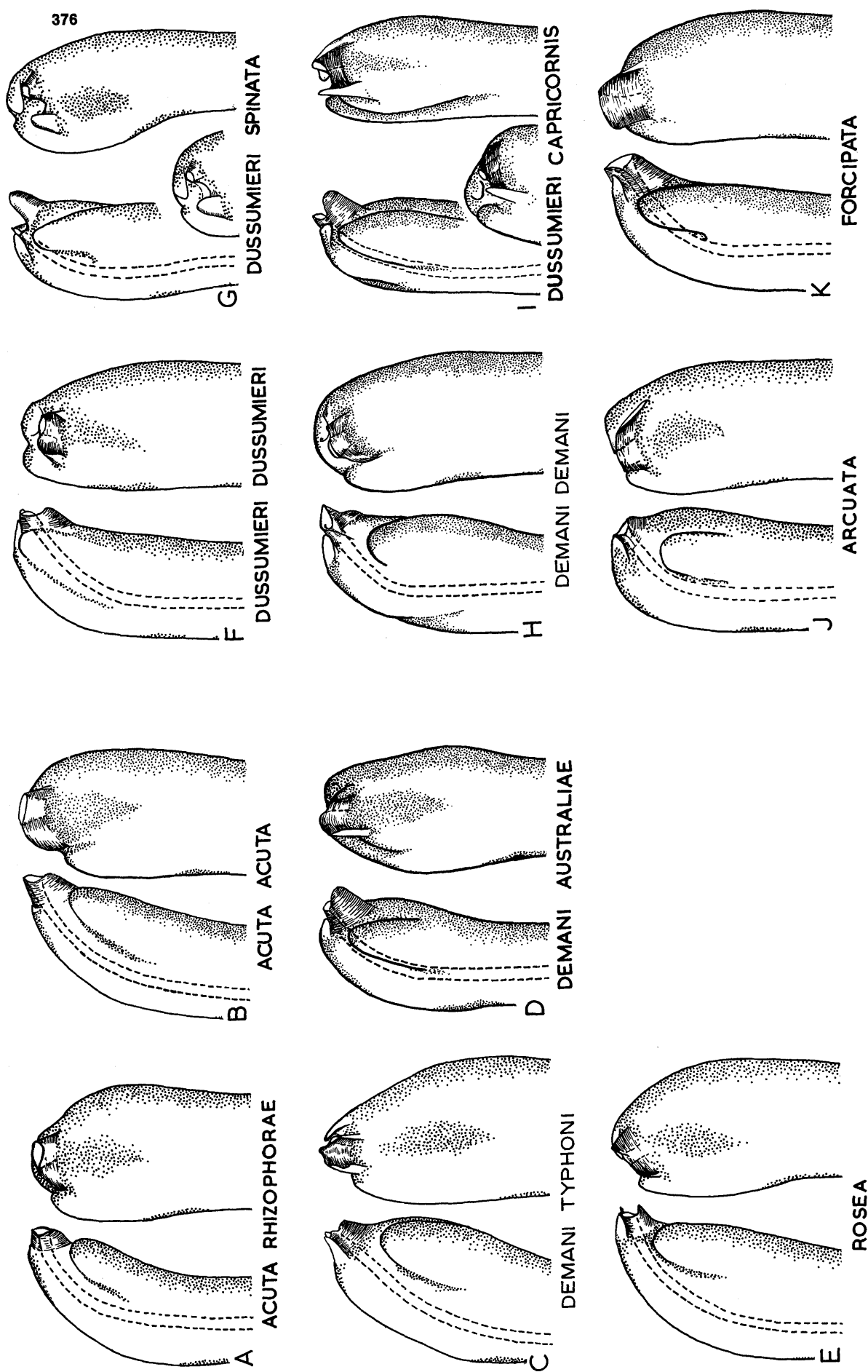


FIG. 61. Gonopod tips in the subgenus *Deltuca* (part). In these and all subsequent drawings through Fig. 73, the right gonopod is depicted. Unless otherwise noted, the left drawing in each pair represents approximately an antero-lateral view, while the right is approximately the lateral view from the outer side. Minor differences in orientation, not specially noted, were occasionally required because of torsion, in order to facilitate interspecific comparisons. (Pp. 22ff, 463.)

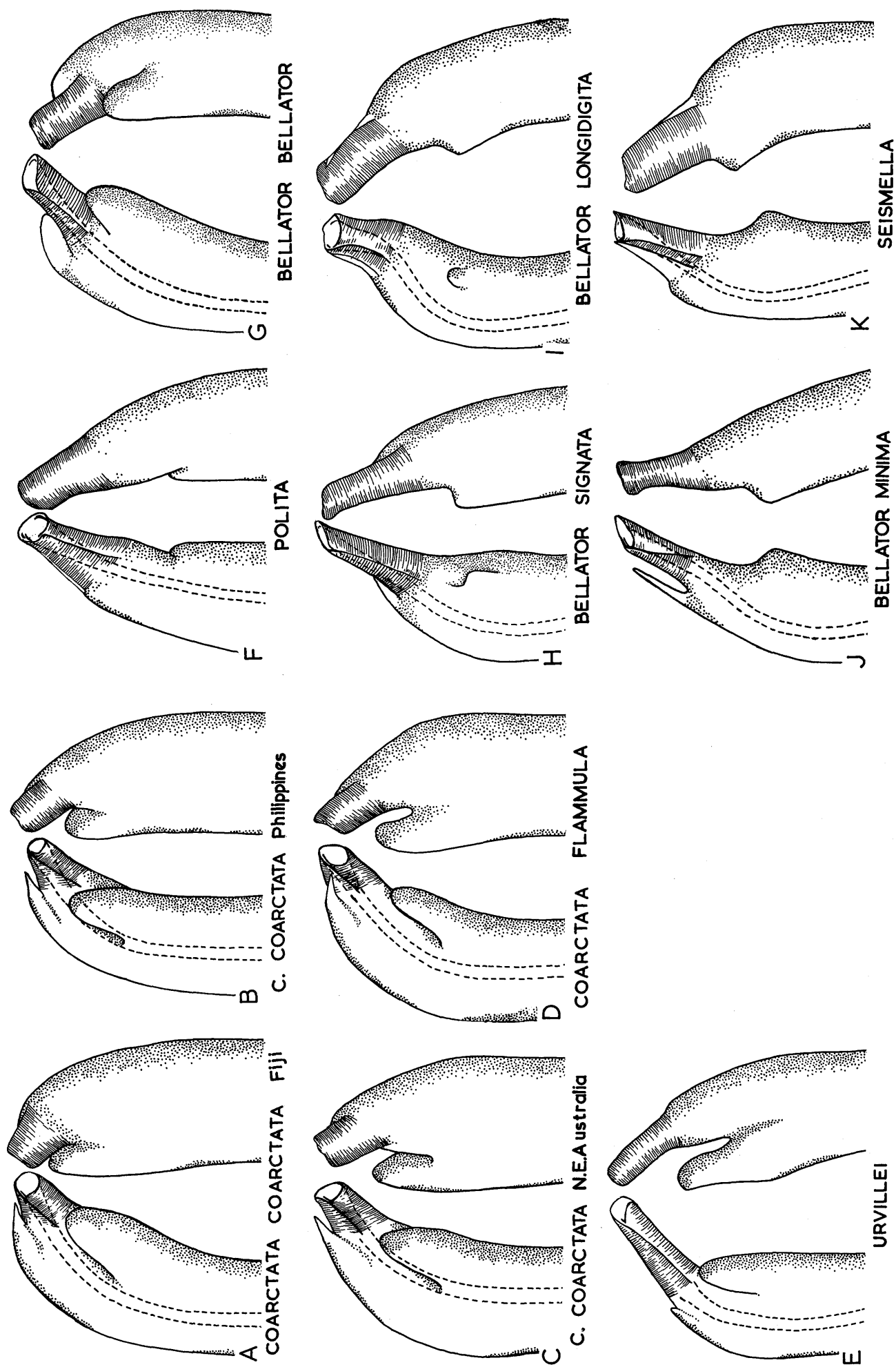


FIG. 62. A-E, gonopod tips in the subgenus *Deltuca* (concluded). F-K, gonopod tips in the subgenus *Australuca* (complete). Orientation data as in Fig. 61. (Pp. 22, 63, 463.)

FIG. 63. A-C, gonopod tips in the subgenus *Thalassuca* (part). D, gonopod tip in (*Afruca*) *tangeri*, the unique member of the subgenus. Middle drawing in A, distal view. Middle drawing in D, posterior view. Orientation data otherwise as in Fig. 61. (Pp. 75, 117, 463.)

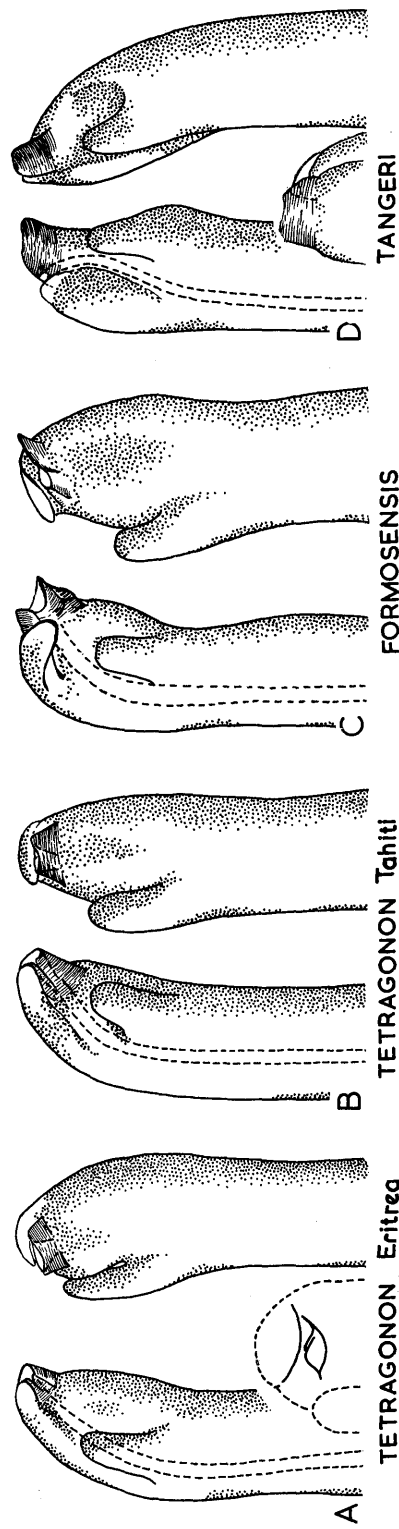
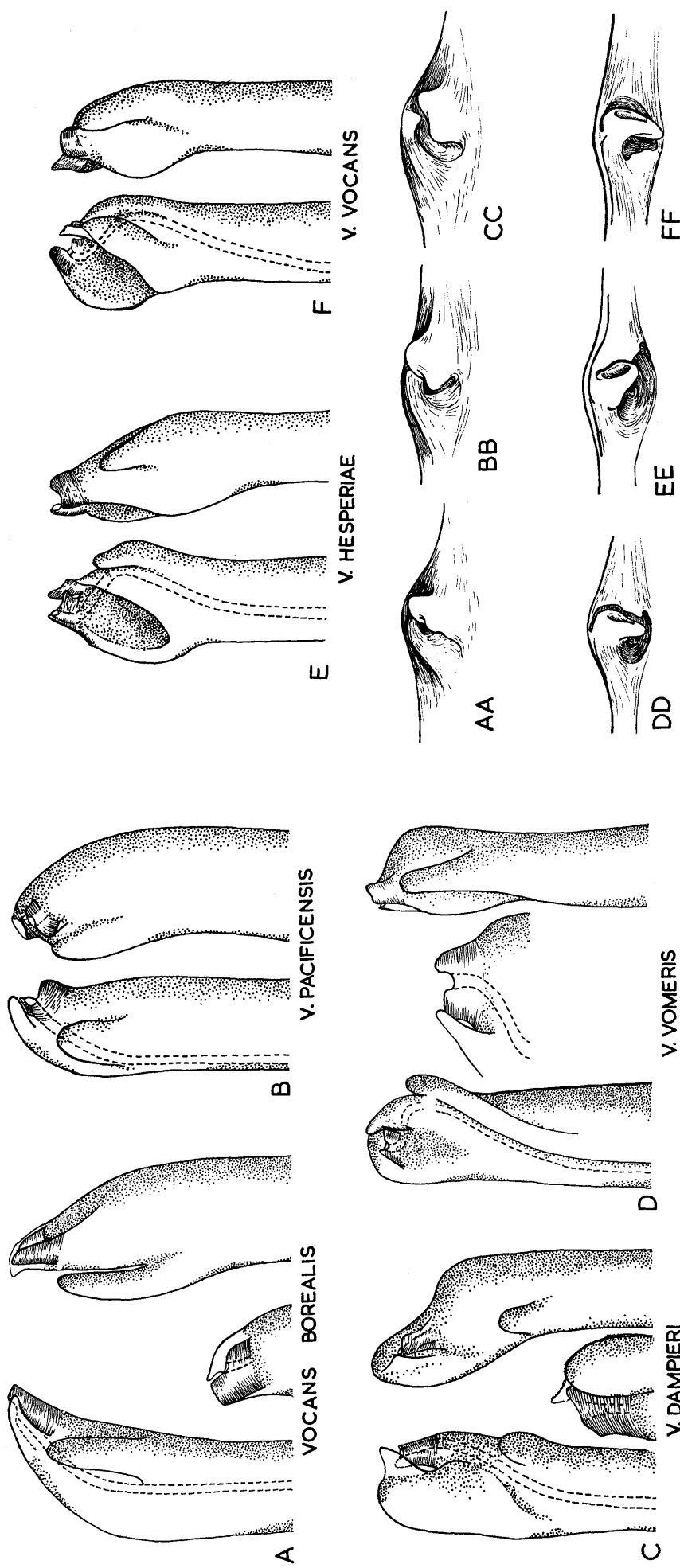


FIG. 64. A-F, gonopod tips in the subgenus *Thalassuca* (concluded). AA-FF, female gonopores in corresponding subspecies of *vocans*. Orientation data on gonopods as in Fig. 61. The small central drawings show relative sizes of flanges, otherwise partly concealed, from various aspects. Left gonopores depicted, all from an antero-ventral view. (Pp. 75, 463.)



