

FAMILY SPHAERODORIDAE

- Species:
- is UK waters, *Commensodorum commensalis* N Sea, w. Terebellidae
 - Ephesiella*
 - Sphaerodorum gracilis*
 - Sphaerodoridium clapanedii* N. Sea
 - Sphaerodoropsis minutum*
 - Sphaerodoropsis balticum* ?

KEY TO GENERA.

1. 2 rows of dorsal macrotubercles, with or without microtubercles / papillae 2
 - 4 or more rows of macrotubercles 3
2. All chaetae simple Sphaerodorum
 - Some compound chaetae present Ephesiella
3. All chaetae simple; 4 rows of macrotubercles on dorsum Commensodorum
 - Some compound chaetae present 4
4. Dorsal macrotubercles stalked (6 rows + 4 ventrally) Sphaerodoridium
 - Dorsal macrotubercles not stalked (sessile) (4 or more rows) Sphaerodoropsis

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