The New Crustacean Amphipod

Genus *Kapalana* from Australian Waters

*(Senticaudata, Ischyroceridae, Ischyrocerinae, Cerapodini)*

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**Abstract.** *Kapalana* g. nov. is proposed and described for seven new species of Australian cerapodin amphipods: *K. amelga* sp. nov.; *K. durraween* sp. nov.; *K. kimbla* sp. nov.; *K. maia* sp. nov.; *K. michaelmas* sp. nov.; *K. stebbingi* sp. nov. and *K. wadei* sp. nov. In all of these species the females show a form of parental care in that the juveniles build their initial tubes in a ring around the tube of the adult female. *Cerapus flindersi* Stebbing, 1888 is tentatively assigned to the new genus *Kapalana*.

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