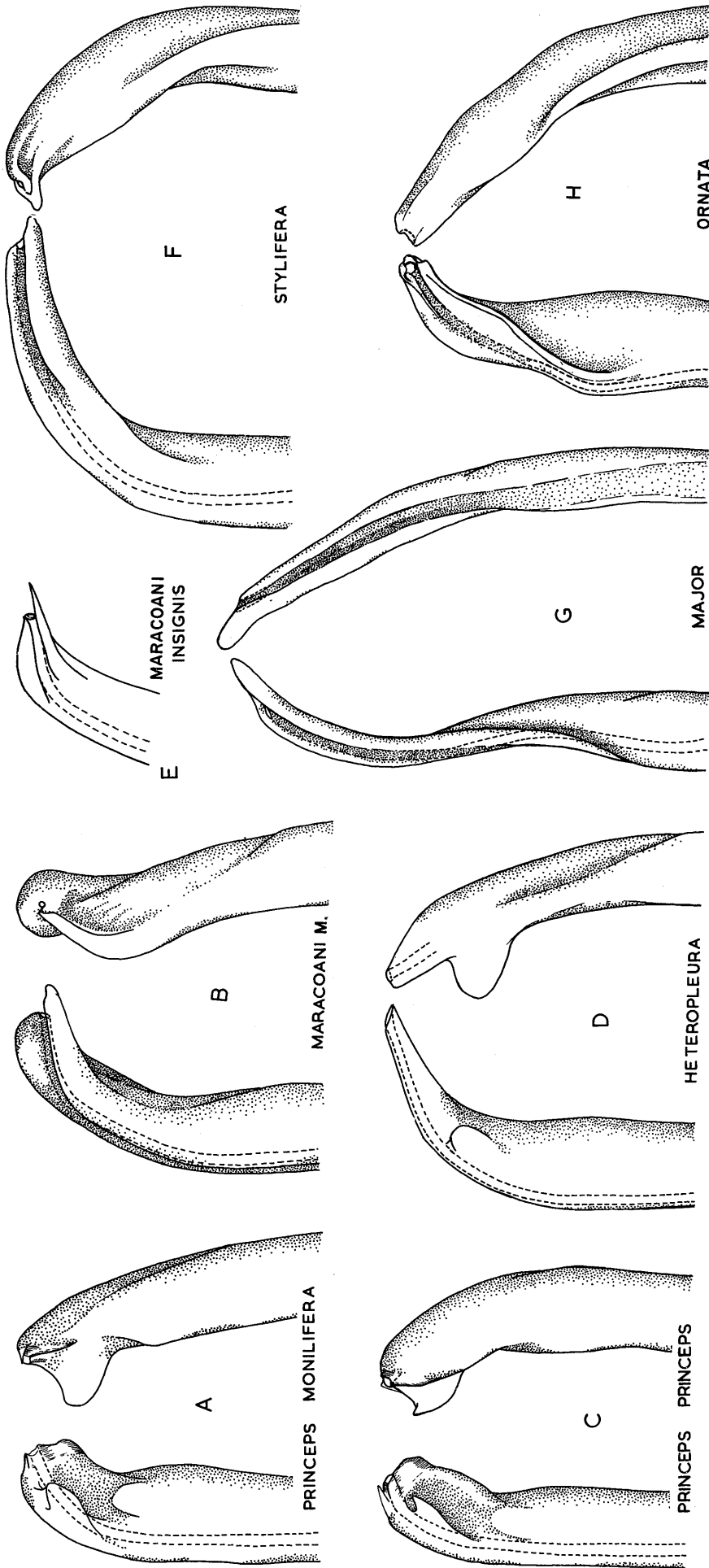


FIG. 65. Gonopod tips in the subgenus *Uca* (complete). Orientation data roughly as in Fig. 61, but most of these species show strong torsion. (Pp. 126, 463.)

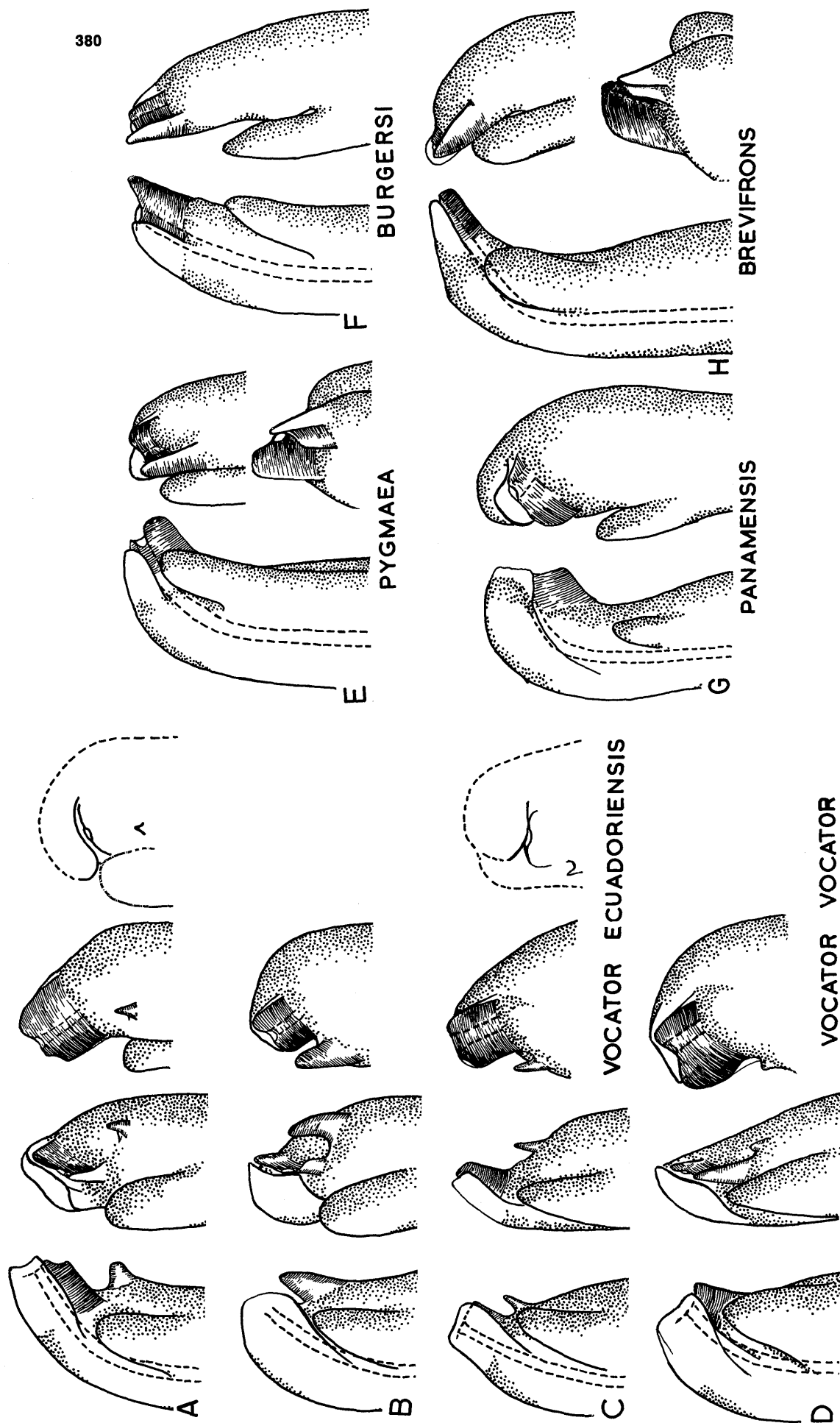


FIG. 66. Gonopod tips in the subgenus *Minuca* (part). Orientation data as in Fig. 61, except that third, or third and fourth, drawings when present illustrate posterior and partly distal views. (Pp. 155, 463.)



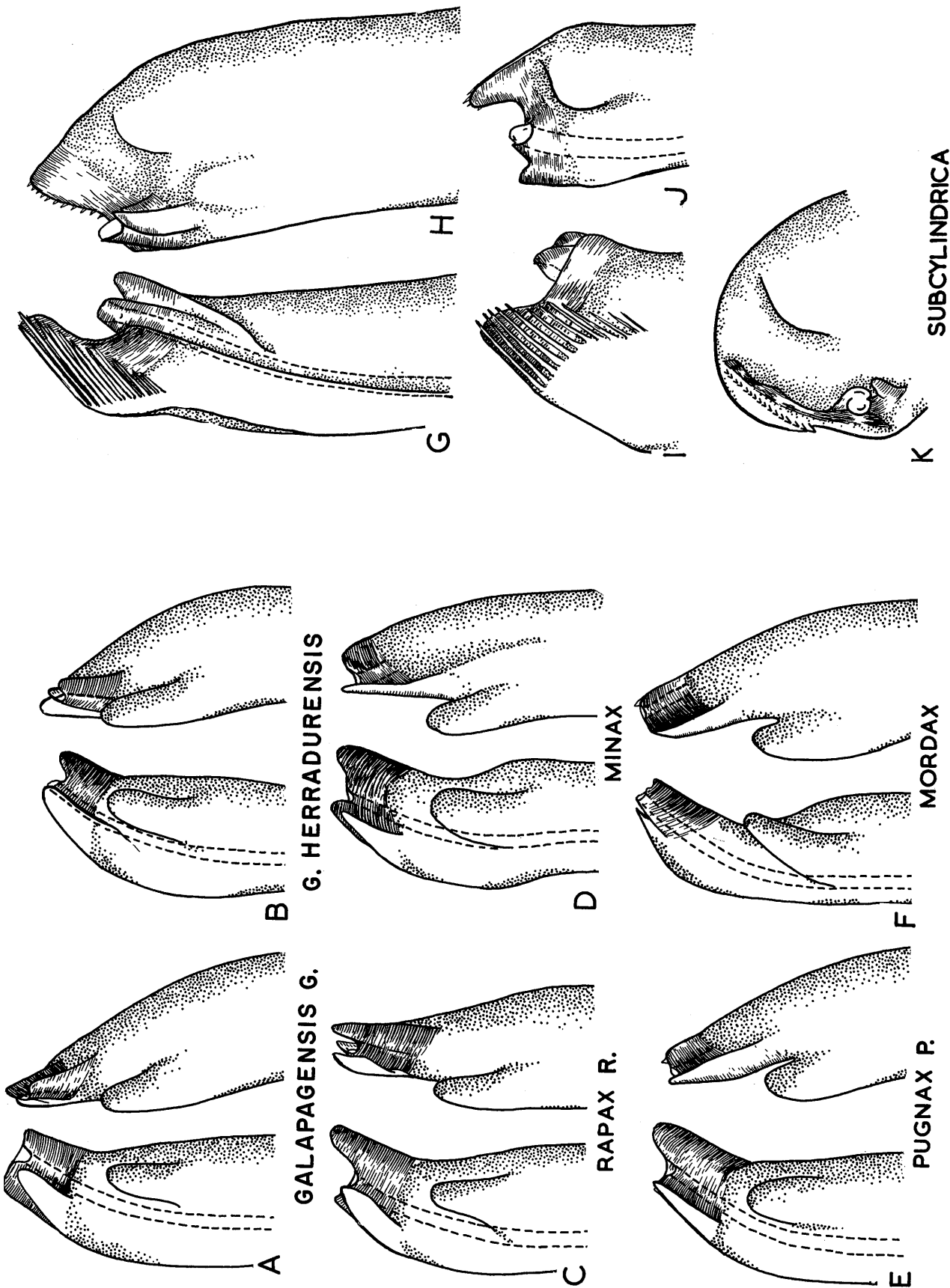


FIG. 67. Gonopod tips in the subgenus *Minuca* (part). A-H, orientation data about as in Fig. 61; I, J, K, approximately inner-posterior, posterior, and distal views, respectively. (Pp. 155, 463.)

