

Bathylaimus stenolaimus Stekhoven and De Coninck, 1933
(Fig. 125)

Description. Body length 1.9–2.4 mm. Maximum diameter 33–46 μm ($a = 43$ –62). Cuticle with fine transverse striations. Labial setae two-jointed, 0.2 h.d. long. Six longer cephalic setae four-jointed, 1.2 h.d.; shorter setae two-jointed, 0.55 h.d. Buccal cavity relatively smaller than in other species. Amphids describe a spiral of 1.5 turns, 0.23 times c.d. in diameter, level with base of buccal cavity. Tail 3.2 a.b.d. long, finger-like in shape in both sexes.

Spicules 29–31 μm long.

Gubernaculum 25–26 μm . Each half of gubernaculum has only a single tooth distally.

Vulva at 44–50% of body length.

Distribution. Exe estuary; Northern Ireland; Loch Ewe, Scotland; Isles of Scilly (intertidal and shallow subtidal sand).

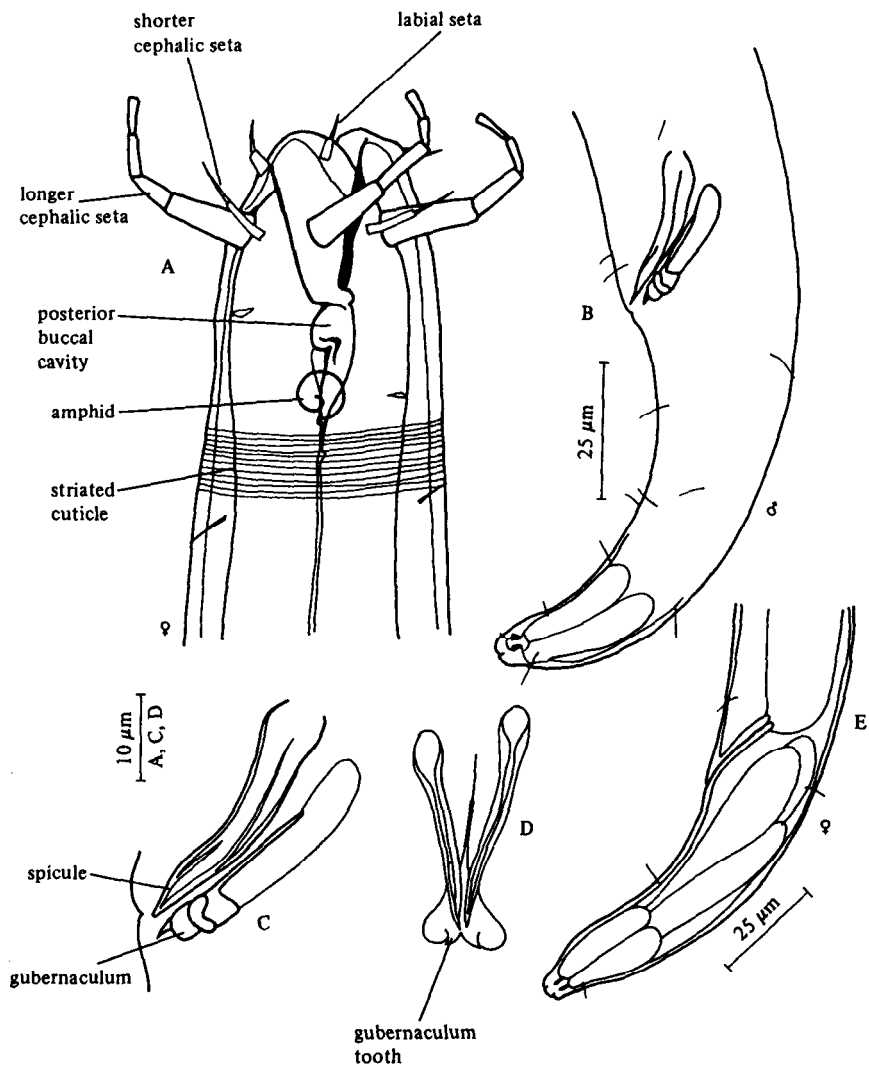


Fig. 125. *Bathylaimus stenolaimus*. A, Female head; B, Male tail; C, Spicules and gubernaculum (lateral); D, Spicules and gubernaculum (ventral); E, Female tail. Original.