

Crayfish of Michigan



Devil Crayfish
Cambarus diogenes

- Eight native and one invasive crayfish species are established in Michigan.
- Crayfish (also known as crawdads and mudbugs) are freshwater crustaceans found in lakes, rivers and even burrows on dry land.
- Crayfish are important prey for many sport fish, birds and mammals.
- Crayfish play an important role in food webs.
- One of the major threats to native crayfish is the introduction of invasive crayfish.
- The spread of invasive crayfish has largely been attributed to human activities such as live release of unwanted bait or from aquariums.
- To prevent the further release and spread, the use of non-native crayfish for bait is prohibited.



Paintedhand Mudbug
Cambarus polychromatus



Big Water Crayfish
Cambarus robustus



Digger Crayfish
Fallicambarus fodiens



Calico Crayfish
Orconectes immunis



Northern Clearwater Crayfish
Orconectes propinquus



Rusty Crayfish
Orconectes rusticus



Virile Crayfish
Orconectes virilis



White River Crayfish
Procambarus acutus acutus



Red Swamp Crayfish
Procambarus clarkii



For more information on
invasive species please visit:

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