

Cherax albidus, Cherax destructor

Yabby Crayfish

Parastacidae, the freshwater crayfish family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Beige or coffee to almost black in color; will turn blue in captivity over an extended period of time
- Head has four ridges which run with the body; two are very obvious
- Inner edge of claws have a mat of obvious hairs

Background

- Native to Australia and New South Wales, Victoria; introduced through aquaculture escapes
- High tolerance to a variety of habitats
- Antagonistic and proven to outcompete marone/marron crayfish (another invasive species)
- May transmit diseases to other crayfish
- Omnivores and will cannibalize if species becomes over abundant

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