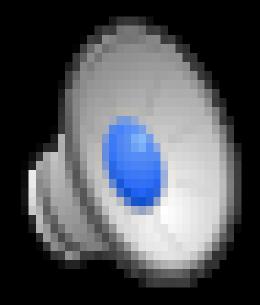
Swarm formation and cohesion by the marine crustacean *Mysidium gracile*

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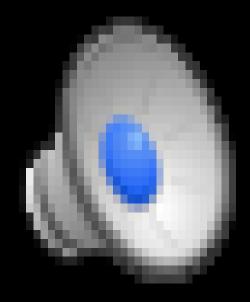




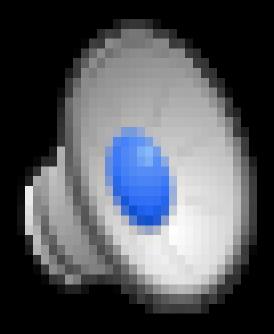
Placing Cameras



General Behavior of Damsel with a Territory



Aggressive Behavior of Damsel with a Territory

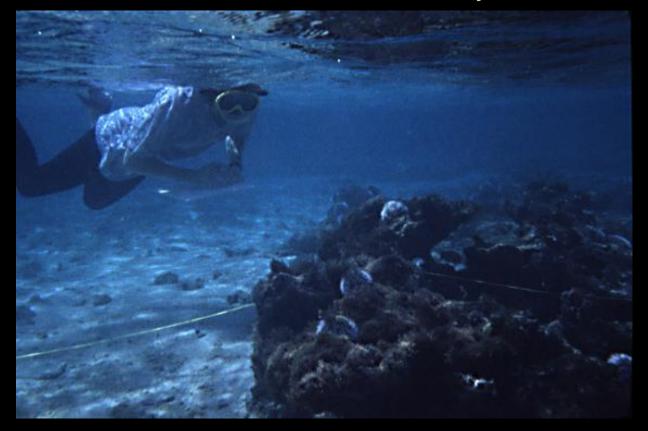


Behavior of Damselfish With Territories

Aggressive Behavior In Territory	Aggressive Behavior Outside Territory	Pick at Algae/Sea weed	Attack Mysids	Other
1.4%	2.2%	87.7%	0.4%	8.3%



Persistence of Established Territories and Swarms Within a Territory



Fish Removed From 6 Territories

4 had "new" fish within 24 hours – swarm remained

2 did not get a "new" fish – swarm disappeared

Persistence of Mysids Within a Territory



Mysids added to Suitable "Territory Habitat"

- No Fish and No Swarm
 - Fish and No Swarm
 - Fish and Swarm

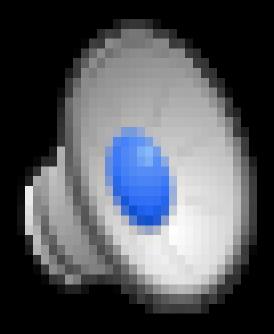
How Do Mysids Form Swarms Without getting eaten?



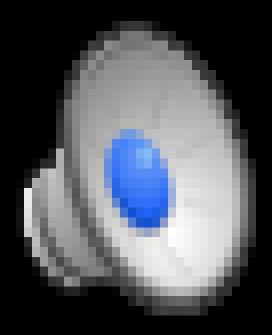
Swarms Disperse at Twilight and Reform at Dawn



How Do Swarms Stay Together? Swarm Cohesion



Swarm Cohesion in In-Situ Currents



Swarm Cohesion in Lab Generated Currents

