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## Superfamily AETHROIDEA DANA, 1851

[*nom. transl.* NG, GUINOT, & DAVIE, 2008, p. 44, *pro* Oethrinae DANA, 1851, p. 127] [=Hepatinae STIMPSON, 1871, p. 154]

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## Family AETHRIDAE Dana, 1851

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Carapace usually wider than long but may be about as wide as long, ovate to quadrate; carapace surface with inflated regions or broadly smooth, may possess tubercles; front bilobed, often extending well beyond orbits; suborbital margins not extending beyond upper orbital margin; anterolateral margins strongly convex and arcuate, crenulate, or with small spines; posterolateral margins short, constricted; sternum narrow, obovate, widest anterior to midlength; sterno-abdominal cavity extending onto sternite 4, sternal sutures 4/5 and 5/6 interrupted; male pleonal somites 3–5 fused, sutures sometimes visible; anterolateral margin may be laterally expanded so as to hide pereopods and chelipeds. [Emended from DAVIE, 2002.] ?*Upper Cretaceous (Campanian)*, *Eocene (Ypresian)*–*Holocene*.

**Aethra** LATREILLE, 1817, p. 24 [\**Cancer scruposus* LINNAEUS, 1764, p. 450; M; =*C. polynome* HERBST, 1801 in 1782–1804, p. 23, pl. 53,4–5; =*Calappa depressa* LATREILLE in MILBERT, 1812, p. 276]. Carapace ovate, wider than long, anterolateral margins crispate, thin, expanded to cover chelipeds and pereopods; posterolateral margins convex; both anterolateral and posterolateral margins with tiny spines; carapace ornamented with oblique, broad ridges extending from axis toward lateral margins; posterior margin nearly straight; chela flattened. [Emended from EMMERSON, 2017, p.

268.] *Miocene (Serravallian)*–*Holocene*: Ukraine, *Serravallian*; eastern Pacific Ocean, Indo-Pacific Oceans, Australia, *Holocene*.—FIG. 1, 1*a*–*b*. \**A. scruposa* (LINNAEUS), USNM 282894, Guam, *Holocene*, dorsal (*a*) and ventral (*b*) views, scale bars, 1 cm (new).

**Drachiella** GUINOT in SERÈNE & SOH, 1976, p. 7 [\**Lithadia sculpta* HASWELL, 1880, p. 57, pl. 6,5; OD]. Carapace ovate, covered in large, closely spaced, fungiform tubercles; front straight, orbits small; lateral margins spinose, crispate; axial, protogastric, and epibranchial regions strongly inflated. *Pliocene*–*Holocene*: Brunei, *Pliocene*; Indo-West Pacific region, Australia, *Holocene*.—FIG. 1, 2*a*–*b*. \**D. sculpta* (HASWELL), MFM 129113, Andaman Sea, Thailand, *Holocene*, dorsal (*a*) and ventral (*b*) views, scale bars, 1 cm (new; photo by H. Karasawa, Mizunami Fossil Museum, Japan).—FIG. 1, 2*c*. *D. guinotae* MORRIS & COLLINS, 1991, holotype, (BMNH) In.61863, *Pliocene*, Brunei, scale bar, 1 cm (new).

**Eohepatella** BESCHIN & DE ANGELI, 2017, p. 24 [\**E. plana*; OD]. Carapace ovate, wider than long, front rounded, orbits small; anterolateral margin entire, rimmed, strongly convex; posterolateral margins concave; axial regions of carapace moderately elevated; hepatic region depressed; rounded swellings on protogastric, mesogastric, cardiac, and epibranchial areas; mani of chelipeds with rows of strong tubercles. *Eocene (Lutetian)*: Italy.—FIG. 1, 3. \**E. plana*, MCZ 5735, scale bar, 1 cm (new; photo by A. De Angeli, Associazione Amici del Museo Zannato, Montecchio Maggiore, Vicenza, Italy).

