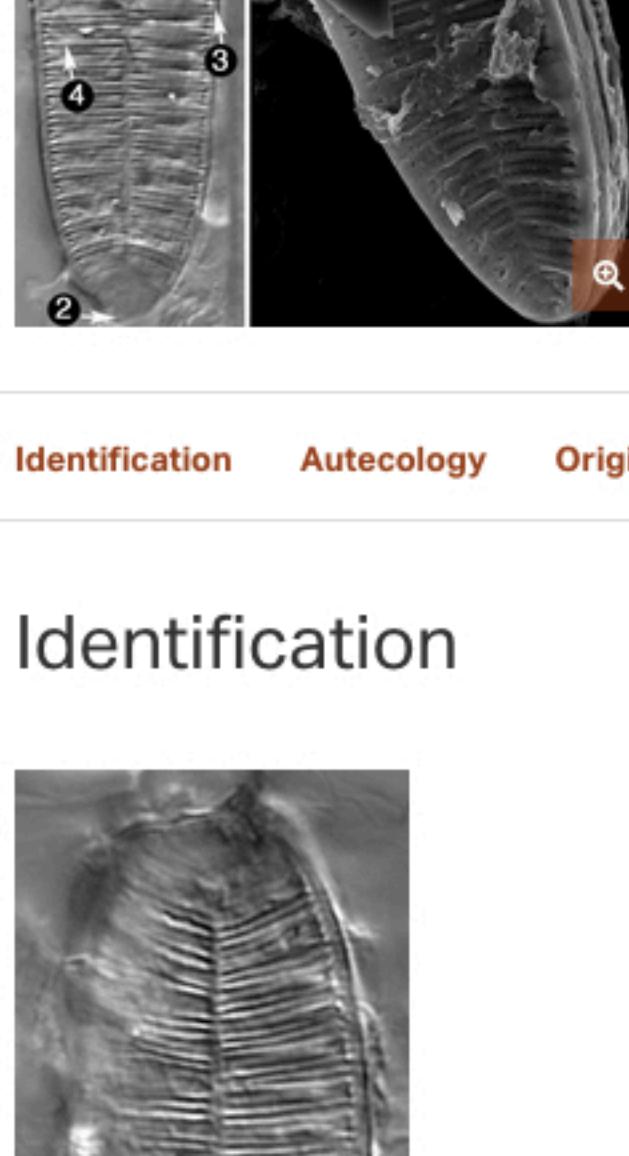


Surirella minuta

Bréb. ex Kütz. 1849



Category Surirellloid

Length Range 18-71 µm

Width Range 8.5-14 µm

Striae in 10 µm 25-32

Contributor Jonathan English - Feb 2011
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Synonyms

Surirella ovalis var. *minuta* (Bréb.) Van Heurck
Surirella ovata var. *minuta* (Bréb.) A.Cleve.
Surirella pinnata var. *minuta* (Bréb.) Schum.

