

## **Sphaerolaimus gracilis** DE MAN

DE MAN 1876, p. 179, pl. XII, fig. 4 a—d; DE MAN 1884, p. 10, fig. 41 a—b.; DE MAN 1922, p. 235—236, fig. 23 a—b.

Localities and material. — Fuegian Archipelago, St. 62: 1♀; Falkland Islands, St. 40: 1♂, 1♀; St. 41: 1♀; St. 42: 3♂♂, 1♀, 1 juv.; St. 47: 2♂♂; St. 53: 1♂, 1♀; St. 57: 1♀; South Georgia, St. 18: 3♂♂, 1♀; St. 21: 6♂♂, 5♀♀, 1 juv.; St. 22: 3♂♂, 2♀♀; St. 23: 6♂♂, 11♀♀, 4 juv.; St. 23a: 6♂♂, 5♀♀; St. 23b: 3♂♂, 4♀♀, 1 juv.; St. 24: 1♂, 12♀♀, 2 juv.; St. 25: 5♂♂, 10♀♀, 2 juv.; St. 26: 2♂♂, 4♀♀; St. 28: 2♂♂, 2♀♀; St. 30: 6♀♀; St. 33: 2♂♂, 3♀♀; St. 34: 4♂♂, 4 juv.

From the above localities, especially in South Georgia, some specimens of a *Sphaerolaimid* are at hand, which in all respects seem to agree rather well with this species, first described by DE MAN from the Zuider Sea.

As in the European type species, the foremost part of the oesophageal region is provided with sparse, very slender submedian hairs.

Head (cephalic bristles, buccal cavity, lateral organs) very similar to the figures given by DE MAN (1922). It only may be remarked, that the lateral organs are much larger in males than in females and young individuals.

Tail and the short, posteriorly slightly curved spicules agree rather well with the description given by DE MAN.

Geographical distribution. — Holland: Walcheren and Zuider Sea (DE MAN 1922).

## List of Localities

- St. 1. Off the Coast of Uruguay. Black-grey clay.  $33^{\circ} 0' S$ . —  $51^{\circ} 10' W$ . 80 m. 12. 12. 1901.  
Number of species found: 8; Number of specimens found: 21.
- St. 2. Off the Coast of North Argentina.  $37^{\circ} 15' S$ . —  $56^{\circ} 8' W$ . Sand-mixed gravel. 100 m. 23. 12. 1901.  
Number of species found: 12; Number of specimens found: 26.
- St. 3. Fuegian Archipelago.  $54^{\circ} 43' S$ . —  $64^{\circ} 8' W$ . Rubble stones and gravel. 36 m. 6. 1. 1902.  
Number of species found: 20; Number of specimens found: 37.
- St. 5. Graham Region. S. East of the Seymour Sound.  $64^{\circ} 20' S$ . —  $56^{\circ} 38' W$ . Sand and gravel. 150—  
200 m. 16. 1. 1902.  
Number of species found: 1; Number of specimens found: 10.
- St. 6. Graham Region.  $64^{\circ} 36' S$ . —  $57^{\circ} 42' W$ . Stones and gravel. Mud-sample. 125 m. 20. 1. 1902.  
Number of species found: 29; Number of specimens found: 40.
- St. 7. Graham Region.  $65^{\circ} 56' S$ . —  $54^{\circ} 35' W$ . Stone-mixed mud. 920 m. 22. 1. 1902.  
Number of species found: 3; Number of specimens: 7.
- St. 8. Graham Region. Position of the station as well as depth uncertain.  $64^{\circ} 5' S$ . —  $56^{\circ} 37' W$ . Loose  
clay. 360 m. 11. 2. 1902.  
Number of species: 9; Number of specimens: 33.
- St. 11. Graham Region.  $65^{\circ} 19' S$ . —  $56^{\circ} 48' W$ . Gravel-mixed clay. 400 m. 18. 2. 1902.  
Number of species: 31; Number of specimens: 68.
- St. 15. Falkland Islands. Port William.  $51^{\circ} 40' S$ . —  $57^{\circ} 49' W$ . Macrocystis-Formation. 10 m. 31. 3. 1902.  
Number of species found: 44; Number of specimens: 150.
- St. 18. South Georgia. Mouth of the Westford, Cumberland Bay.  $54^{\circ} 15' S$ . —  $36^{\circ} 25' W$ . Loose clay. 250  
m. Bottom temp. + 1,2 C. 22. 4. 1902.  
Number of species: 13; Number of specimens found: 125.
- St. 21. South Georgia. Mouth of the Possession-Bay.  $54^{\circ} 8' S$ . —  $37^{\circ} 3' W$ . Clay. 200 m. 9. 5. 1902. Bottom  
temp. + 1,5 C.  
Number of species found: 15; Number of specimens found: 79.
- St. 22. South Georgia. Off the May-Bay.  $54^{\circ} 17' S$ . —  $36^{\circ} 28' W$ . Clay with some algae. 75 m. Bottom temp.  
+ 1,5 C. 14. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 26; Number of specimens found: 85.

