

Calomicrolaimus spirifer (Warwick, 1970)
(Fig. 184)

Description. Body length 0.9–1.1 mm. Maximum diameter 24–30 μm ($a = 31$ –38). Similar to *C. parahonestus* (p. 394) except: six short 3 μm (0.3 h.d.) and four longer 5–6 μm (0.6 h.d.) cephalic setae; four longish setae situated just posterior to amphids; amphids 8–9 μm (0.6–0.7 c.d.), 2.7–3.0 h.d. posterior and multi-spiral, of about 6.5 turns; buccal cavity fairly well-cuticularised, teeth about equal in size; posterior oesophageal bulb 31–32 \times 18–21 μm ; spicules 22–25 μm (1.2–1.5 a.b.d.) as curve; gubernaculum short, 8–9 μm (0.3 times spicule length); precloacal supplements absent; vulva at 53% of body length.

Distribution. Exe estuary, South West England (intertidal sand).

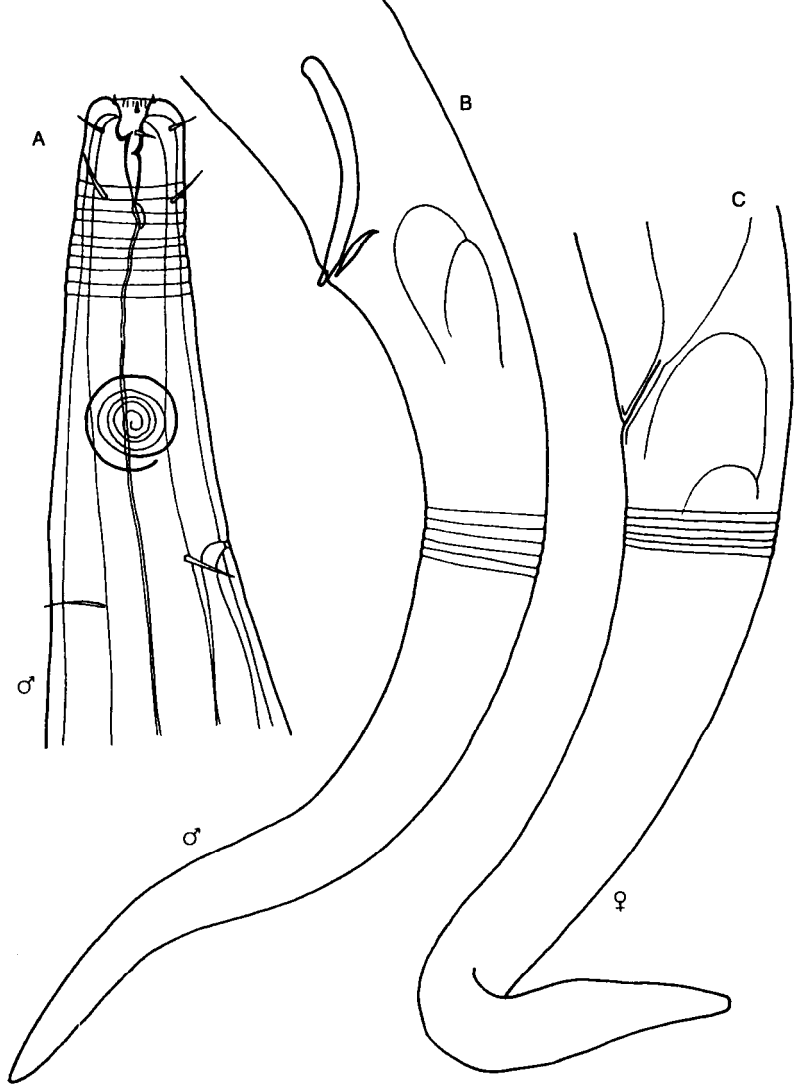


Fig. 184. *Calomicrolaimus spirifer*. A, Male head; B, Male tail; C, Female tail. Original.