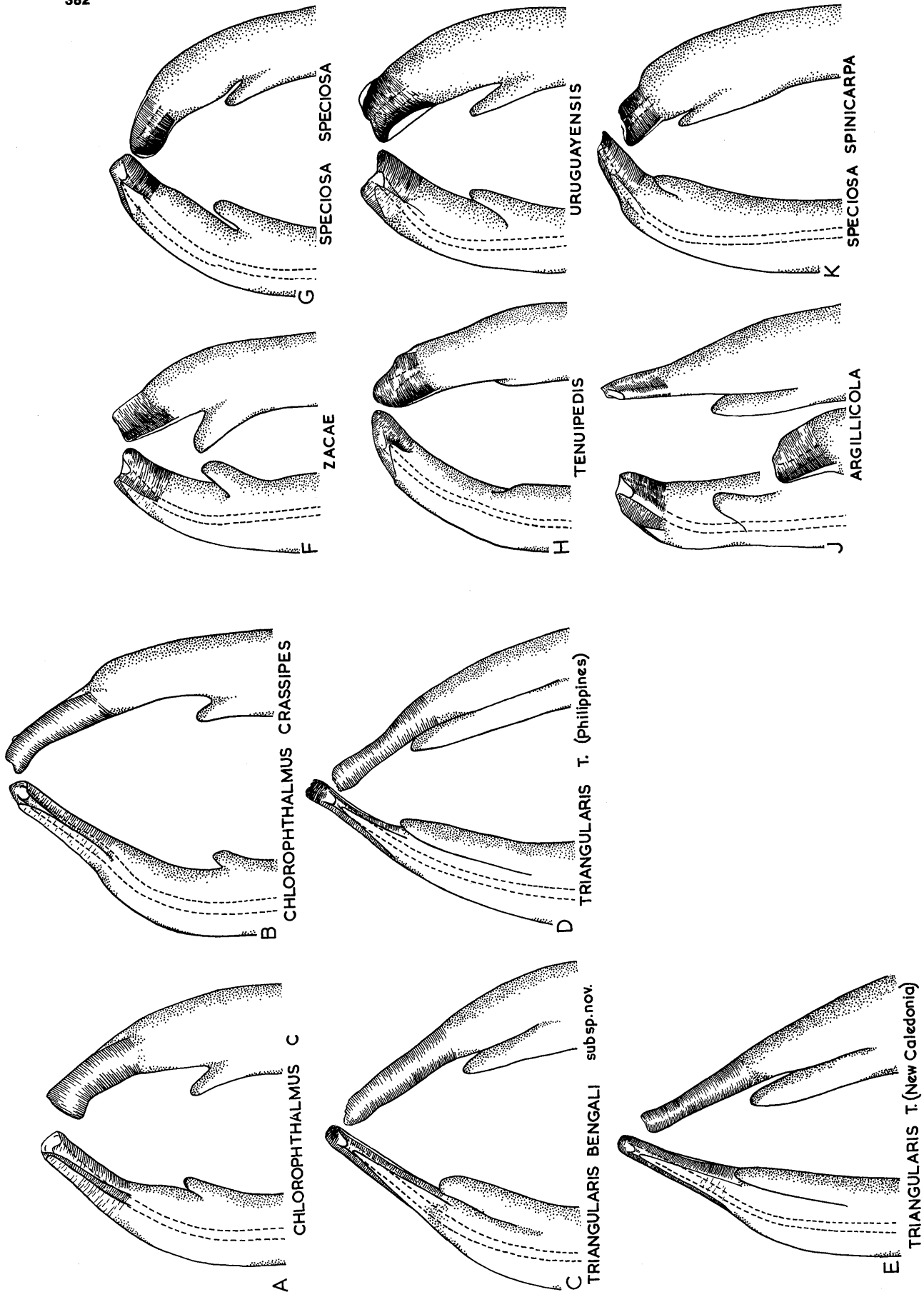


FIG. 68. A, B, gonopod tips in the subgenus *Amphiuca* (part). C-E and G-K, same, *Celuca* (part). F, same, *Minuca* (concluded). Orientation data as in Fig. 61. (Pp. 97, 155, 215, 463.)

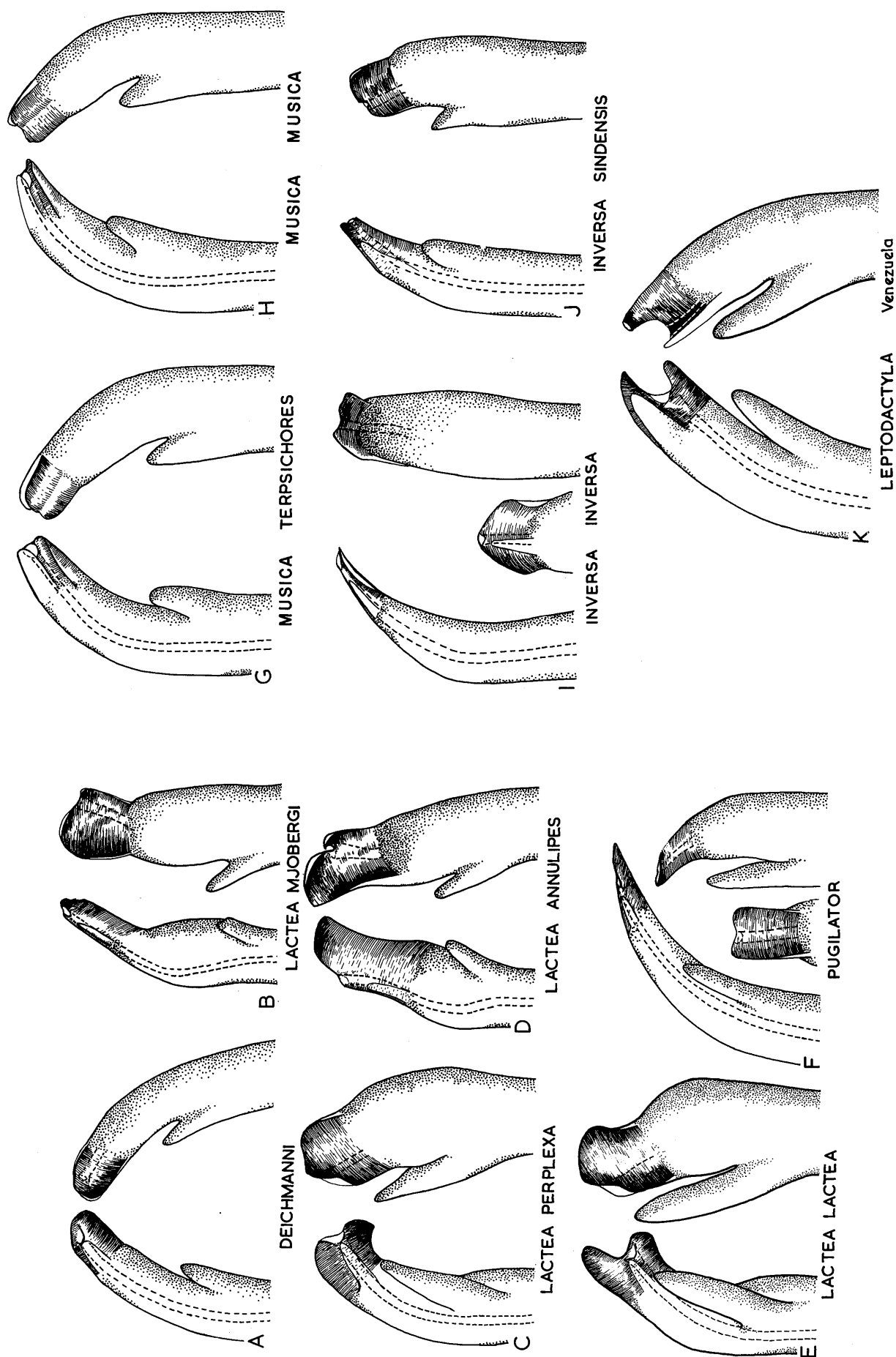


FIG. 69. A-H and K, gonopod tips in the subgenus *Celiuca* (part). I-J, same, *Amphiuca* (concluded). Orientation data as in Fig. 61. (Pp. 155, 215, 463.)

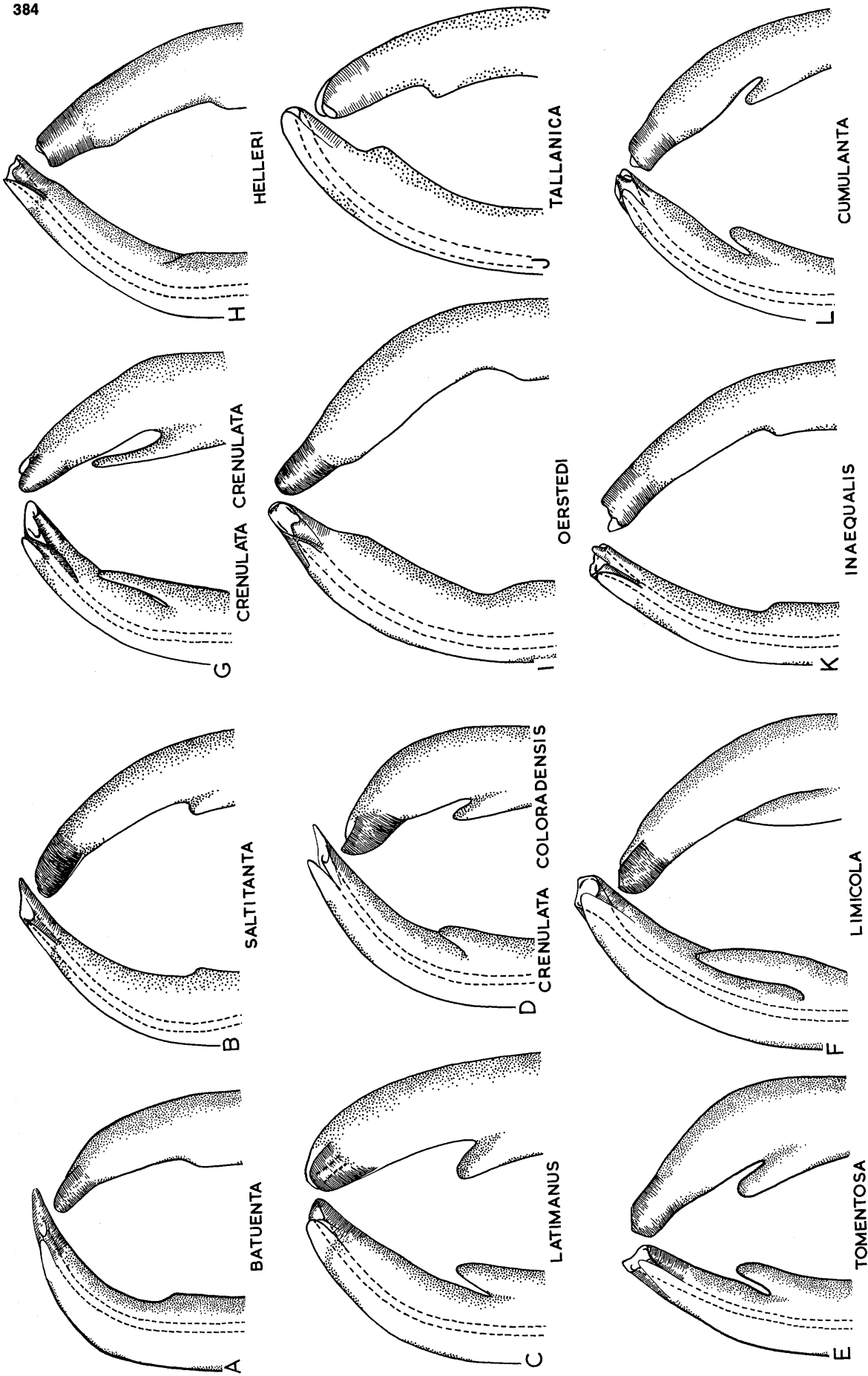


FIG. 70. Gonopod tips in the subgenus *Celuca* (part).  
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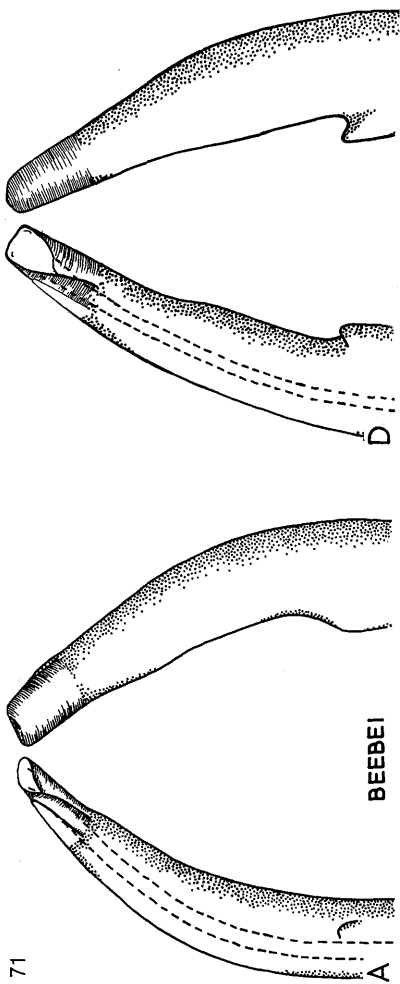


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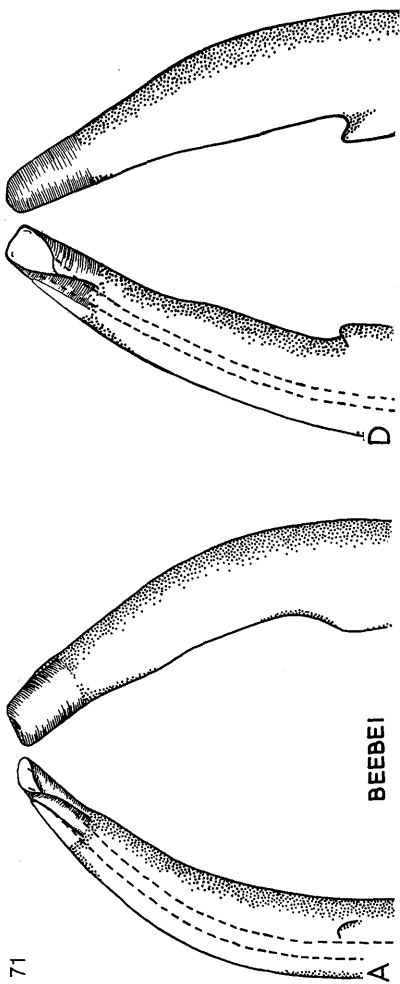


FIG. 72. Changes of a gonopod tip with growth. Carapace lengths in mm: A, 4.4; B, anterior view, 7.4; BB, same, lateral view; C, anterior view, 15.0; CC, same, lateral view, tilted slightly to show distal aspect. Subgenus; *Deltuca*. (P. 464.)