- St. 22a. South Georgia. Cumberland, May-Bay. Catching over stony bottom among algae in and under the tide zone. 5. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 11; Number of specimens found 63.
- St. 22b. South Georgia. Grytviken. 22. 5. 1902 and 20 m. depth. 11. 6. 1902.  
Number of species found: 16; Number of specimens found: 77.
- St. 22c. South Georgia. Grytviken, from old kelp-rhizoids. 23. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 45; Number of specimens found: 350.
- St. 22d. South Georgia. Grytviken. Sample of fine washings from old kelp. 22. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 22; Number of specimens found: 200.
- St. 23. South Georgia. Off the mouth of the Moraine-Bay. 54° 23' S. — 36° 26' W. Grey clay with gravel and stones. 64—74 m. Bottom temp. + 1,65 C. 16. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 32; Number of specimens found: 147.
- St. 23a. South Georgia. Moraine-Fiord. 148 m. Bottom temp. — 0,35 C. 15. 2. 1902.  
Number of species found: 14; Number of specimens found: 51.
- St. 23b. South Georgia. Moraine-Fiord. 14 m.  
Number of species found: 12; Number of specimens found: 49.
- St. 24. South Georgia. Off the "Kochtopf"-Bay. 54° 22' S. — 36° 37' W. Grey clay. 95 m. 20. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 23; Number of specimens found: 120.
- St. 25. South Georgia. Off the "Kochtopf"-Bay 54° 22' S. — 36° 27' W. Grey clay with some algae. 24—52 m. 21. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 29; Number of specimens found: 83.
- St. 26. South Georgia. Off the "Kochtopf"-Bay. 54° 22' S. — 36° 27' W. Stony bottom with algae off the Macrocystis-Formation. 30 m. 24. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 11; Number of specimens found: 29.
- St. 28. South Georgia. Mouth of the "Kochtopf"-Bay. 54° 22' S. — 36° 28' W. Sand and algae. 12—15 m. 24. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 58; Number of specimens found: 338.
- St. 30. South Georgia. The Moraine-Fiord. 54° 24' S. — 36° 26' W. Clay with sparse stones. 125 m. Bottom temp. — 0,25 C. 26. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 23; Number of specimens found: 247.
- St. 33. South Georgia, in the "Kochtopf"-Bay. 54° 22' S. — 36° 28' W. Clay and algae. 22 m. 30. 5. 1902.  
Number of species found: 23; Number of specimens found: 106.
- St. 34. South Georgia. Off the mouth of the Cumberland-Bay. 54° 11' S. — 36° 18' W. Grey clay with a few stones. 250—310 m. Bottom temp. + 1,45 C. 5. 6. 1902.  
Number of species found: 38; Number of specimens found: 224.
- St. 39. Falkland Islands. Port William. 51° 40' S. — 57° 41' W. Sand and small stones with algae. 40 m. 4. 7. 1902.  
Number of species found: 11; Number of specimens found: 12.
- St. 40. Falkland Islands. Berkeley Sound. 51° 33' S. — 58° 0' W. Gravel and shells with algae. 16 m. Bottom temp. — 2,75 C. 19. 7. 1902.  
Number of species found: 54; Number of specimens found: 291.
- St. 41. Falkland Islands. Port Louis, shallow water. 51° 33' S. — 58° 9' W.  
Number of species found: 51; Number of specimens found: 310.
- St. 42. Falkland Islands. Port Louis. 51° 33' S. — 58° 9' W. Ooze and shells. 8 m. 26. 7. 1902.  
Number of species found: 55; Number of specimens found: 372.
- St. 42a. Falkland Islands. Port Louis: Greenpatch. Material shaken up from algae and kelp-rhizoids, cast up on shore by storm. 30. 7. 1902.  
Number of species found: 54; Number of specimens found: 150.
- St. 46. Falkland Islands. Port Louis. Carenage Creek. 51° 32' S. — 58° 7' W. Sandy bottom with quantities of *Codium*. 1 m. 9. 8. 1902.  
Number of species found: 28; Number of specimens found: 103.
- St. 47. Falkland Islands. Port Louis. Mouth of the Carenage Creek. 51° 32' S. — 58° 7' W. Shells and stones. 3—4 m. 9. 8. 1902.  
Number of species found: 63; Number of specimens found 247.