**Eriosachila** BLOW & MANNING, 1996, p. 11, pl. 3, 2 [\**E. petiti*; OD]. Carapace hexagonal to octagonal, wider than long, widest at second or third anterolateral spine; regions developed as broad or discrete inflated areas, with axial regions including protogastric outlined by moderately deep groove; front projecting weakly beyond orbits, axially notched; orbits small, subcircular; anterolateral margins convex, with three or four blunt spines; posterolateral margins concave, with two or three spines; posterior margin narrow. ?*Upper Cretaceous (Campanian)*: Madagascar, *Eocene (Lutetian)*–*Miocene*; USA (South Carolina), *Lutetian*–*Bartonian*; Egypt, Panama, USA (Washington),

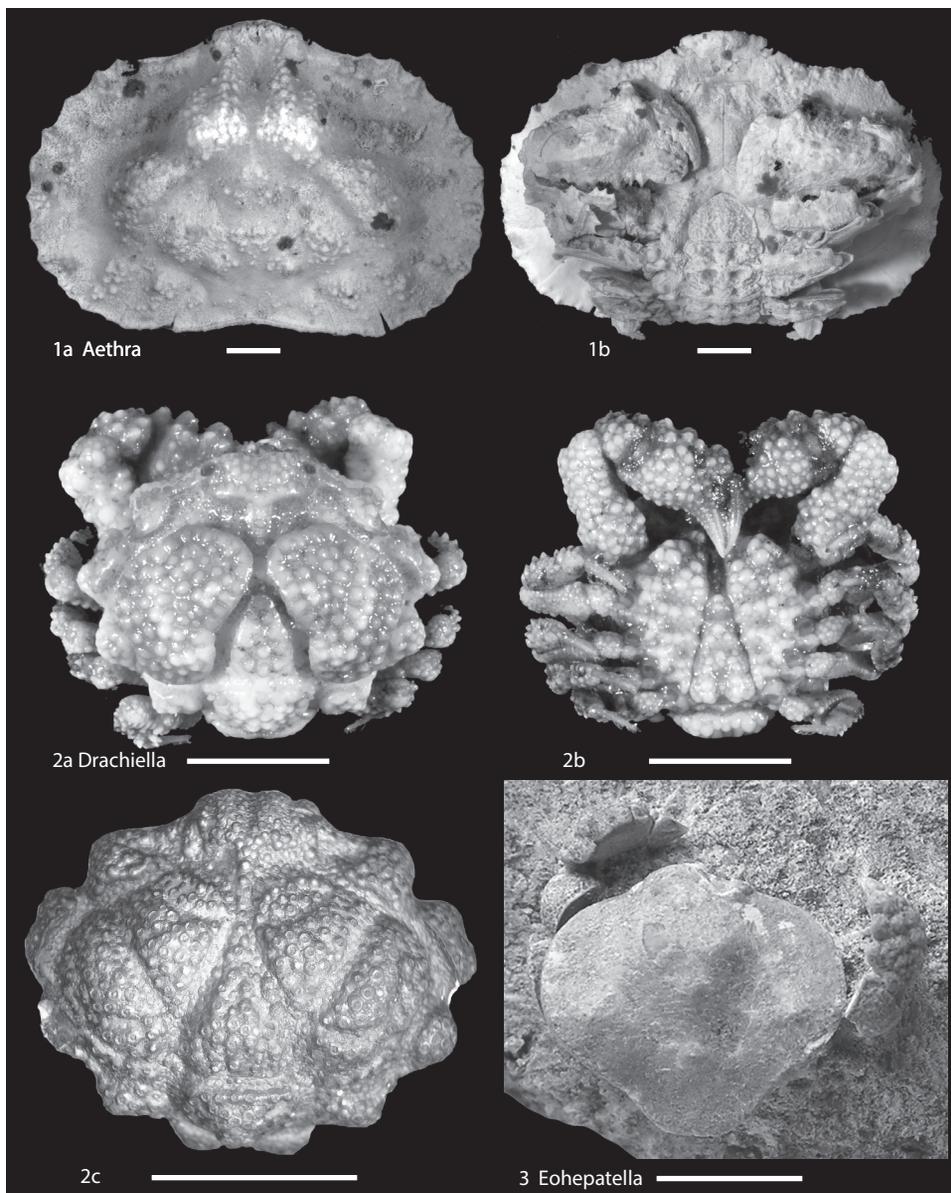


FIG. 1. Family Aethridae (p. 1).

