

# **Aquatic Invertebrate**

## **LAB (6)**

### **Phylum : Arthropoda**

#### **Sub phylum : Chelicerata**

##### **1-Class : Merostomata**

###### **Order : Xiphosura**

###### **Genus : *Limulus* sp.**

##### **2-Class : Pycnogonida**

###### **Order : pantopoda**

###### **Genus : *Nymphon* sp.**

#### **Sub phylum : Chelicerata**

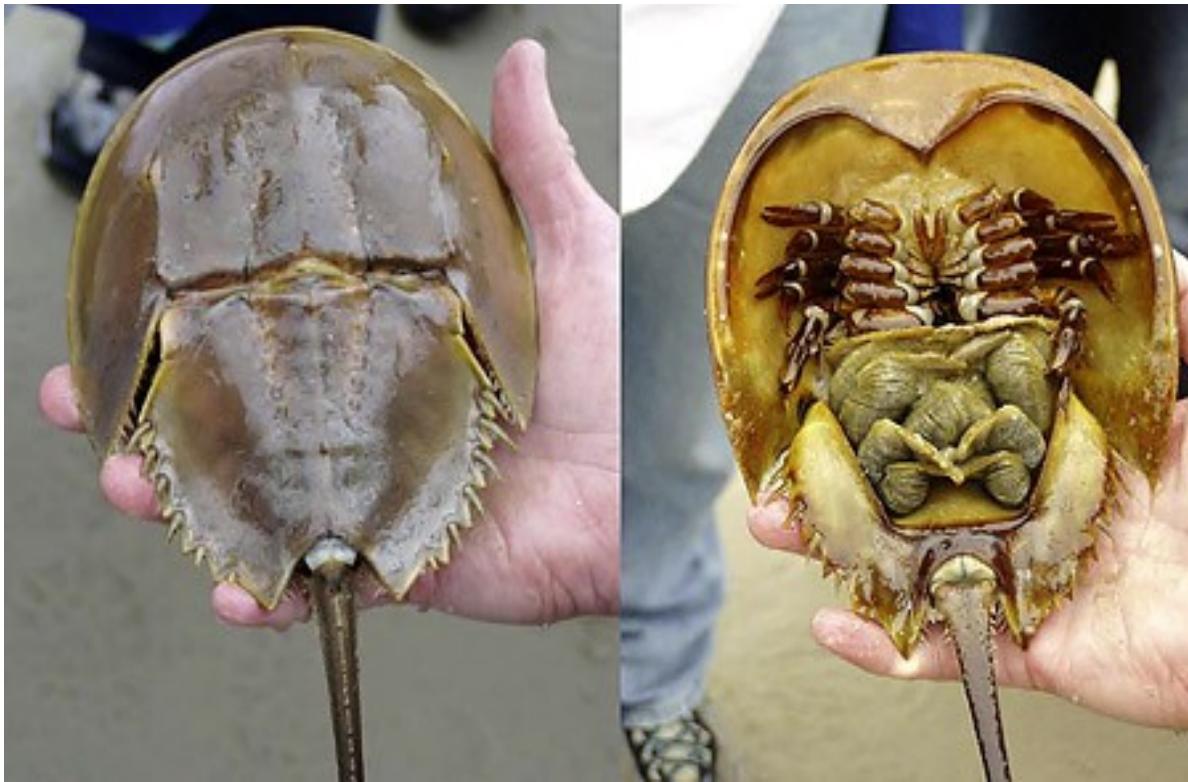
- head lack antennae and mandibles
- the body is divided into two region : an anterior cephalothorax (prosoma) and a posterior abdomen (opisthosoma)
- prosoma have two anterior appendages before the mouth called chelicerae and pedipalp for feeding and four pairs of walking legs