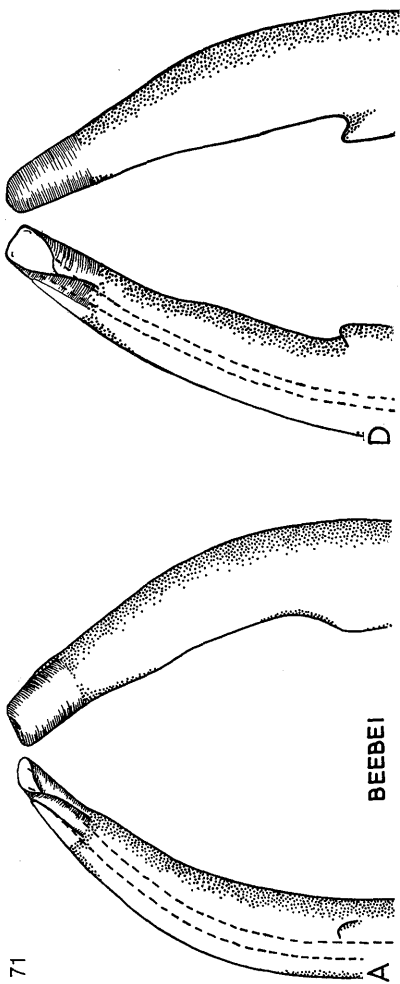


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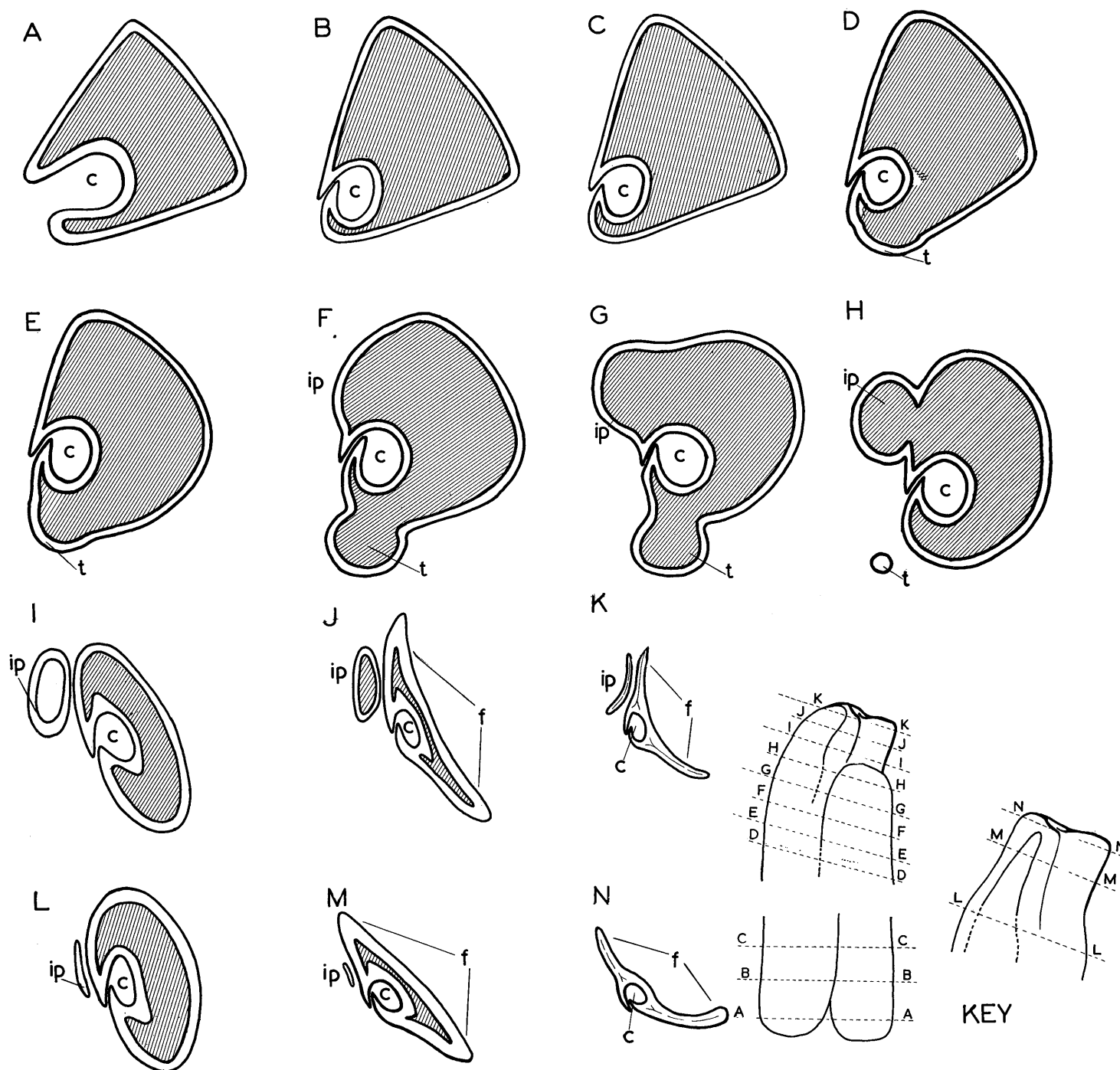


FIG. 74. Sections through a gonopod of two species in *Uca* with well-developed flanges. Middle section of gonopod omitted, as shown in Key. A-K, (*Deltuca*) *dussumieri dussumieri*; L-N, (*Celuca*) *lactea perplexa*, tip only. Abbreviations: c, canal; t, thumb; ip, inner process; f, flanges. (P. 463.)

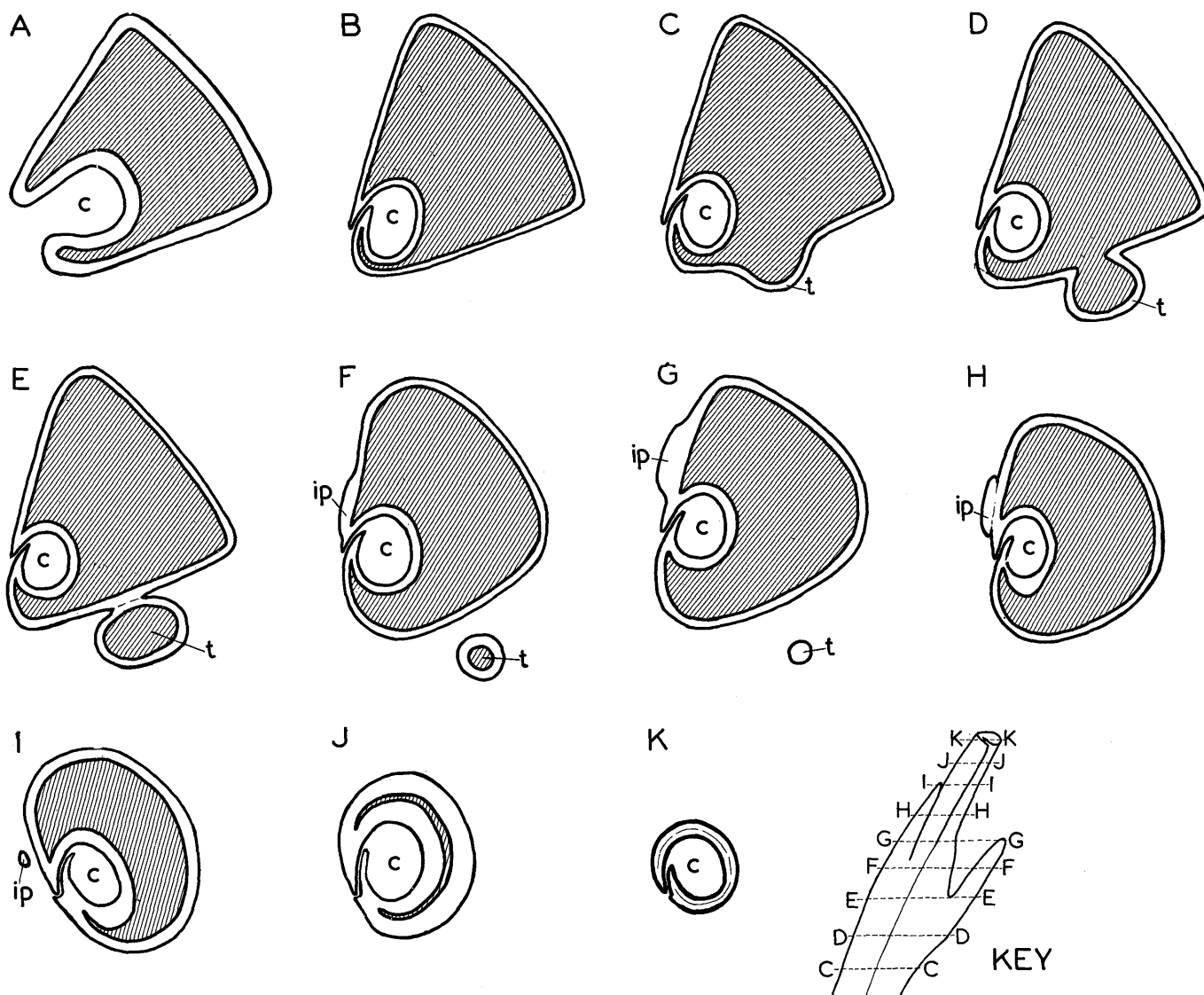
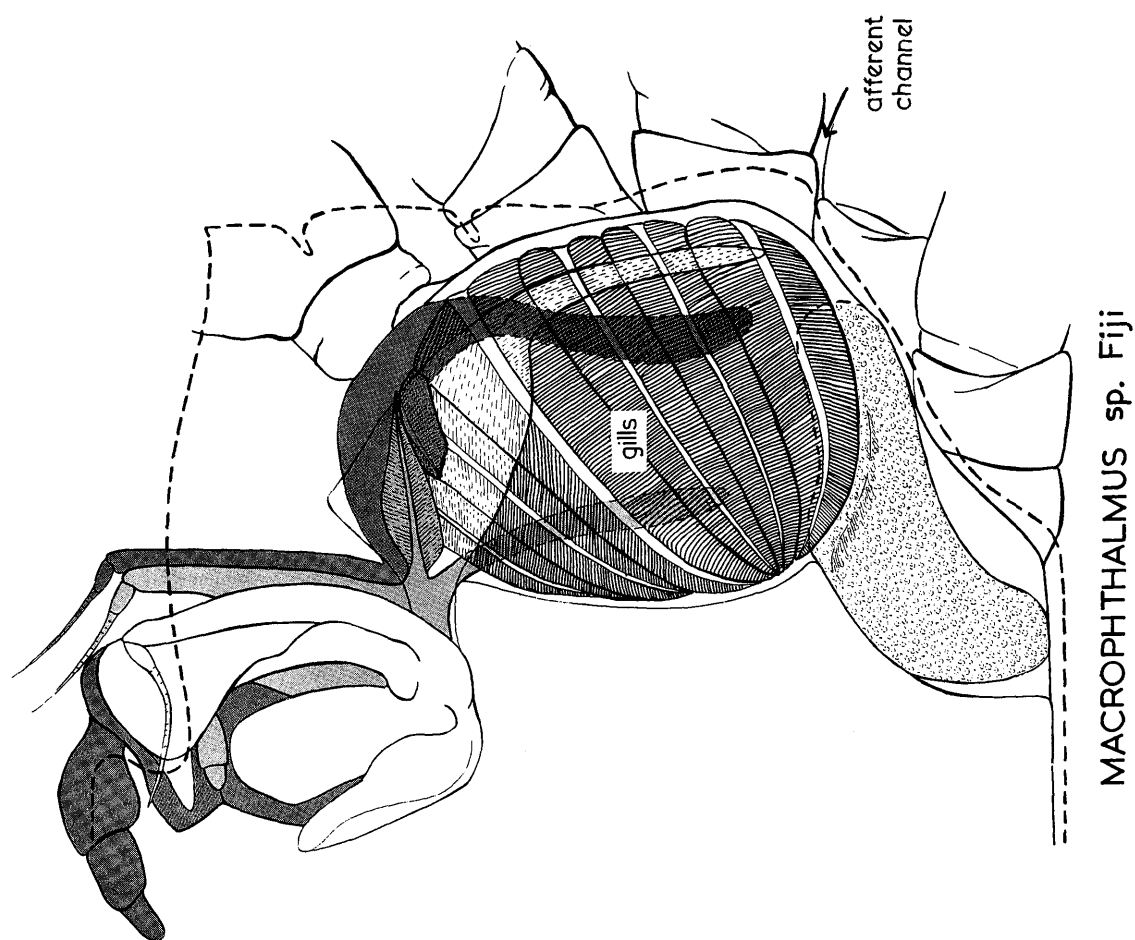


FIG. 75. Sections through gonopod of (*Deltuca*) *urviliei*, a flangeless species with the tip tubular and projecting. In Section *G* the tip of the thumb, *t*, is shown closer to the shaft than in the Key, to facilitate alignment of drawings. Abbreviations as in Fig. 74. (P. 463.)



