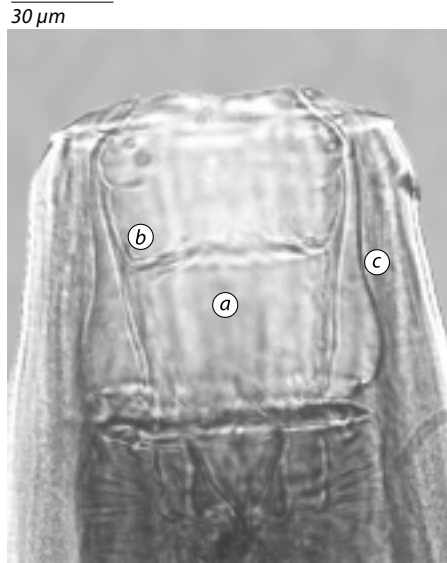


Size: small  
Preferred site: cecum  
Represents <1% of population

*Petrovinema sp.*  
*Petrovinema (Pet.) poculatus*  
(formerly *Cylicostephanus poculatus*)



**Figure 25A**  
Head  
a. deep, square buccal capsule  
b. ledge  
c. dangling feet/legs of dead duck



**Figure 25B**  
Head



**Figure 25C**  
Female tail



**Figure 25D**  
Male tail

This species is one of the easiest to identify. It is a **small worm**, but has a **very large buccal capsule**, which is **almost a complete square**; if anything, it is a little deeper than wide. The walls are quite large at the base and taper sharply as they rise to the anterior end. They resemble the **dangling legs and feet of a dead duck**. Running horizontally near the middle of the capsule is a **conspicuous ledge or line**

The female tail is very long and slender, but is **rounded on the tip, not ending in a sharp point**. The male tail has a dorsal ray that slightly curves back ventrally.

**Walls of the Buccal Capsule:**

- quite large at the base
- taper sharply as they rise to the anterior end
- resemble the dangling legs and feet of a dead duck

**Other Distinguishing Characteristics:**

- has a conspicuous ledge or line running horizontally near the middle of the capsule