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Series Eumalacostraca

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Sub-class 8. Malacostraca

Large sized, Marine and freshwater crustaceans.

Body distinctly segmented, usually with a head made of 5 somites, a thorax of 8 somites and an abdomen of 6 somites.

Carapace may be present, vestigial or absent.

Exoskeleton of head united with few or more thoracic segments to form cephalothoracic carapace.

Appendages typically 19 pairs, 13 cephalothoracic 6 abdominal

Compound eyes; paired; stalked or sessile.

Antennules often biramous.

Abdominal caudal style absent; terminates in a telson.

Female gonopore on 6th thoracic segment, male on 8th.

Young hatching out of the egg is zoea, rarely a nauplius.



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Sub-class 8. Malacostraca

This sub-class includes commercially important crustaceans and hence classification of this class is described in detail.

This sub-class includes **2 series**,
4 divisions and a large number of orders.

Series 1- Leptostraca

Series 2- Eumalacostraca



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Series 1. Leptostraca

Marine crustaceans; highly primitive with 21 body segments.

Body made up of 21 segments, abdomen of 7 segments.

Thoracic appendages similar and foliaceous; eyes stalked

Telson has a pair of caudal styles or furcal rami.

Eg. Nebalia



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Series 2. Eumalacostraca

Marine, freshwater or terrestrial
malacostracans with 20 body segments.

Abdomen of 6 or fewer somites.

Thoracic appendages typically leg-like.

Telson without caudal styles.

Eyes sessile or stalked



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Super-order 1. Syncarida

Super-order 2. Peracarida

Super-order 3. Hoplocarida

Super-order 4. Eucarida



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Super-order 1. Syncarida

Carapace absent.

This super order consist two orders.

Order 1. Anaspidacea

First thoracic segment fused with head.

Eyes stalked, sessile or absent.

Pleopods uniramous or biramous.

Eg. Anaspides, Koonunga





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Order 2. Bathynellacea

First thoracic segment, not fused with head.

Eyes absent.

Pleopods reduced or absent.

Telson fused with the 6th abdominal segment.

Eg. Bathynella





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Super-order 2. Peracarida

Carapace, when present, leaving last 4 thoracic segments uncovered.

Female has a thoracic brood pouch or marsupium.

In this super order consist five orders



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Order 1. Mysidacea (Opossum shrimps)

Order 2. Cumacea

Order 3. Tanaidacea

Order 4. Isopoda (Pill bugs, Wood lice)

Order 5. Amphipoda (Sand hoppers)



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Order 1. Mysidacea (Opossum shrimps)

Mostly marine, some freshwater.

Body elongated, carapace covering most of thorax.

Anterior 2 pairs of thoracic appendages form maxillipedes

Uropods form tail-fan.

Eg. Mysis, Gnathophausia



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