#### **Subphylum: Crustacea**

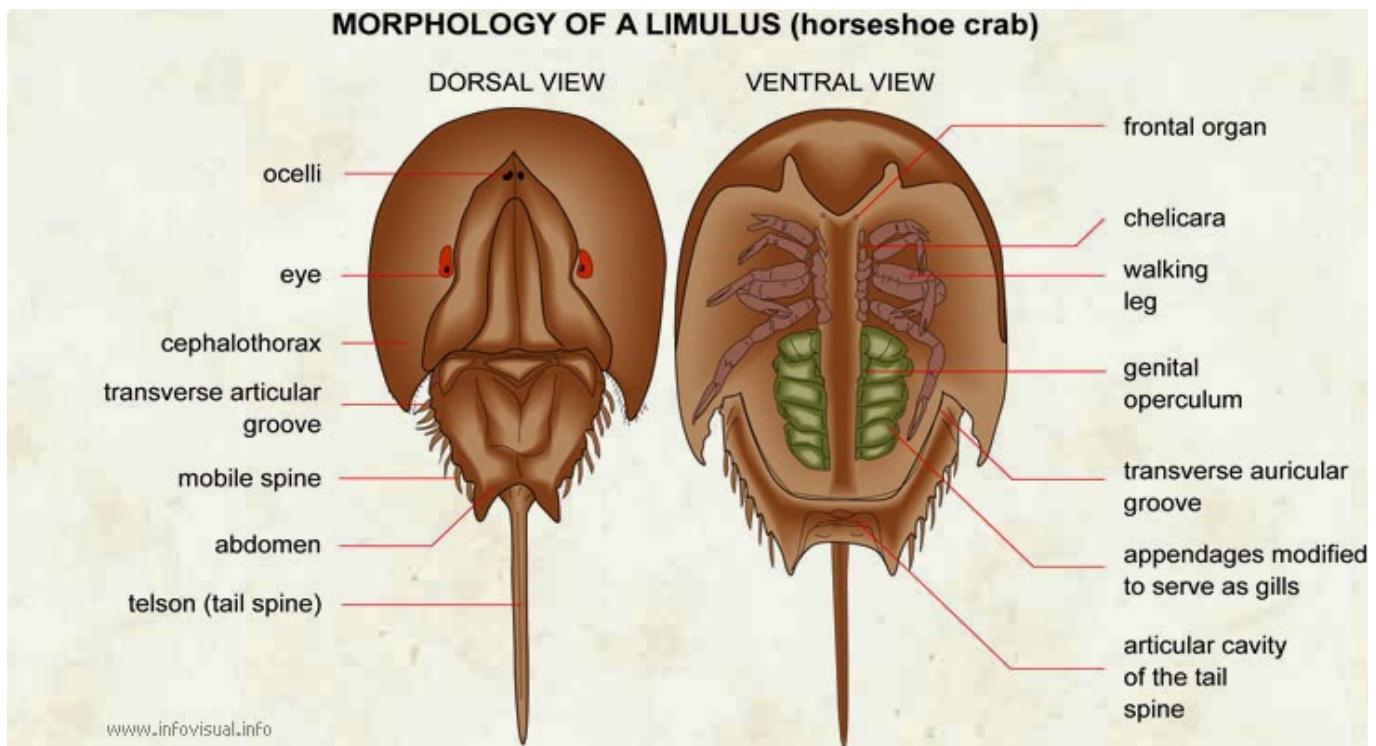
- head with two pairs of antennae and one pair of mandibles
- Body is divided into three regions: head, thorax and abdomen
- Thoracic segments bears five pairs of walking legs

### Genus : *Limulus* (horseshoe crab)

- The body is divided into an anterior cephalothorax protected by a hard dorsal carapace and posterior abdomen with long straight tail called telson
- It has two compound lateral eyes and seven secondary simple eyes , five eyes on top of its shell and two eyes on the underside
- The mouth is located in the center of the second pair of legs
- Has five pairs of legs for walking , swimming and moving food in to the mouth, each with a claw at the tip except for the last pair
- Underside of the abdomen have six pairs of gill book for respiration



*Limulus*

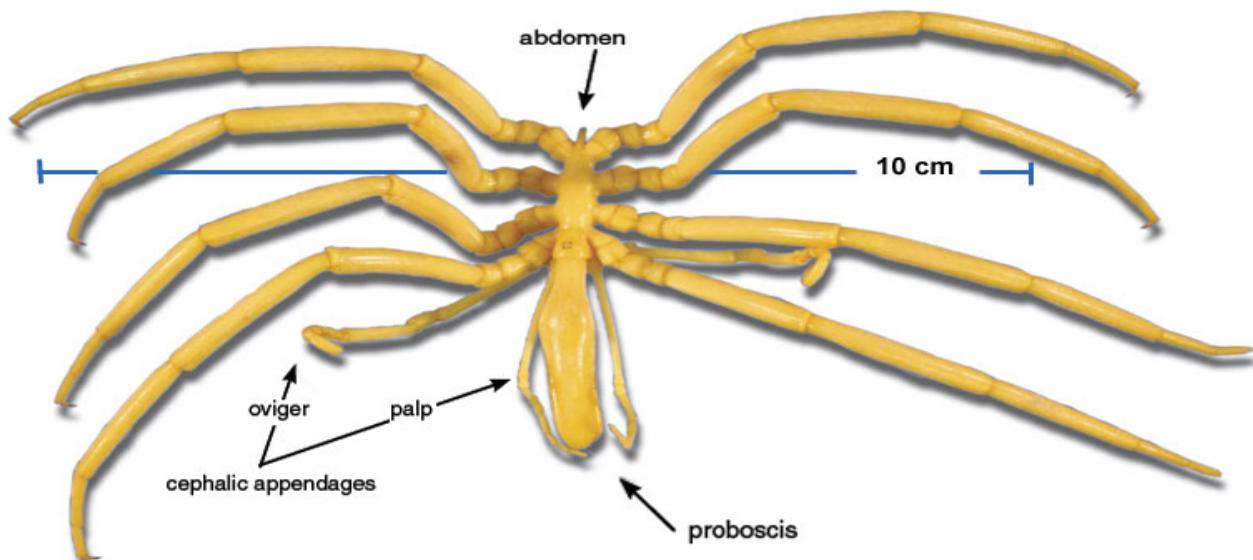


### Genus : *Nymphon* sp. (sea spider)

- small and thin bodies with four pairs of long walking legs posterior to the pair of chelicerae and pair of palps
- the head bears a posterior pair of ovigers used by male to carry fertilized eggs
- head with sucking mouth that opens at the tip of elongated proboscis and four simple eyes



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*Nymphon* sp.