

# Spiophanes berkeleyorum Pettibone, 1962

Nomenclature		
Phylum	Annelida	
Class	Polychaeta	
Order	Spionida	
Family	Spionidae	
Common Synonyms (S) Previous Names (PN)		



Distribution		
Type Locality	Departure Bay, east coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia	
Geographic Distribution	Eastern Pacific, Puget Sound to southern California; Japan (Blake 1996)	
Habitat	Low intertidal to 465 m (Blake 1996)	

# Description

From Blake 1996

Size: Length up to 35 mm, width up to 2 mm, segments up to 100.

**Body:** Flattened dorsoventrally anteriorly, tapered gradually posteriorly.

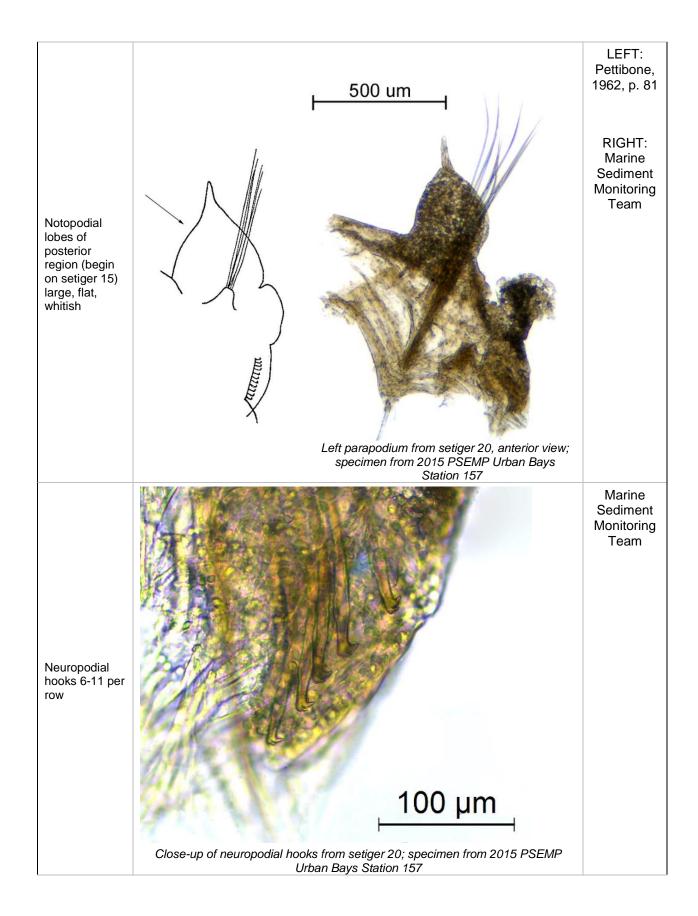
**Prostomium:** Bell-shaped, widest anteriorly, anterior angles rounded, extending posteriorly on 1<sup>st</sup> setiger, with 4 small deep-set inconspicuous eyes. Prominent median occipital antenna at the level of the notopodial lobes of the 1<sup>st</sup> setiger. Peristomial segment achaetous, enlarged, lateral and ventral to prostomium, with a raised fold lateral to tentacular palps. Tentacular palps with scalloped borders along the ciliated grooves. Dorsal sensory grooves parallel, extend to about setiger 14. Proboscis saclike.

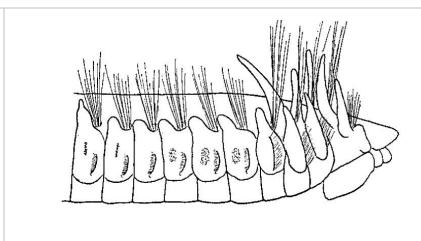
Branchiae: None

**Parapodia/Setae:** Anterior 4 setigers with well-developed digitiform postsetal lamellae in both rami, and long slender capillary notosetae; neuropodia of first setiger include 1-2 heavy curved crook-like setae. Curved inferior sabre setae present from setiger 4; quadridentate neuropodial hooks begin on setiger 15. Parapodia in mid-body region swollen, glandularized, with capilliform bacillary setae. Posterior region with prominent transverse dorsal folds. Interparapodial pouches absent.

Pygidium: Anal end disc-like with 6-12 cirri.

Diagnostic Characteristics		
Diagnostic Characteristics (From Blake 1996)	Photo, Illustrations	Photo, Illustration Credit
Occipital antenna present  Prostomium bell-shaped (without frontal horns)  Branchiae absent	Anterior body region (dorsal view); arrow indicates occipital antenna; specimen from 2014 PSEMP Long-term Station 44 Rep 2	Marine Sediment Monitoring Team
Setiger 1 with 1-2 large curved neuropodial hooks	Anterior body region (ventral view); specimen from 2014 PSEMP Long-term Station 4 Rep 2	Marine Sediment Monitoring Team





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Interparapodial pouches and ciliated dorsal ridges absent



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Related Species and Characteristic Differences		
Species Name	Diagnostic Characteristics	
Spiophanes kroeyeri	Prostomial eyespots lacking; median body with prominent interparapodial pouches.	
Spiophanes norrisi	Prostomium with elongate lateral projections ("horns"); occipital cirrus absent.	

#### Comments

S. berkeleyorum builds delicate silt tubes (Photo credit: Marine Sediment Monitoring Team).



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http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/psamp/index.htm

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