

Virile crayfish

Faxonius virilis

Species of Union concern

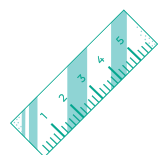


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Invasive species native to North America. **Has not been observed in Belgium yet**

Found in **warmwater streams** but can also be found in **ponds**



Medium sized crayfish
(10-12cm)

Variable patterns of coloration; from brown to green. Large blue claws covered with pale to yellow tubercles



This species can be confused with other taxonomically related species



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Large grey or blue claws with multiple white to yellow bumps

The tips of the claws have orange bands



Only one prominent spine on the cheeks

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Not to be confused with

Faxonius limosus
Exotic

- Small claws with orange and black bands
- Group of spines on cheeks
- Red spots on the top of the abdomen



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