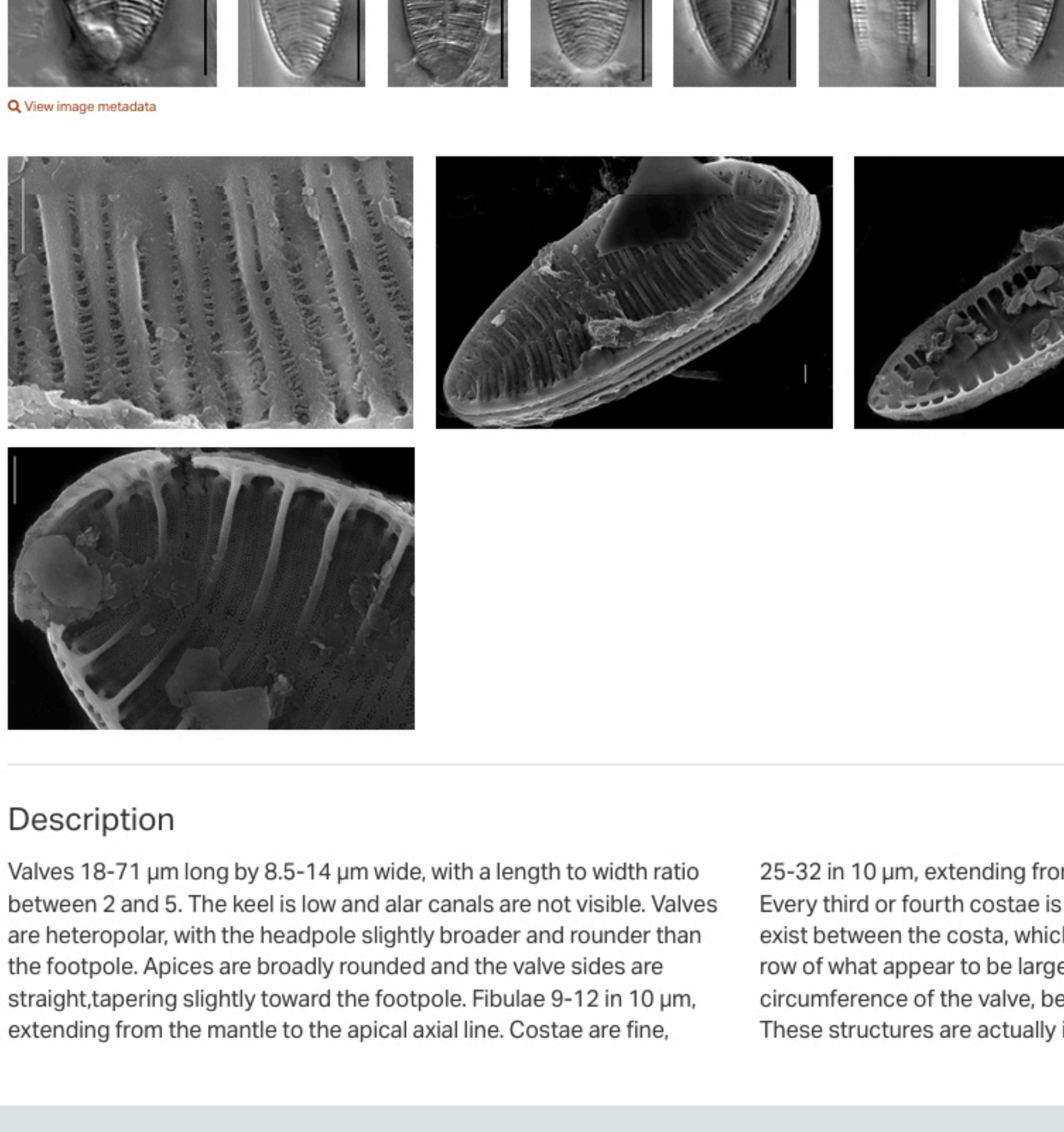
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Surirella pinnata (W. Smith 1853)
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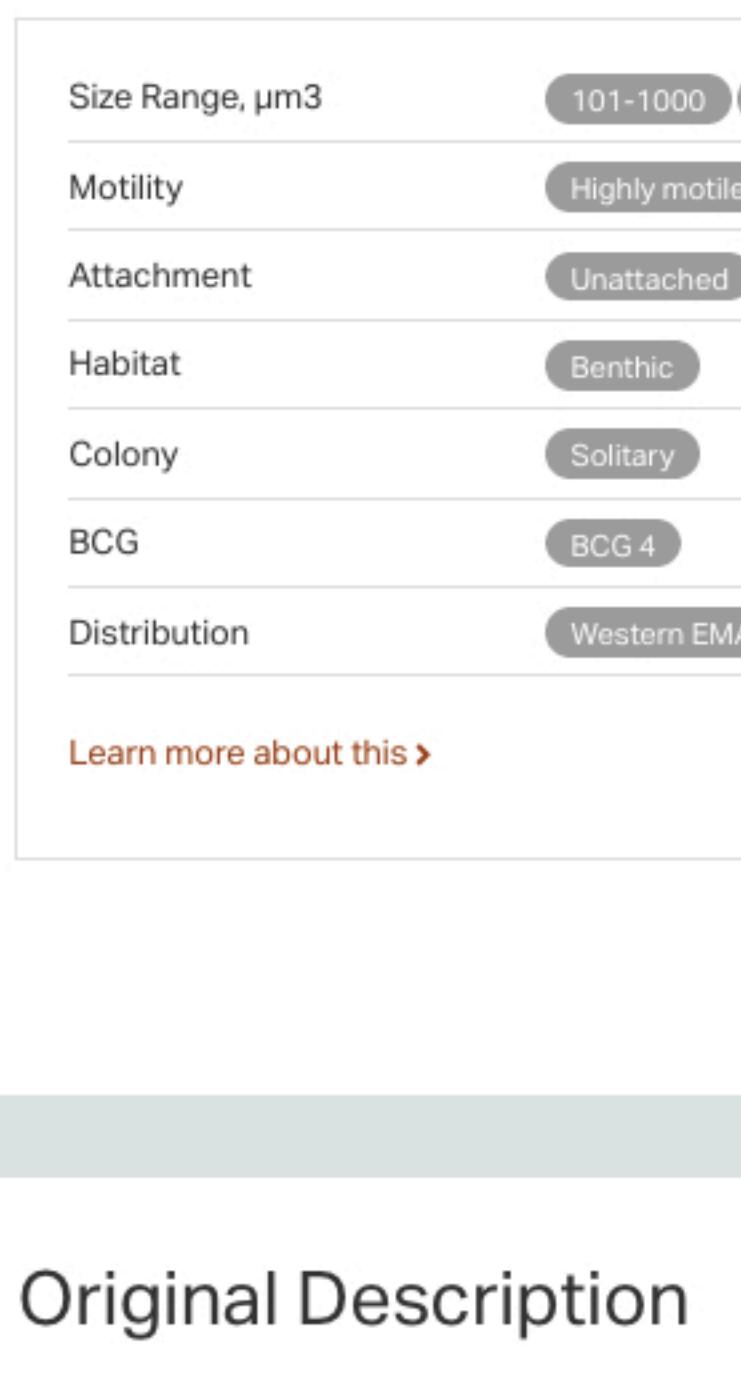
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Description