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FIG. 76. Semi-diagrammatic drawing of gill system and maxillipeds, dorsal view in *Macrophthalmus* sp. Setae omitted. Key to shading as in Fig. 78. (Pp. 455, 469.)



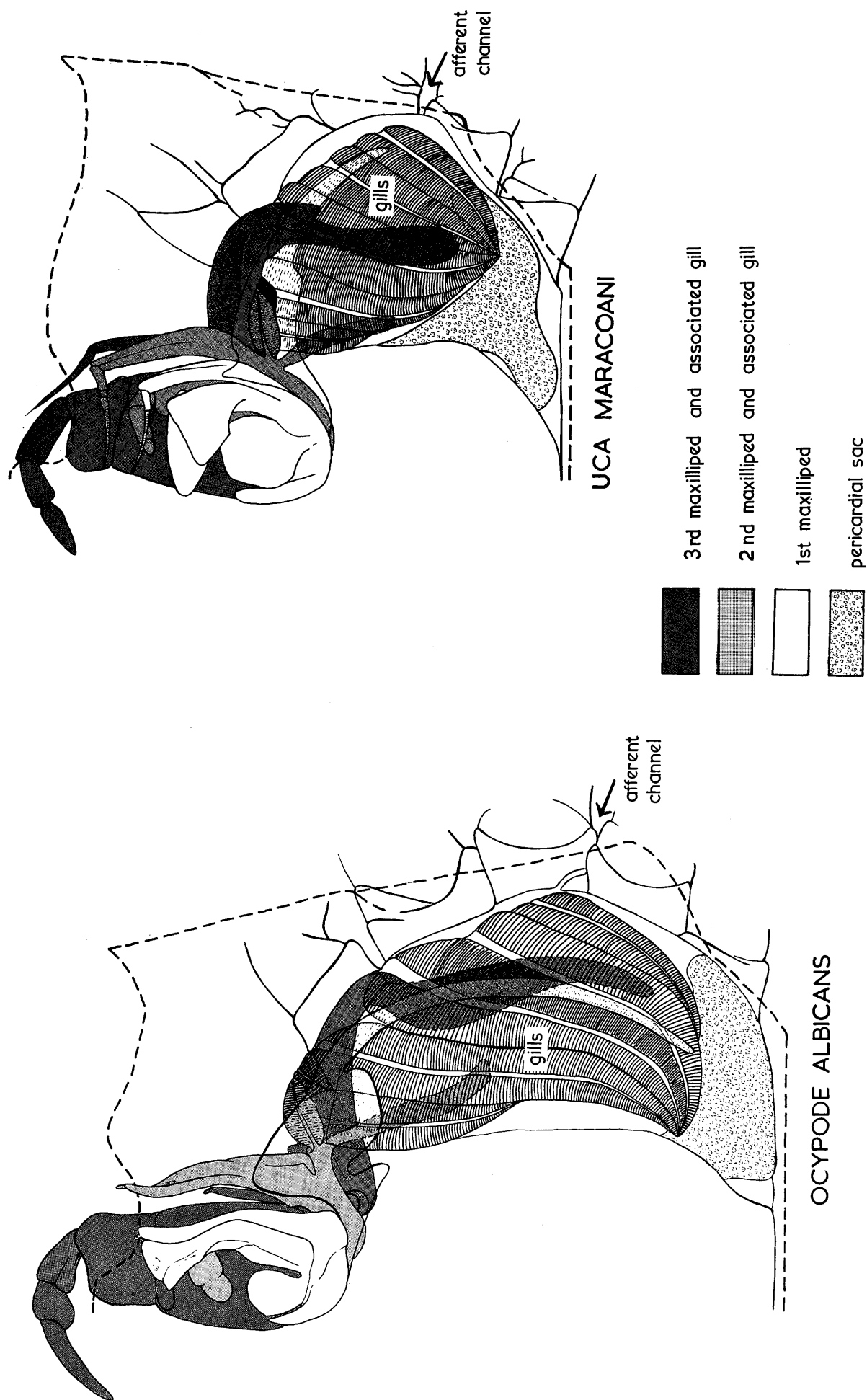


FIG. 78. *Uca (Uca) maracoani maracoani*. Data as in Fig. 76. Ischium of third maxilliped drawn to length equal to that of *Macrophthalmus*.

FIG. 77. *Ocypode albicans*. Data as in Fig. 76. Ischium of third maxilliped drawn to length equal to that of *Macrophthalmus*.

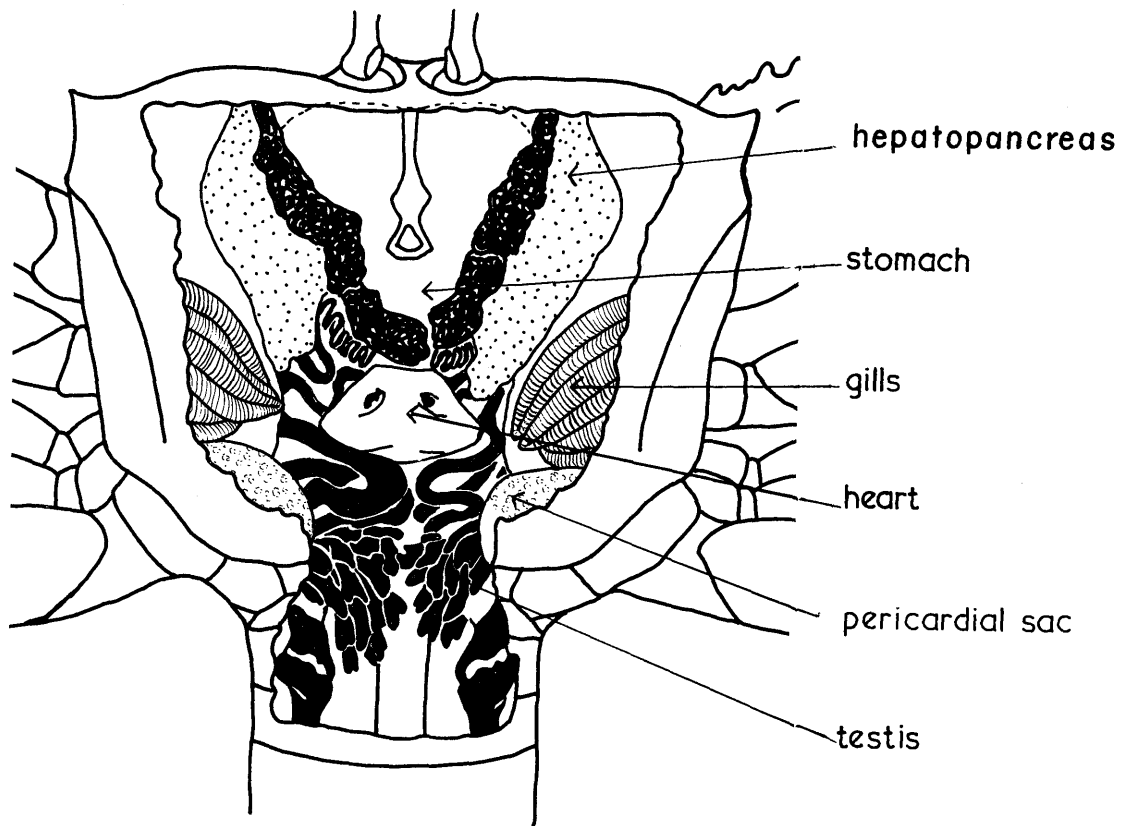


FIG. 79. Diagram of internal organs of male *Uca (Uca) maracoani maracoani*. Gonads partly developed. Kidneys omitted. Preliminary comparative work shows them to be far more extensive in some other subgenera, for instance in *Minuca*, than in *(Uca) maracoani*. (P. 469.)

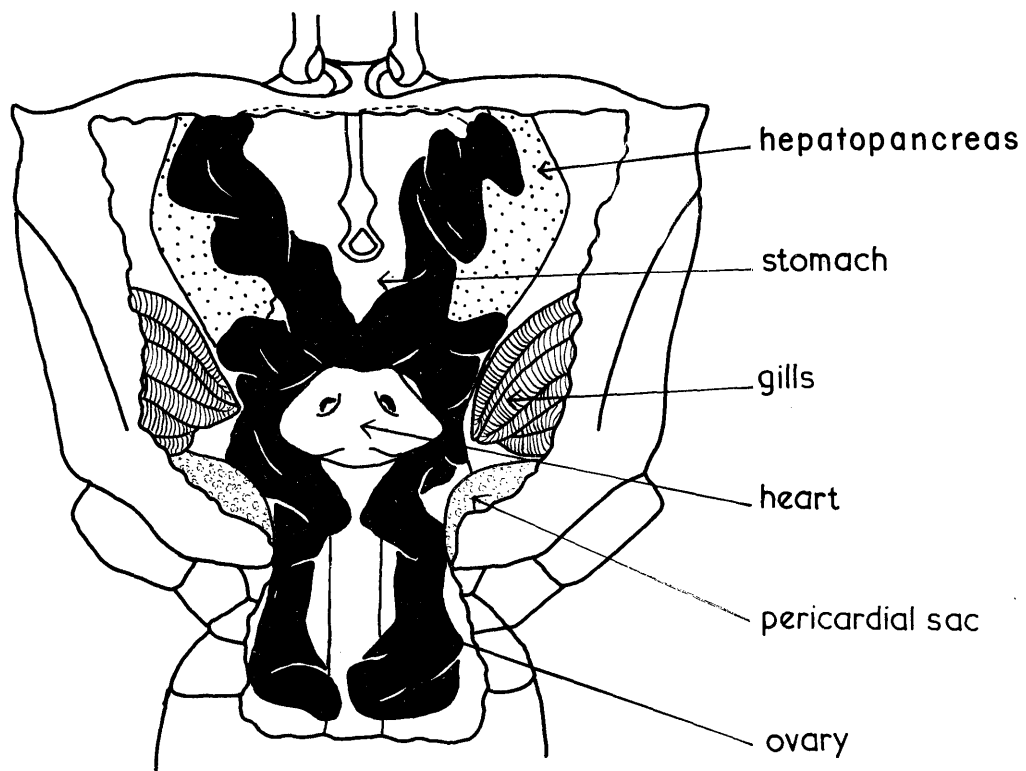


FIG. 80. Diagram of internal organs of female *Uca (Uca) maracoani maracoani*. Other data as in Fig. 79.

