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The ubiquitous beachflea: what is it and how it makes the world work

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Most people will know what a beachflea is, or at least will have seen one if they have disturbed some cast up wrack or flotsam and jetsam in the strandline. But most people are unaware that the group they belong to, the Amphipoda, are found everywhere even on land. They perform roles in marine and land ecosystems, in locations from the tops of mountains to the very deepest part of the sea. They make those ecosystems work. What is an amphipod, what do they do, and why you are beholden to them? Tune into the Zoom talk and all will be revealed.

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