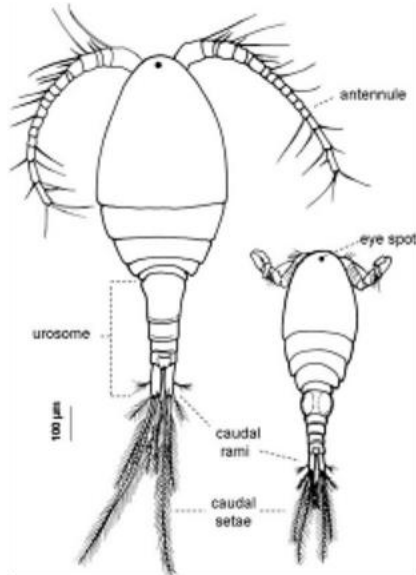


Copepods

Mesocyclops longisetus



Copepods are tiny crustaceans ranging from 1 to 2.5 millimeters long. They are part of a large, diverse family of arthropods, including shrimp, crabs, and lobsters. Copepods are voracious predators that feed only on first instar mosquito larvae, unicellular organisms, and protozoans. Here at the Orleans Mosquito, Termite and Rodent Control Board (NOMTRCB) copepods are cultivated in 5-gallon glass bottles and 55-gallon drums.

Copepods work effectively in small containers, bird baths, ponds, tires, pools, and ditches where mosquitoes position themselves to deposit eggs.