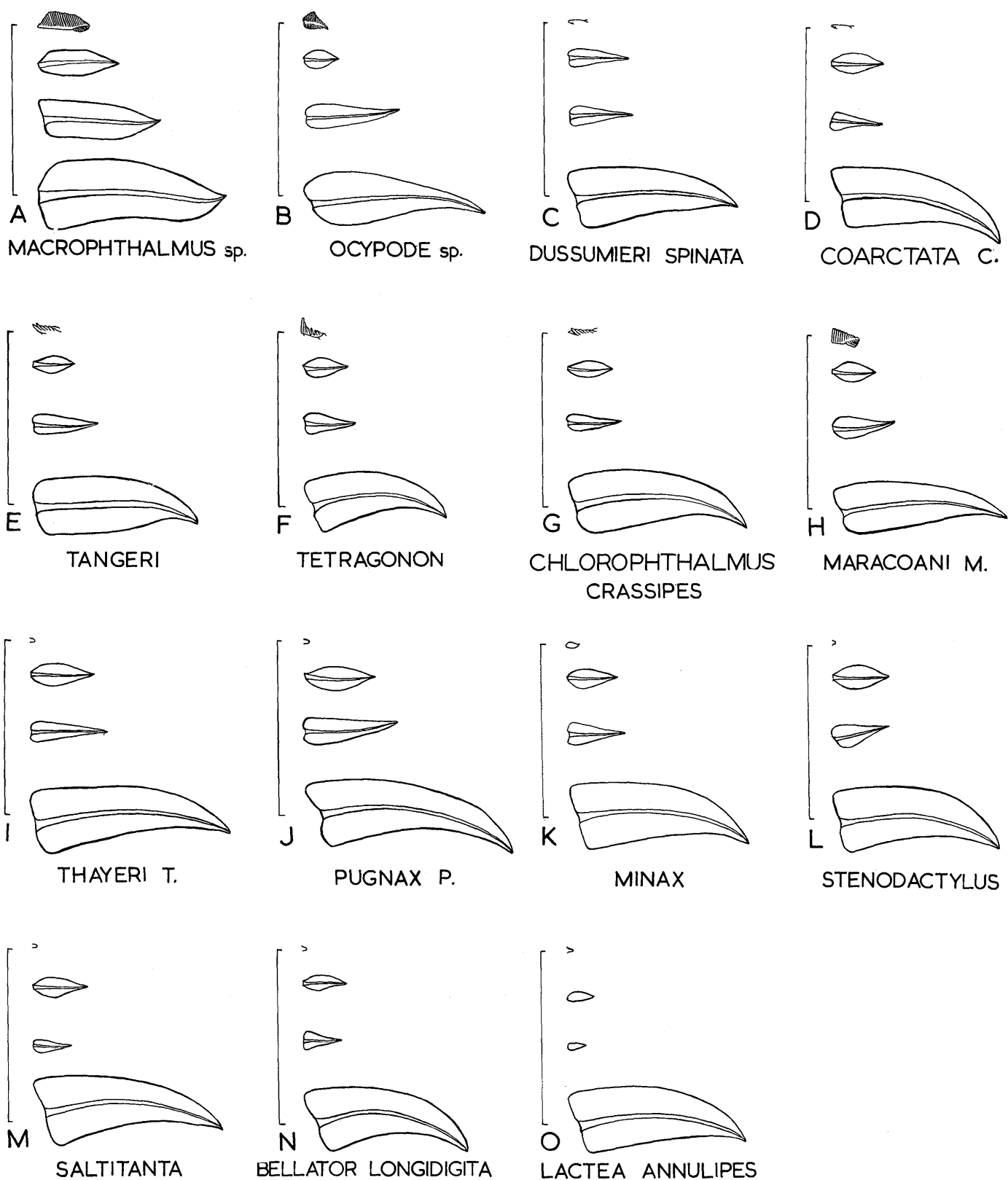
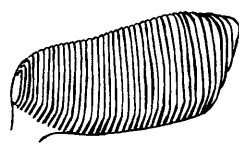
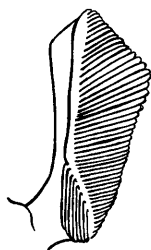
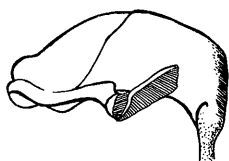


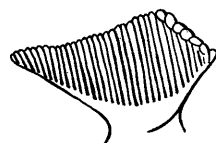
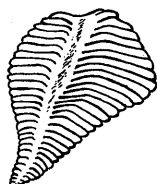
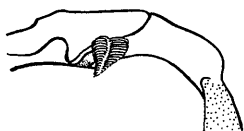
Fig. 81. Comparative sizes and shapes of gills in representative species of *Macrophthalmus*, *Ocypode*, and *Uca*. In each example the gills are drawn in proportion to carapace length, indicated by the bar on the left of each series, of a standard length throughout. Top drawing: gill on third maxilliped; below it, gill on second maxilliped; below that, first regular gill; lowest drawing, largest (third) ill. Subgenera of *Uca*: C-D, *Deltuca*; E, *Afruca*; F, *Thalassuca*; G, *Amphiuca*; H, *Uca*; I, *Boboruca*; J-K, *Minuca*; L, M, O, *Uca*; N, *Australuca*. (P. 469.)

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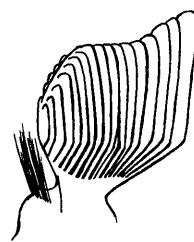
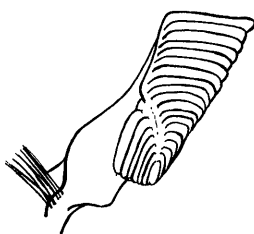
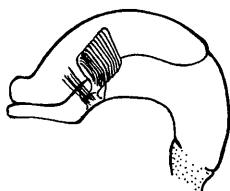
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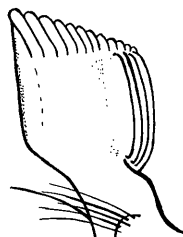
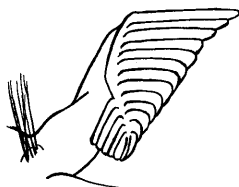
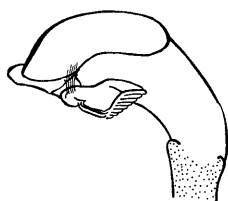
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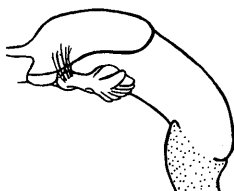
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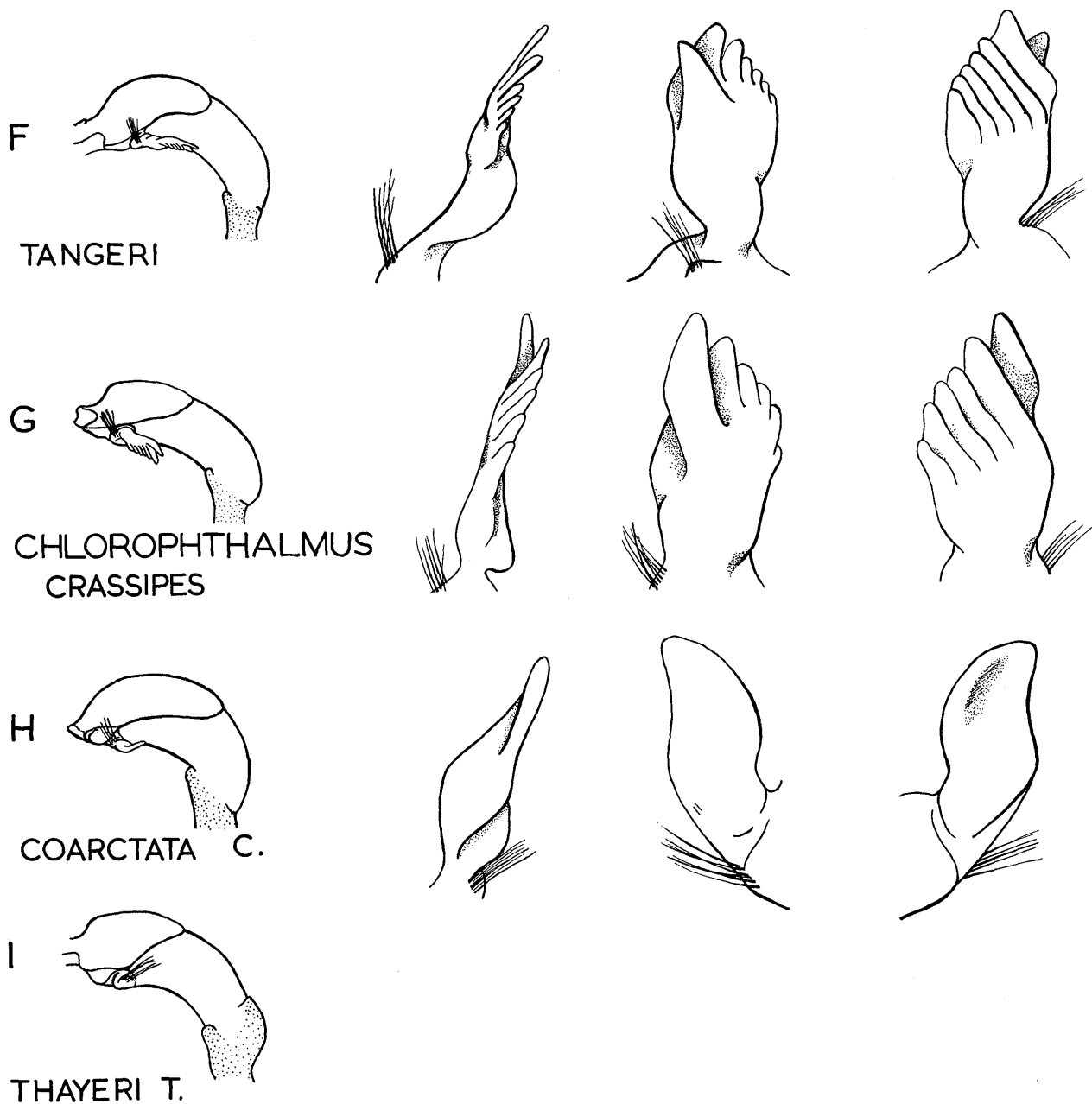
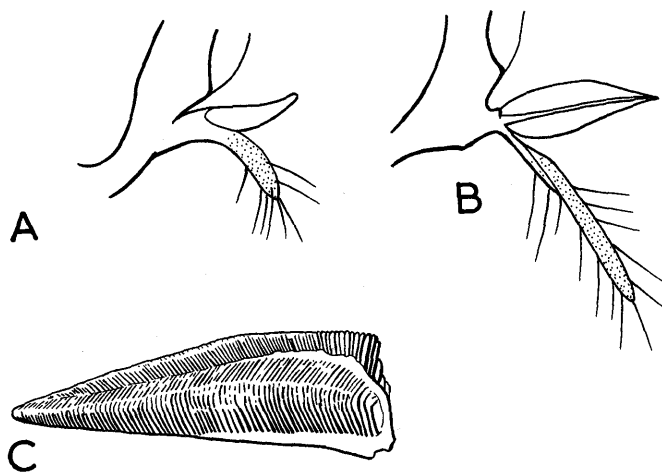


FIG. 82. Comparative form of gill on third maxilliped in *Macrophthalmus*, *Ocypode*, and *Uca* spp. Drawing on far left in each series shows relative size and orientation of gill with respect to base of exopodite on third maxilliped. All enlargements of the gills drawn to approximately the same maximum dimension. Gill in I, *U. thayeri thayeri*, too vestigial to be shown in enlarged drawings, represented principally by setae shown in orientation drawing. Subgenera of *Uca*: C, D, *Uca*; E, *Thalassuca*; F, *Afruca*; G, *Amphiuca*; H, *Deltuca*; I, *Boboruca*. (P. 469.)

FIG. 83. Parts of gill system in *Uca*. A, exopodite of second maxilliped in (*Amphiuca*) *chlorophthalmus crassipes*, showing poorly developed gill. B, same in (*Celuca*) *lactea annulipes*, the gill relatively well developed. C, a fully formed gill in (*Uca*) *maracoani maracoani*. (P. 469.)



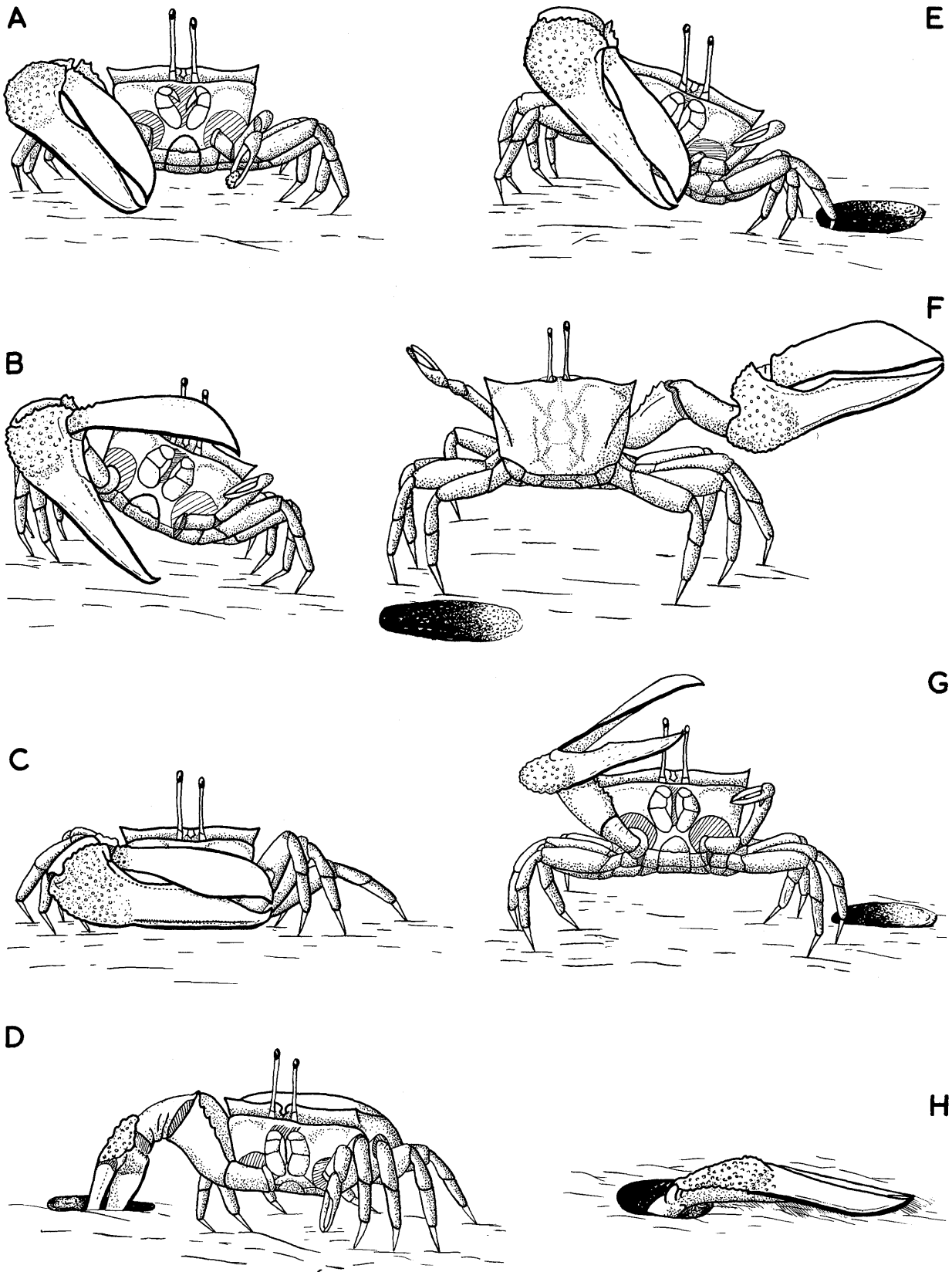


FIG. 84. Agonistic postures and associated motions in *Uca (Uca) maracoani maracoani*. A, B, E, the raised-claw, showing several intensities (agonistic component no. 1 in text, p. 479). C, the creep (no. 11). D, aggressive wanderer reaching down burrow of a burrow-

holder. F, the lateral-stretch (no. 10). G, low intensity waving display directed toward a potential intruder into a burrow-holder's display territory. H, the flat-claw (no. 8). (Pp. 478ff.)