- St. 49. Falkland Islands. Berkeley Sound. 51° 35' S. — 57° 56' W. Shells and stones. 25—30 m. 10. 8. 1902.  
Number of species found: 27; Number of specimens found: 58.
- St. 51. Falkland Islands. Port William. 51° 40' S. — 57° 42' W. Sand. 22 m. 3. 9. 1902.  
Number of species: 45; Number of specimens found: 245.
- St. 53. Falkland Islands. Port William. 51° 40' S. — 57° 47' W. Sand and gravel. 12 m. 3. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 65; Number of specimens found: 372.
- St. 54. Falkland Islands. Stanley Harbour. 51° 42' S. — 57° 50' W. Ooze with shells. 10 m. 3. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 2; Number of specimens found: 7.
- St. 55. Falkland Islands. Port Albemarle. 52° 11' S. — 60° 26' W. Sandy bottom with algae. 40 m. 8. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 33; Number of specimens found: 113.
- St. 56. Falkland Islands. Port Albemarle. Albemarle Harbour. 52° 9' S. — 60° 33' W. Sandy bottom with algae. 15 m. 8. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 15; Number of specimens found: 40.
- St. 57. Falkland Islands. Port Albemarle. Albemarle Harbour. 52° 8' S. — 60 ° 33' W. Sand. 18—30 m. 11. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 21; Number of specimens found: 40.
- St. 58. Falkland Islands. S. W. West Falkland. 52° 29' S. — 60° 36' W. Sand and gravel. 197 m. 11. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 23; Number of specimens found: 93.
- St. 59. Falkland Islands. S. W. West Falkland. On the Burdwood-Bank. 53° 45' S. — 61° 10' W.  
Crushed shells with stones 137—150 m. 12. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 20; Number of specimens found: 70.
- St. 62. Fuegian Archipelago. Beagle-Channel. 54° 53' S. — 67° 56' W. Sand-mixed clay. 140 m. 16. 9. 1902.  
Number of species found: 12; Number of specimens found: 63.
- St. 64. Fuegian Archipelago. North side of the Beagle Channel between Ushuaia and Lapataia. 54° 52' S. — 68° 25' W. Shells and algae. 35 m. 13. 10. 1902.  
Number of species found: 33; Number of specimens found: 192.
- St. 67. Fuegian Archipelago. Ushuaia. 54° 49' S. — 68° 18' W. Ooze. 6 m. 16. 10. 1902.  
Number of species found: 9; Number of specimens found: 42.