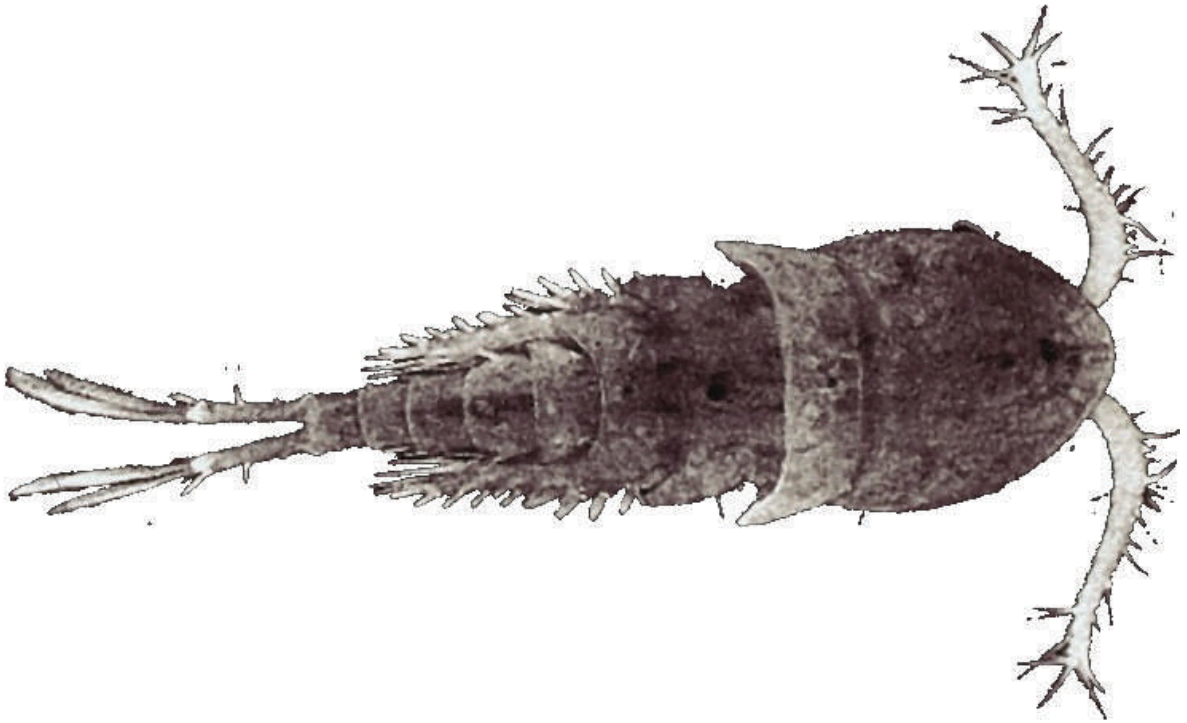




COPEPODS



ALL ABOUT COPEPODS

- Copepods are crustaceans that have exoskeletons.
- Copepods have five pairs of appendages.
- Copepods are relatives of crabs, lobsters, and shrimp.
- Most copepods eat phytoplankton. Some eat other, smaller copepods.
- Copepods are eaten by many kinds of small and/or juvenile fish.
- Copepods move by flicking their antennae and legs.
- The copepod only has ONE EYE, located in the middle of its head!
- In March and April, copepods come to the surface to feed and breed.
- In the fall and winter, copepods sink to the bottom and become less active.
- There are thousands of species of copepods found world-wide, and they are the most numerous multi-cellular animals in the world.