

Procambarus marmoratus

Marbled Crayfish

Procambarus spp.

Marmorokrebs

Cambaridae, the freshwater crayfish family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Usually brown in color
- Some can be a mixture of brown, blue and reddish colors
- Marbled appearance
- Relatively small claws; 2 times shorter than carapace
- Claw is weakly granulated

Background

- Unknown origin
- Asexual reproduction; females capable of cloning themselves
- All populations are females
- Only crayfish that is asexual
- Omnivorous
- Quick reproductive rate
- Released into waterways via the aquarium trade
- Threatens biodiversity and ecosystem function

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