

# REVUE SUISSE DE ZOOLOGIE – INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

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*Sertularia Templetoni* Fleming, 1828: 543.  
*Plumularia setacea*. – Hincks, 1868: 296, fig. 34, pl. 66 fig. 1. – Broch, 1918: 55, fig. 24.  
*Plumularia milleri* Nutting, 1906: 951, pl. 5 fig. 1, pl. 12 figs 6-7. )

**Material examined:** (or Holotype:, Paratypes: )

**Diagnosis:**

**Etymology:**

**Description:**

**Dimensions:**

**Distribution:**

**Type locality:**

**Remarks:**

All examined specimens or lots of specimens should be listed using the following listing system: Museum Acronym followed by accession number if available; number of specimens and sex; locality names, coordinates, other locality data; collection date; other data. All specimens and lots must be separated by the combination of signs " . – ". Example:

**Material examined:** MHNG-INVE-69643; 3 females, 1 male; Japan, Okinawa Islands, near Kume Island, 26.3231°N 126.7439°E, 68-99 m; 14.11.2009; not well preserved. – MHNG-INVE-69662; 1 female, 2 juveniles; Japan, Okinawa Islands, near Kume Island, 26.2897°N 126.8577°E, 88-105 m; 10.11.2009; label "Stat. 25-3654/trawl 86/alc."

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**Acknowledgements: (BOLD CAPITALS)** List here those individuals who provided help during the research. This section must identify the source(s) of funding for the research. It should state where and when any earlier versions of the paper were presented (e.g. at a conference). Lastly, it should acknowledge the help of all individuals who have made a significant contribution to improving the paper (e.g. by offering comments or suggestions).

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Figs 21-26. *Ascaris suum*, MHNG-INVE-52368, after life. (21) Head region in lateral view. (22) Same in ventral view....

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Use the following style for identification keys, either adapted for one or two text columns width:

- 1A peduncle absent or short (much smaller than manubrium)..... 2
- 1B distinct peduncle present ..... 8
  
- 2A with ocelli ..... 3
- 2B without ocelli..... 6
  
- 3A 1-4 mm, less than 8 tentacles ..... *B. muscus*
- 3B > 4 mm, more than 8 tentacles ..... 5

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Penard E. 1889. Etudes sur quelques Hélozoaires d'eau douce. *Archives de Biologie* 9: 1-61.

Books, thesis:

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Book sections:

Handley C.O. 1966. Checklist of the mammals of Panama (pp. 753-795). In: Wenzel R.L, Tipton V.J. (eds). Ectoparasites of Panama. *Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago*, XII + 861 pp.

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