

Speocyclops demetiensis (Scourfield 1932)

Family Cyclopidae, G.O. Sars

Genus *Speocyclops* Kiefer 1937

Key characteristics:

Species of this genus may habitually resemble harpactoides. The antenna is very short and consists of 11 joints. The last pair of legs (5th pair) is wholly confluent with the last thorax segment and the genital segment is broad. The furca is short. *S. demetiensis* is the only species of this genus living in surface water. Other species are found in caves or groundwater.

Female: Length 0.6-0.8 mm

Male: Length 0.5 mm

Distribution:

This littoral species has only been found once in a pond on the North West coast.

According to the Norwegian red list data is deficient (DD) on *S. demetiensis*.