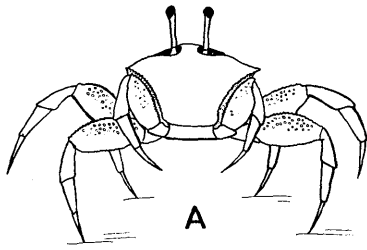
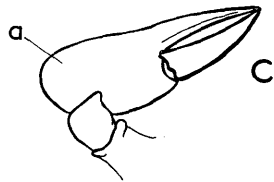
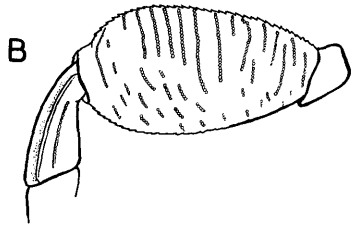
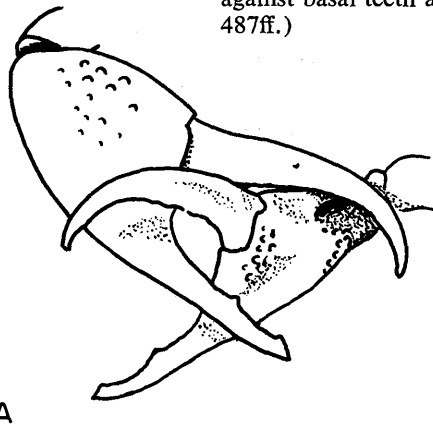


FIG. 85. Sound-producing mechanisms used in *Uca* in threat situations. *A*, tubercles on ambulatory meri characteristic of females in *Deltuca* spp.; *B*, diagram of linear arrangement of tubercles in *CelUCA* spp.; *C*, protruding heel sometimes occurring in *Minuca* spp. and *CelUCA* spp.; probably used in drumming on substrate. (Pp. 481ff.)

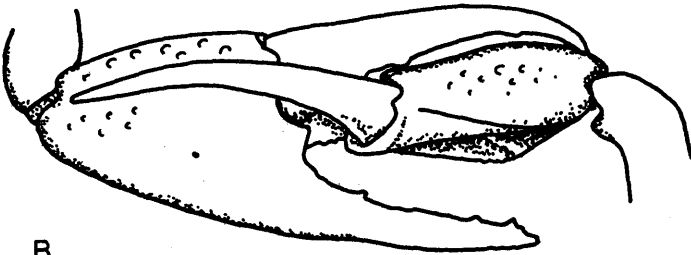


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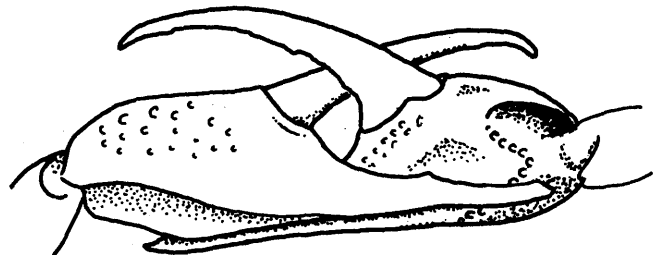
FIG. 86. Examples of combat components in *Uca* (*Minuca*) *rapax rapax*. *A*, dactyl slide: (crab on left is actor); *B* and *C*, heel-and-ridge with tapping in homoclaved encounter; *D* and *E*, interlace in two forms of encounter. In *B* the crab on the left is the actor, his dactyl tip touching his opponent's heel; in *C* the same actor's pollex on a reverse stroke is hitting the opponent's oblique ridge, his dactyl tip being now separated from the heel; the same pollex position is used during the rubbing of the oblique ridge during the earlier part of the component. The interlace shown in *D* illustrates the more usual, heteroclaved form of this component; the right-clawed crab on the right is the actor, getting into position to bring dactyl teeth against opponent's ridge along inner base of dactyl; see also Pl. 45, Figs. 5 and 6. *E* shows the interlace in its less common form, in homoclaved combat; the crab on the right is the actor, rubbing basal teeth of dactyl against basal teeth and outer tubercles of opponent's pollex. (Pp. 487ff.)



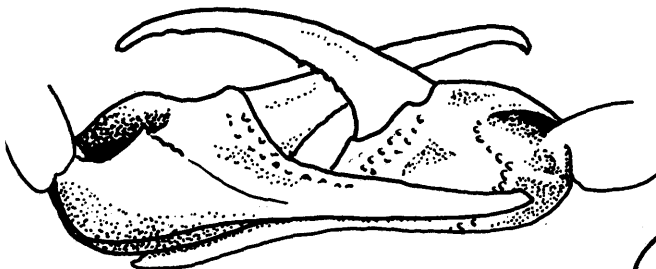
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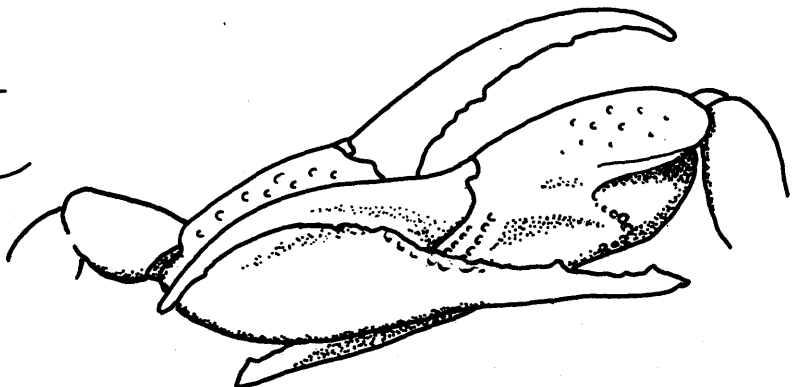
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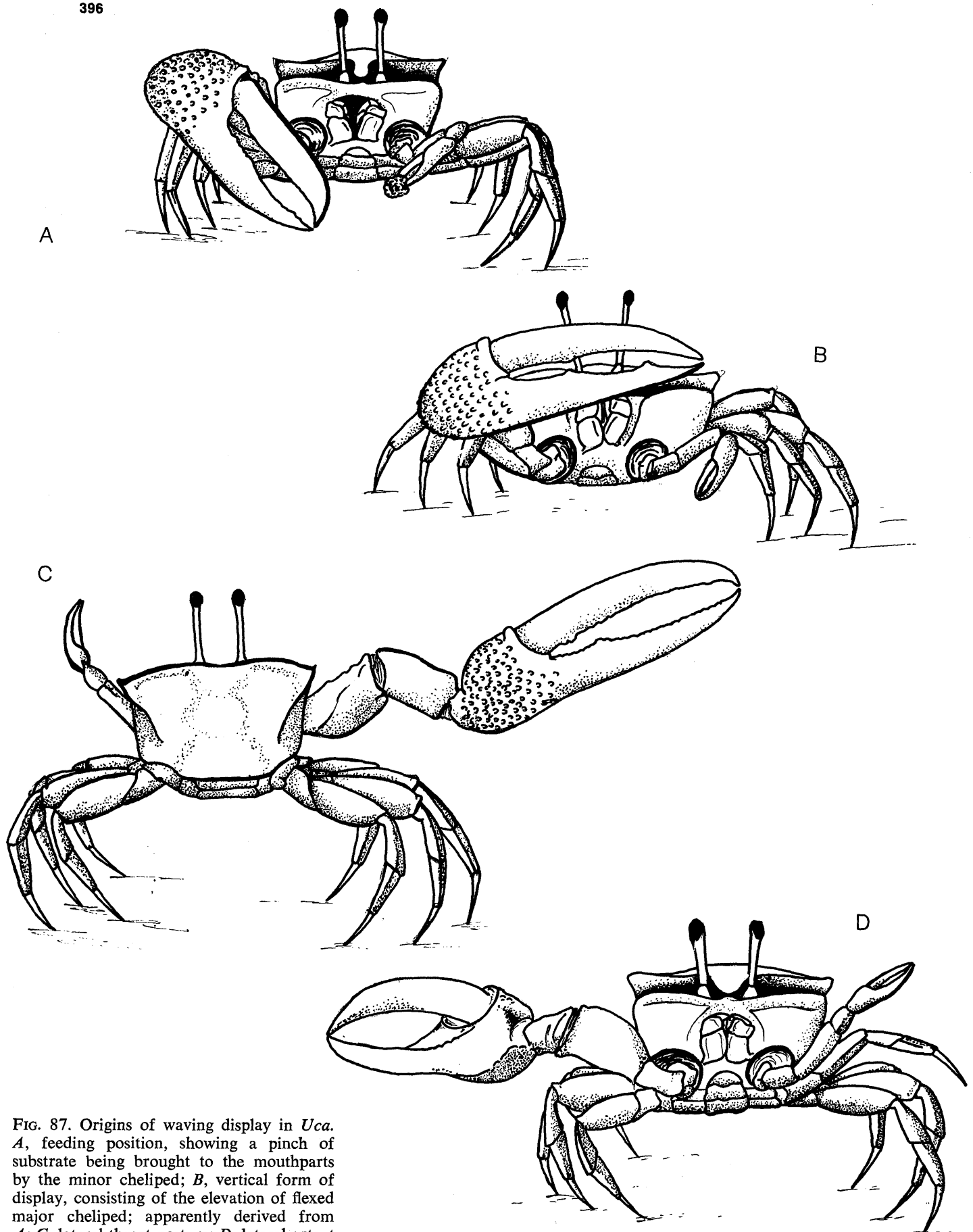


FIG. 87. Origins of waving display in *Uca*. *A*, feeding position, showing a pinch of substrate being brought to the mouthparts by the minor cheliped; *B*, vertical form of display, consisting of the elevation of flexed major cheliped; apparently derived from *A*; *C*, lateral threat posture; *D*, lateral extent of lateral display, derived from *C*. (Pp. 523ff.)



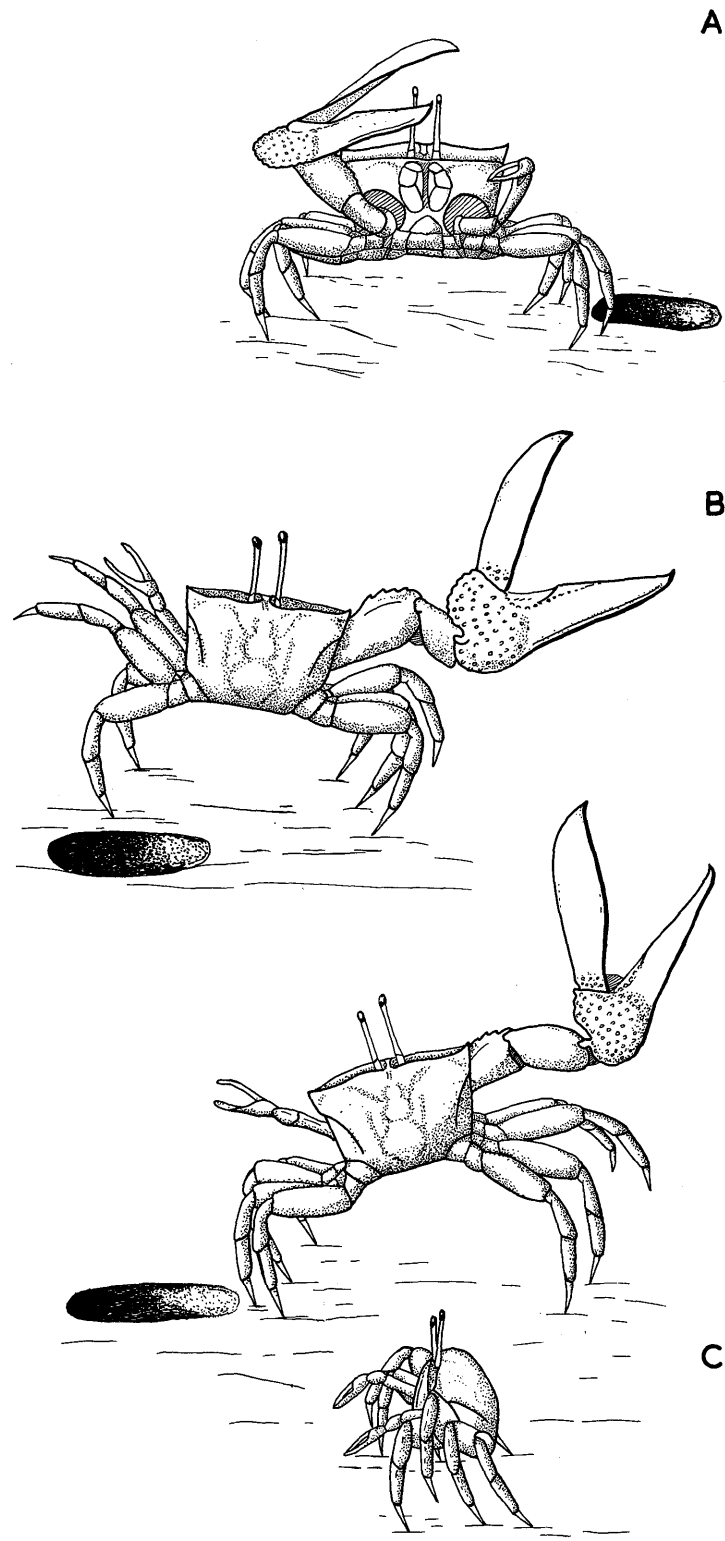


FIG. 88. Waving display in *Uca* (*Uca*) *maracoani maracoani*. A, male waving at low intensity beside burrow. B, waving, high intensity, as female approaches behind male. C, female nearing burrow and about to descend it ahead of male, as waving display continues at highest intensity. Increased intensity shown by upward stretching of ambulatories, higher upward reach of major cheliped, the chela held open and describing a circular motion, and the outward kicking of one or more ambulatories. (Pp. 501ff.)

