



***Thurstonella*, replacement name for the Antarctic amphipod genus *Clarencia*  
K.H. Barnard, 1931 (Crustacea, Amphipoda, Thurstonellidae), preoccupied by  
*Clarencia* Sloane, 1917 (Insecta, Coleoptera, Carabidae)**

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The generic name *Clarencia* was originally proposed by Sloane (1917) for a genus of carabid beetles (Insecta, Coleoptera, Carabidae). It is a valid name in current use for a small endemic genus of Australian/Papua New Guinean ground beetles, recently revised by Baehr (2005). *Clarencia* K.H. Barnard, 1931, was established as a monotypic genus of Antarctic amphipods. Shaw (1989) and Zeidler (1994) have both redescribed *Clarencia chelata* K.H. Barnard, 1931. Zeidler (1994) re-diagnosed the family Clarenciidae Barnard & Karaman, 1987 and set up the superfamily Clarencioidea. It was recently brought to our attention that *Clarencia* K.H. Barnard, 1931 is a junior homonym of *Clarencia* Sloane, 1917. The new name, *Thurstonella*, is proposed to replace *Clarencia* K.H. Barnard, 1931. Because the type genus of the family is a junior homonym, the family group name Clarenciidae Barnard & Karaman, 1987, is replaced with Thurstonellidae, in accordance with Article 39 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999, fourth edition).

**Thurstonellidae nom. nov.**

Clarenciidae Barnard & Karaman, 1987: 859. —Zeidler 1994: 221.

**Type Genus.** *Thurstonella* (replacement name for *Clarencia* K.H. Barnard, 1931, junior homonym of *Clarencia* Sloane, 1917).

**Included taxa.** Thurstonellidae includes one genus: *Thurstonella* **nom. nov.**

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*Clarencia* K.H. Barnard, 1931: 428. —K.H. Barnard 1932: 155. —J.L. Barnard 1969: 176. —Shaw 1989: 201. —Barnard & Karaman 1991: 132.

**Type species.** *Clarencia chelata* K.H. Barnard, 1931, by original designation.

**Etymology.** The genus is named for Mike Thurston in recognition of his contribution to amphipodology.

**Included species.** *Thurstonella* includes 1 species: *T. chelata* (K.H. Barnard, 1931).

***Thurstonella chelata* (K.H. Barnard, 1931)**

*Clarencia chelata* K.H. Barnard, 1931: 428. —K.H. Barnard 1932: 156, fig. 91. —Shaw 1989: 202, figs 1–3. —Barnard & Karaman 1991: 132, figs 37, 63I. —Zeidler 1994: 222, figs 1, 2.

**Types.** Holotype, Natural History Museum, London, 1936.11.2.1340.

**Type locality.** Off Cape Bowles, Clarence Island, South Shetland Islands (S 61° 19' 0" W 54° 6' 0"~61°19'0"S 54°6'0"W), 342 m.

**Habitat.** Marine, 145 to 552 m depth.

**Associations.** Apparently associated with the cladorhizid sponge *Asbestopluma belgicae* (Topsent, 1901) (Zeidler 1994).

**Distribution.** *Antarctica.* Antarctic Peninsula: Clarence Island (K.H. Barnard 1931). East Antarctic: Prydz Bay (Zeidler 1994).

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