



## ILLINOIS STATUS

- common     endangered     threatened  
 native     exotic

## ILLINOIS RANGE

statewide

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## crayfish

*Procambarus acutus*

Kingdom:            Animalia  
Division/Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class:                Malacostraca  
Order:                Decapoda  
Family:

## FEATURES

*Procambarus acutus* has long, narrow claws. It is pinkish-brown to dark red on its back. Large individuals are dark red with a black rectangle on each abdominal segment.

## BEHAVIORS

This crayfish lives in the deep water of swamps, sloughs and sluggish streams. It prefers areas with abundant vegetation. A burrow may be constructed to live in when water bodies reach low levels. A burrow may also be used in the winter or by a female when carrying eggs or young. This crayfish feeds on vegetation.

## HABITATS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> bottomland forests        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rivers & streams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lakes, ponds & reservoirs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> swamps           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Michigan             | <input type="checkbox"/> temp water supplies         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marshes                   | <input type="checkbox"/> wet prairies & fens         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> peatlands                 |  |