Valves 18-71 µm long by 8.5-14 µm wide, with a length to width ratio between 2 and 5. The keel is low and alar canals are not visible. Valves are heteropolar, with the headpole slightly broader and rounder than the footpole. Apices are broadly rounded and the valve sides are straight, tapering slightly toward the footpole. Fibulae 9-12 in 10 µm, extending from the mantle to the apical axial line. Costae are fine,

25-32 in 10 µm, extending from the valve margin to the apical axis. Every third or fourth costae is raised, 6-9 in 10 µm. 3-5 rows of areolae exist between the costa, which are only visible in the SEM. A single row of what appear to be large areolae in the LM occurs around the circumference of the valve, between the keel and the valve face. These structures are actually indentations in the valve face.

Autecology

Size Range, µm ³	101-1000	1001-10000	
Motility	Highly motile		
Attachment	Unattached		
Habitat	Benthic		
Colony	Solitary		
BCG	BCG 4		
Distribution	Western EMAP	Southeast Survey	California

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Original Description

S. minuta. Bréb. in litt. — *S. a latere primario late cuneata, truncata, secundario ovata, striis marginalibus delicatulis in 1/100th parte 7-9. — Long. 1/100-1/47". — Frustulia subquadrata Bréb. Alg. Falaise p. 45. Pl. VI. — Surirella ovata Kg. bacill. (62. Tab. 7. Fig. I. II. III. IV. — In Germania, Gallia Bacill. p. 62. Tab. 7. Fig. I. II. III. IV. — In Germania, Gallia*

