

Syllinae (Syllidae: Polychaeta) from Australia. Part 4. The genus *Haplosyllis* Langerhans, 1879

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Abstract

Large collections of Syllidae (Polychaeta) from around Australia housed at the Australian Museum (Sydney) have been examined and identified. Among them are seven known species of *Haplosyllis* Langerhans, 1879, which are here redescribed and figured: *H. uncinigera* (Grube, 1878), *H. basticola* Sardá, Paul & Ávila, 2002, *H. crassicirrata* Aguado, San Martín & Nishi, 2006, *H. ingensicola* Lattig, Martin & Aguado, 2010, *H. tenhovei* Lattig, Martin & Aguado, 2010, *H. djiboutiensis* Gravier, 1900 (the most widely distributed species) and *H. cf. spongicola*. The latter is morphologically very similar to the type series of *H. spongicola* (Grube, 1855) from the Mediterranean, so future molecular studies would be necessary to clarify its taxonomic status. In addition, *H. imajimai* sp. nov., *H. sanchoi* sp. nov., and *H. sandii* sp. nov., are newly described. All relevant characters for all species are fully illustrated, most of them using Scanning Electron Microscopy. Finally, a key to the Australian species is given.

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