

Pearl cave shrimp

The Blindwater Siphon

THREE FORMS



Still Pearl Shrimp

A 2 cm shrimp curls in still water, with fine limbs held near its translucent carapace.



Current-Reading Shrimp

The abdomen extends and fine legs spread over stone; a pink-blue inner line shows through.



Prism-Fan Shrimp

Five separate tail plates spread into a delicate fan, with refracted colour at the edges.

Three authored forms of an imagined species. Illustrations are not to a common scale.

Habitat

Underwater in the Blindwater Siphon's clear shallow stream. Still pockets and submerged stones give the shrimp places to curl, extend and read the current.

Identifying features

Translucent pearl crustacean with visible ribbed limbs, two long delicate feelers and a faint pink-blue internal glow.

Character & musical voice

Waits in still water, records an occasional current pulse, then gives a small paired reply. Thin glass clicks kept below the melody.