*Priabonian*; Caribbean (Leeward Islands, Saint Barthélemy), Mexico (Baja California Sur), USA (Oregon), *Eocene*; Venezuela, *Eocene–Miocene*.—FIG. 2, 1. *E. orri* SCHWEITZER & FELDMANN, 2000, KSU D 134, Oregon, Eocene, scale bar, 1 cm (new). *Hepatella* SMITH, 1869, p. 250 [*H. amica*; M; ICZN Opinion 73, 1941, p. 27 (authorship of type species under ICZN, Direction 36, 1956a)]. Carapace rectangular in outline; front broadly bilobed, extending

beyond orbits; eyes very small; gastric and axial regions inflated, granular; anterolateral margins crispate, with numerous tiny spines, tightly convex; posterolateral margins concave. *Miocene–Holocene*: Brazil, Mexico (Chiapas), *Miocene*; western coastal Mexico, northern South America, *Holocene*.—FIG. 2, 2a–b. *H. peruviana* RATHBUN, 1933, USNM 69205, Panama, *Holocene*, dorsal (a) and ventral (b) views, scale bars, 1 cm (new).

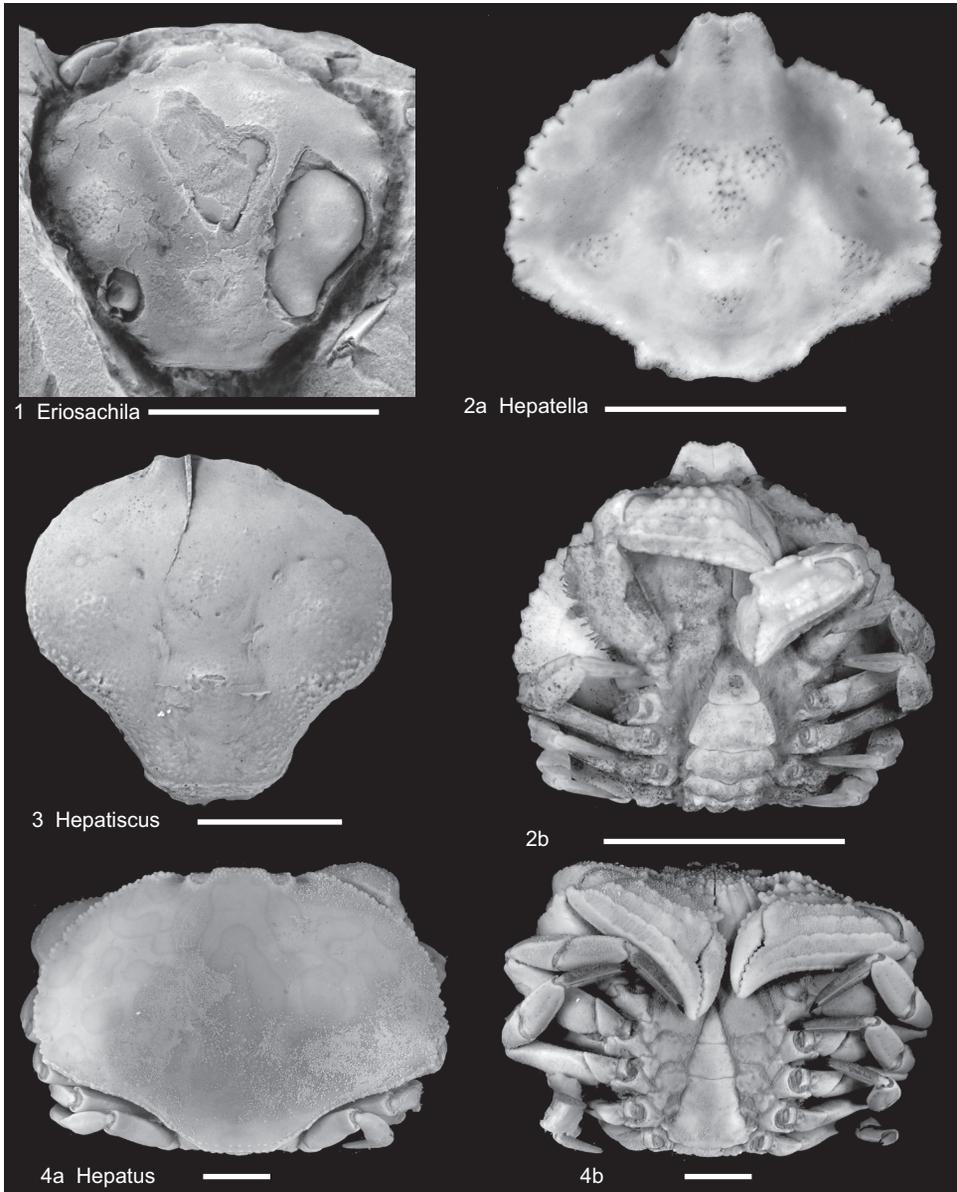


FIG. 2. Family Aethridae (p. 1–4).

*Hepaticus* BITTNER, 1875, p. 75, pl. 1,8 [*H. neumayri*; SD GLAESSNER, 1929, p. 209]. Carapace ovate, not much wider than long, length about 85 percent maximum width, widest about 40 percent the distance posteriorly on carapace, transversely weakly vaulted and longitudinally more strongly vaulted, especially in posterior third; front narrow and projecting slightly beyond orbits; orbits transversely ovoid, directed forward, upper-orbital margin biconcave, fronto-

orbital width 40 percent maximum carapace width; anterolateral margins convex, without well-developed spines; posterolateral margin nearly straight, converging strongly posteriorly; carapace regions poorly developed; mesogastric region with axial swelling; protogastric regions each with swelling; epibranchial region with swelling; cardiac region with swelling; branchial swellings lie very close to posterolateral margin; highest point on carapace is

