





INVASIVE CRAYFISH

Four species of invasive crayfish are differentiated through identifying characteristics. All four species were likely introduced as bait for angling or through the pet trade industry - don't let it loose!

Report invasive species to the free EDDMapS app.

CRAYFISH SPP.	BODY	CLAWS
<p>MARBLED <i>Procambarus virginalis</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPECKLED MARBLING ON BACK • ONE DARK STRIPE ON EACH SIDE • RANGE IN COLOUR DEPENDING ON DIET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPECKLED MARBLING ON CLAWS • ELONGATED CLAWS ARE SMALL (1/2 LENGTH OF THEIR BODY)
<p>RED SWAMP <i>Procambarus clarkii</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAISED TUBERCLES DIFFERENT COLOUR FROM REST OF BODY • DARK RED COLOUR WITH BLUE-GREY LINE ALONG UNDERSIDE OF TAIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAISED TUBERCLES ON CLAWS • LONG, NARROW CLAWS
<p>NORTHERN <i>Orconectes virilis</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RED-BROWN TO OLIVE COLOUR • DARK MARKINGS ON ABDOMEN • RAISED BUMPS ON MID BODY • LONG ANTENNAE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LARGE, BROAD AND FLATTENED • RED-ORANGE CLAW TIPS, MAY ALSO APPEAR BLUE
<p>RUSTY <i>Orconectes rusticus</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUST COLOURED PATCHES ON SIDES • GRAY-GREEN TO RED-BROWN COLOUR • ROSTRUM IS PINCHED AND CONCAVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLACK BANDS NEAR CLAW TIPS • OVAL GAP BETWEEN CLAWS WHEN CLOSED