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Copepod

Calanus finmarchicus

Copepods are tiny crustaceans found in nearly every aquatic environment, from the deepest oceans to freshwater lakes and ponds. Despite their small size, typically less than 2 millimeters long, they ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: various (e.g., Calanidae, Cyclopidae, Harpacticidae)

Habitat: Ocean

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: Few weeks to 1 year

Weight: 0.0001–0.01 grams

Scientific name: *Calanus finmarchicus*

Did you know?

- A single liter of seawater can contain thousands of copepods, making them one of the most numerous multicellular organisms on the planet.
- Copepods are estimated to make up the majority of animal biomass in the oceans. Some species can produce bioluminescence to evade predators or attract...

What I learned