- mesogastric swelling; third maxillipeds broad, in two planes, filling entire buccal frame; male sternum narrow, sterno-pleonal cavity deep; sternites 1–2 fused, separated from sternite 3 by depression; sternite 3 separated from sternite 4 by complete suture; sutures 4/5 and 5/6 incomplete; female pleonal somites apparently free. *Eocene*: Italy, Pakistan, *Lutetian*; Egypt, Hungary, Java, *Priabonian*; Spain, *Eocene*.—FIG. 2.3. \**H. neumayri* (GLAESSNER), KSU D 56, cast of holotype MBA 658 k. 108, *Lutetian*, Italy, scale bar, 1 cm (new).
- Hepatus** LATREILLE, 1802 in 1802–1803, p. 22 [\**Calappa angustata* FABRICIUS, 1798, p. 347; M; =*Cancer princeps* HERBST, 1794 in 1782–1804, p. 154, pl. 38,2; =*Cancer pudibundus* HERBST, 1785 in 1782–1804, p. 199; =*Calappa angustata* FABRICIUS, 1798, p. 347; =*Cancer fasciatus* HERBST, 1799 in 1782–1804, p. 62, pl. 49,5; =*Hepatus calappoides* LAMARCK, 1818, p. 268; =*Hepatus tuberculatus* SAUSSURE, 1858, p. 450, fig. 9] [=*Hepatus* FOWLER, 1912, p. 590 (type, *Hepatus fasciatus* HERBST, 1799 in 1782–1804), unnecessary replacement name; *Hepatoides* BALSS, 1957, p. 1612 (no type designated, presumably *Calappa angustata*), unnecessary replacement name]. Carapace ovate, wider than long, carapace widest about three-quarters the distance posteriorly on carapace; anterolateral margins strongly convex, crenulate, with numerous short spines; posterolateral margins concave; posterior margin narrow; front narrow, bluntly bilobed, not extending beyond orbits; orbits small, circular, closely spaced; carapace regions inflated but not well developed. *Miocene*–*Holocene*: Panama, *Tortonian*–*Messinian*; Chile, Dominican Republic, Panama, Trinidad, *Miocene*; Colombia, Costa Rica, Caribbean (Curaçao), Panama, USA (Virginia), *Pliocene*; Costa Rica, Caribbean (Jamaica), Panama, USA (California, Texas), *Pleistocene*; eastern Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Peru, *Holocene*.—FIG. 2.4a–b. *Hepatus epheliticus* (LINNAEUS, 1763), USNM 2053, Florida, *Holocene*, dorsal (a) and ventral (b) views, scale bars, 1 cm (new).
- Ilerdapaticus** ARTAL & VAN BAKEL, 2018, p. 5–7, fig. 1 [\**I. guardiaie*; OD]. Carapace about as wide as long, narrowing posteriorly, fronto-orbital width narrow, front with small axial notch; anterolateral margins crenulate, tightly convex; posterolateral margins with a few small and one large, blunt projection; protogastric, mesogastric, cardiac, epibranchial, and branchial regions with strong, granular swellings. *Eocene* (*Ypresian*): France, Spain.—FIG. 3.1. \**I. guardiaie*, holotype, MGSB 75460, Spain, scale bar, 1 cm (new; photo by B. W. M. Van Bakel, Oertijdmuseum, Boxtel, The Netherlands).
- ?Latuxanthides** DE ANGELI & CECCON, 2015, p. 127, fig. 5 [\**L. dentatus*; OD]. Carapace ovate, wider than long; front broadly bilobed, nearly straight; orbits tiny, placed at base of front; anterolateral margins apparently crispate, with concave-forward segment lateral to orbits, followed by strongly convex segment with broad spines separated by fissures; posterolateral margin weakly concave; protogastric and epibranchial regions inflated.