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Length Range 21.2-45 µm

Striae in 10µm 3-4

Original Images



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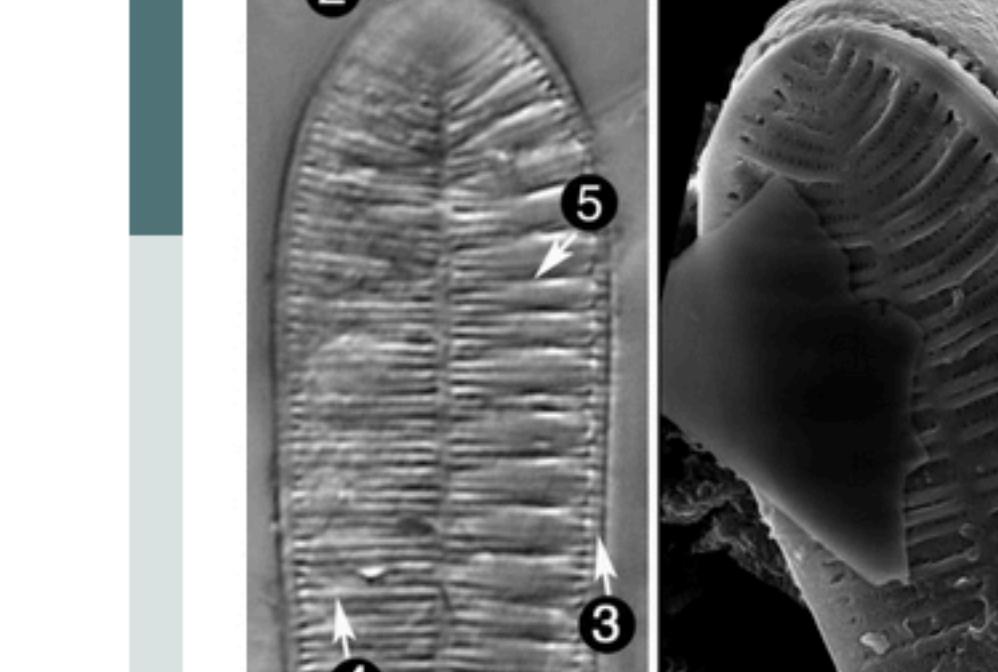
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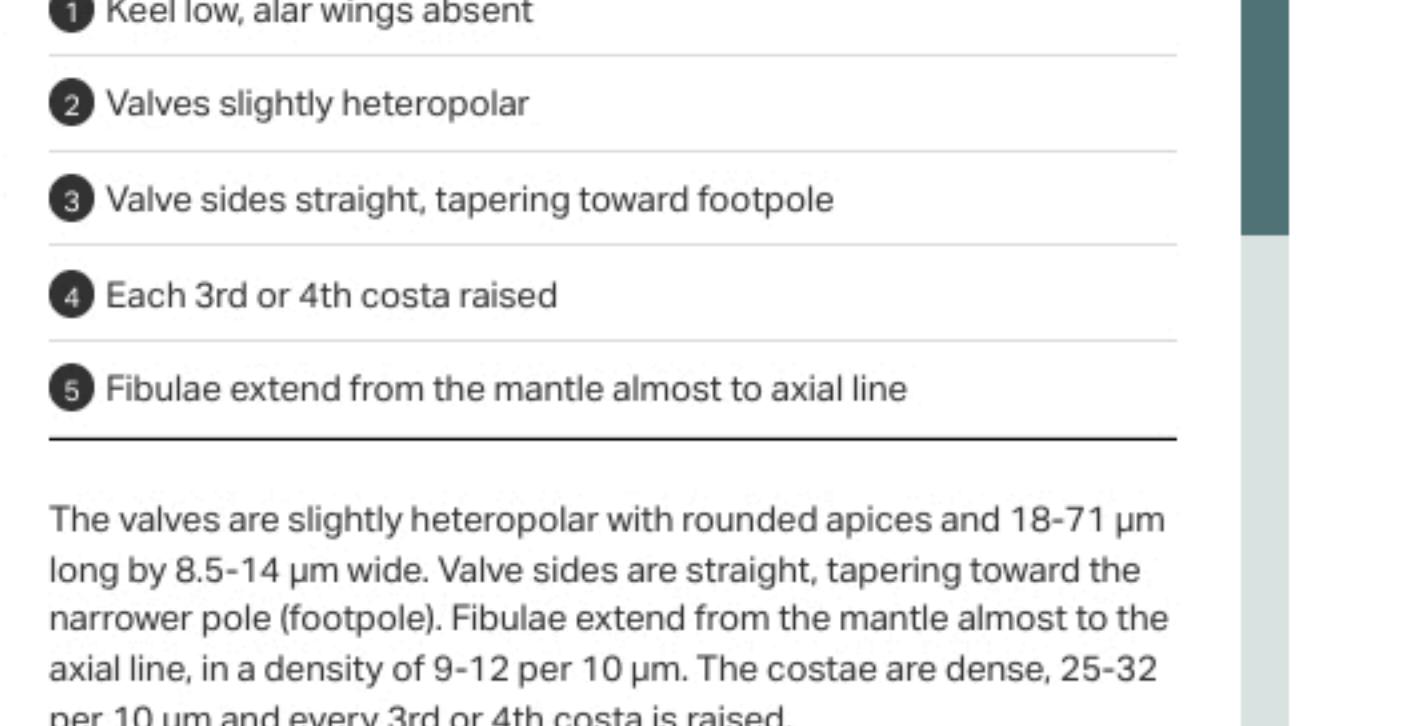
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Guide to *Surirella minuta*

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Credit: Jonathan English, Marina Potapova

1 Keel low, alar wings absent

2 Valves slightly heteropolar

3 Valve sides straight, tapering toward footpole

4 Each 3rd or 4th costa raised

5 Fibulae extend from the mantle almost to axial line

The valves are slightly heteropolar with rounded apices and 18-71 µm long by 8.5-14 µm wide. Valve sides are straight, tapering toward the narrower pole (footpole). Fibulae extend from the mantle almost to the axial line, in a density of 9-12 per 10 µm. The costae are dense, 25-32 per 10 µm and every 3rd or 4th costa is raised.