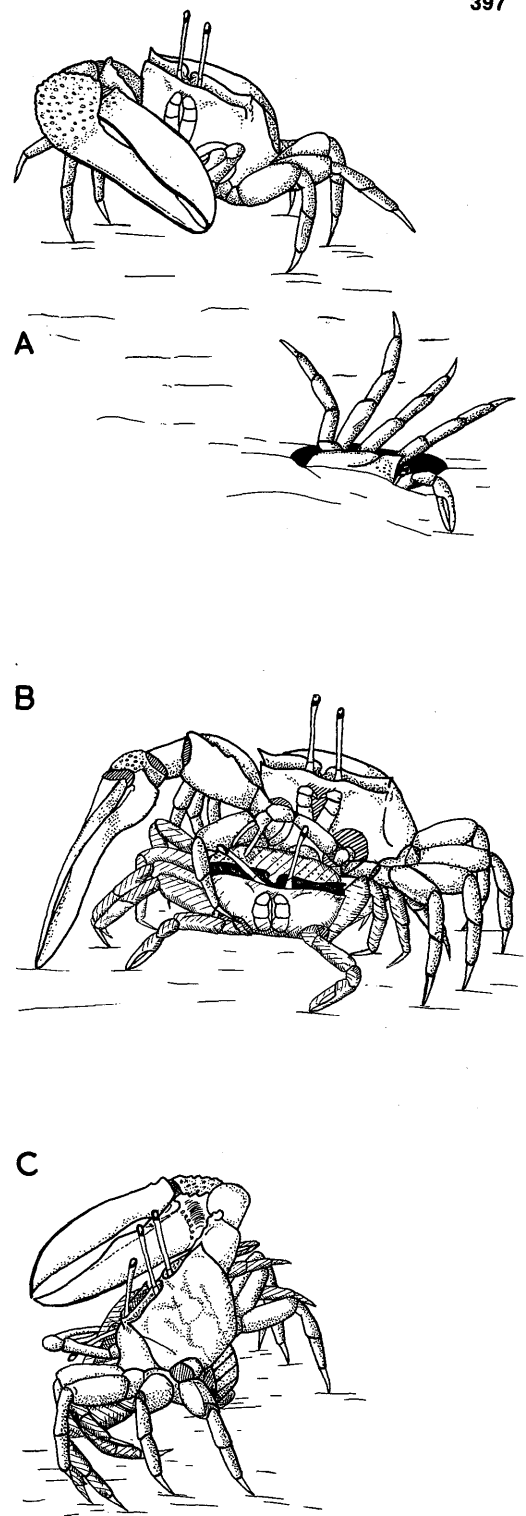


FIG. 89. Precopulatory behavior and surface copulation in *Uca* (*Uca*) *maracoani maracoani*. A, one of postures assumed at approach of male by an unreceptive female (agonistic component no. 14, p. 480). B, plucking motions by male with minor chela of female's carapace. C, copulating position. (Pp. 503ff.)

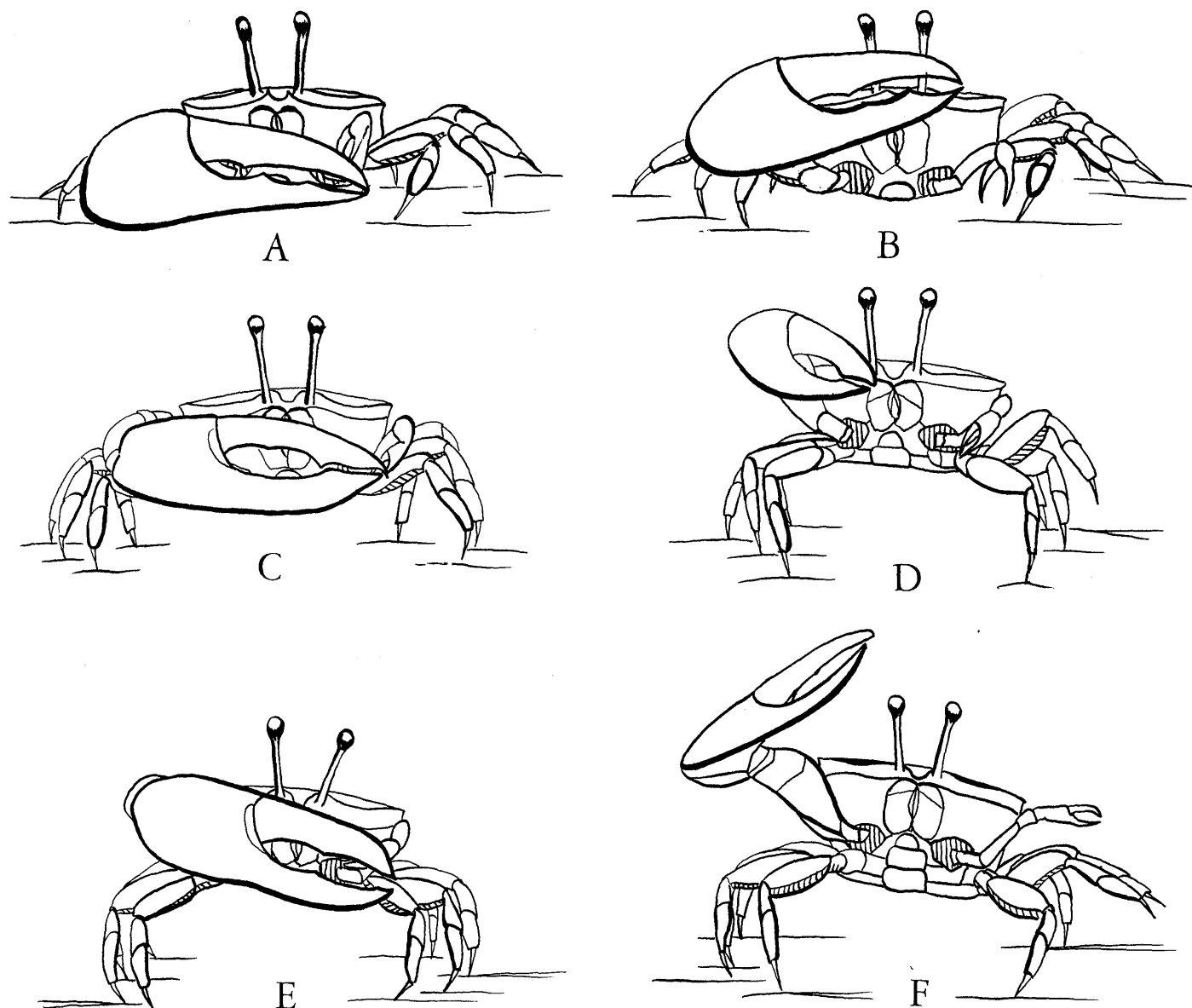


FIG. 90. Vertical display in *Uca*. All drawings made from selected frames of motion picture films; examples on left show rest positions between waves, those on right the maximum elevation of the cheliped, which is raised and lowered in a single plane. Note in the series, reading from the top down, the progressively higher

reach of the cheliped and greater elevation of the carapace. A, B, *Deltuca acuta rhizophorae* (photographed in Singapore); C, D, (*Australuca*) *bellator bellator* (Philippine Is.); E, F, (*Deltuca*) *demani demani* (Philippine Is.). (Pp. 496ff.)



# WAVE FORM AND GONOPOD SHAPE IN SYMPATRIC SPECIES OF UCA

## A. NORTHWEST AUSTRALIA

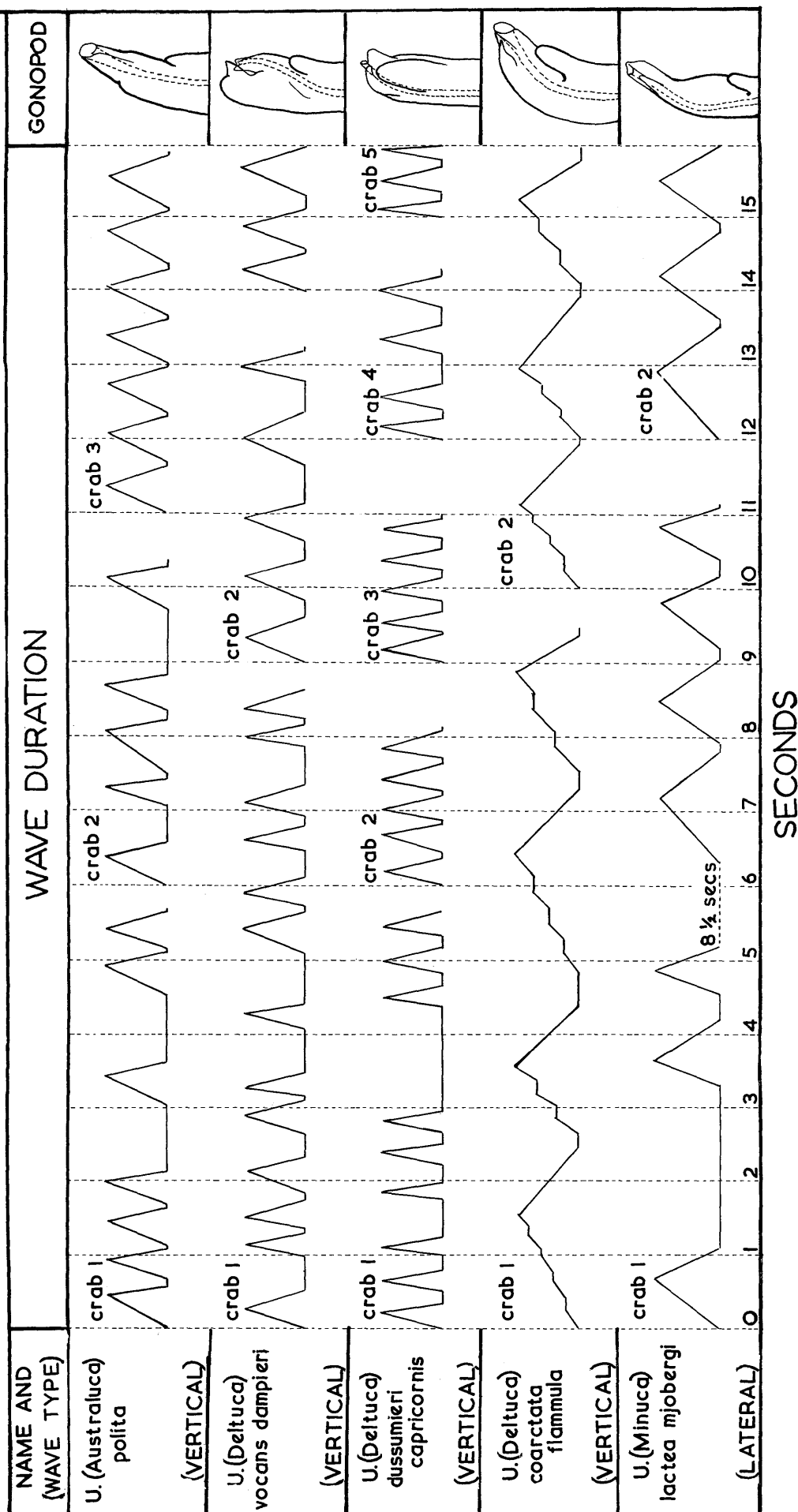


FIG. 92. Wave form and gonopod shape in sympatric species of *Uca*. From films made in Broome, northwest Australia. Base line in each represents period between waves; apex of each wave shown by peak. It will be noted that only two of these species,

(*Deltuca*) *dussumieri capricornis* and (*Deltuca*) *coarctata flammula*, are closely related and hence sympatric in the narrow sense of the term. (Pp. 528ff.)