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Ostracods

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Immediately on receipt of your Ostracod culture loosen the cap on the bottle.

Ostracods are members of the Phylum Arthropoda, sub Phylum Crustacea, Class Ostracoda, and are also known as seed shrimps. They can be found in both seawater and, more commonly, in fresh water lakes and ponds. Dark grey/black in colour, the ostracod has a bivalved hinged almost opaque carapace, and measures approximately 1mm in diameter. The other principal physical features of the ostracod are the pair of antennae and two pairs of thoracic legs. These appendages assist in swimming and as sensory organs.

Ostracods can be readily maintained in a medium sized established aquarium or in a large container of aged pond water, pH 6.5 to 8.0. Keep this water cool.



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