- Eocene* (*Ypresian*): Italy.—FIG. 3.2. \**L. dentatus*, holotype, MCV 14/28, scale bar, 1 cm (new; photo by A. De Angeli, Associazione Amici del Museo Zannato, Montecchio Maggiore, Vicenza, Italy).
- Mainhepaticus** DE ANGELI & BESCHIN, 1999, p. 16, fig. 2.8, pl. 2, 1–2 [\**M. zannatoi*; OD]. Carapace obovate, not much wider than long; front narrow, with prominent axial fissure, moderately projected beyond orbits; anterolateral margins tightly convex, with tiny spines separated by very short fissures; posterolateral margin very strongly concave, with very tiny spines separated by very short fissures; posterolateral margin narrow, concave axially; dorsal carapace with prominent swellings in protogastric, posterior mesogastric, epibranchial, and cardiac regions. *Eocene* (*Lutetian*): Italy.—FIG. 3.3. \**M. zannatoi*, holotype, MCZ 1619, scale bar, 1 cm (new; photo by A. De Angeli, Associazione Amici del Museo Zannato, Montecchio Maggiore, Vicenza, Italy).
- Osachila** STIMPSON, 1871, p. 154 [\**O. tuberosa*; M, ICZN Opinion 73, 1941, p. 27]. Carapace hexagonal, margins crispate; front bilobed, projecting beyond orbits; orbits small; anterolateral margin with many small spines; posterolateral margin with larger spines; posterior margin with rim and swellings; protogastric, axial, and epibranchial regions markedly inflated, remainder of regions depressed; chelipeds short, arched so as to fit snugly against anterior margin of carapace. *Eocene* (*Priabonian*)–*Holocene*: Italy, *Priabonian*; Argentina, Switzerland, *Miocene*; eastern Atlantic Ocean, eastern Pacific Ocean, USA (Hawaii), *Holocene*.—FIG. 3.4a–b. *O. valdesensis* CASADÍO & others, 2005, holotype, MPEF PI 1530, *Miocene*, Argentina, dorsal (a) and ventral (b) views, scale bars, 1 cm (Casadío & others, 2005, fig. 3A).
- Priabonella** Beschin & others, 2006, p. 104, fig. 6, pl. 2, 4–6 [\**P. violatii*; OD]. Carapace wider than long, obovate, front bilobed; orbits small, forward directed; anterolateral margin composed of a straight segment following orbits, then four spines, last longest and best developed; posterolateral margin strongly concave, angular; posterior margin narrow; protogastric and mesogastric regions inflated; hepatic and epibranchial regions united, broadly inflated, with two large swellings; cardiac region large, inflated; entire surface sparsely but coarsely granular. *Eocene* (*Priabonian*): Italy.—FIG. 3.5. \**P. violatii*, holotype, MCZ 2440, scale bar, 1 cm (new; photo by A. De Angeli, Associazione Amici del Museo Zannato, Montecchio Maggiore, Vicenza, Italy).
- Sakaila** MANNING & HOLTHUIS, 1981, p. 325, fig. 83 [\**S. africana*; OD]. Carapace ovate; orbits small, not visible in dorsal view; front produced beyond orbits; protogastric regions inflated; anterolateral margins with tiny, sharp spines; posterolateral margins convex, spinose; carapace surface rugose. *Eocene* (*Lutetian*)–*Holocene*: Italy, *Lutetian*; USA (Hawaii), Japan, western Africa, *Holocene*.—FIG. 4. \**S. africana*, paratype, USNM 139766, western Africa, *Holocene*, dorsal (a) and ventral (b) views, scale bars, 1 cm (new).

