

HABITAT

Freshwater ponds, slow-moving streams and ditches

LOCATION

Native to: Gulf Coast

In Delaware: spread through most of the state in ponds and streams



Red Swamp Crayfish

Procambarus clarkii

INVASIVE

HOW TO IDENTIFY

- Dark red in color
- Raised bright red spots on claws and body
- Dark blotches on back
- Up to 5 inches long

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Feeds on native plants, snails, insects, fish, amphibian eggs and young
- Aggressive – out-competes native crayfish for food and habitat
- Can impact amphibian populations through predation and competition for habitats