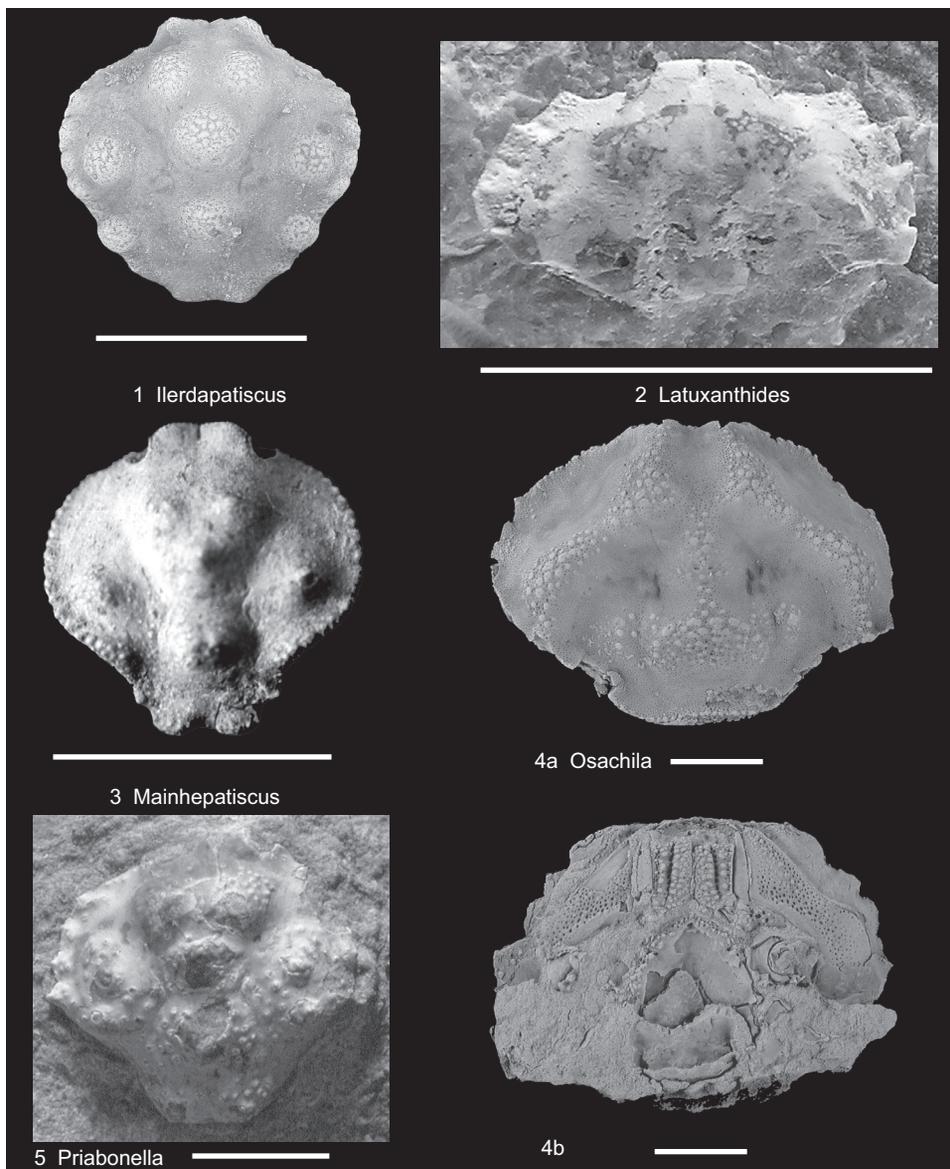


FIG. 3. Family Aethridae (p. 4).

### ABBREVIATIONS FOR MUSEUM REPOSITORIES

BMNH: The Natural History Museum, London, UK  
 KSU D: Decapod Comparative Collection, Department  
 of Geology, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, USA  
 MBA: Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt-  
 Universität zu Berlin, Germany  
 MCV: Museo Civico “D. Dal Lago” di Valdagno,  
 Vicenza, Italy

MCZ: Museo Civico “G. Zannato” di Montecchio  
 Maggiore, Vicenza, Italy  
 MFM: Mizunami Fossil Museum, Mizunami, Japan  
 MGSB: Museo Geológico del Seminario de Barcelona,  
 Barcelona, Spain  
 MPEF: Museo Paleontologico Egidio Feruglio, Trelew,  
 Chubut, Argentina  
 USNM: United States National Museum of Natural  
 History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington  
 D.C., USA

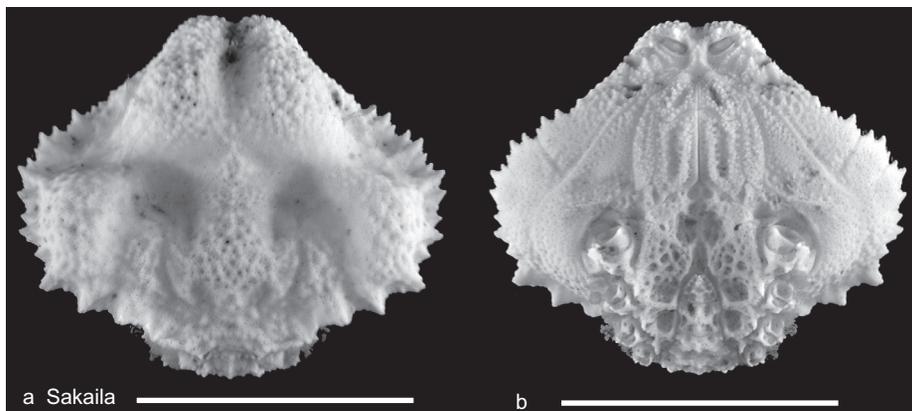


FIG. 4. Family Aethridae (p. 4).

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