

Rusty crayfish

Faxonius rusticus

Species of Union Concern



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

Found in **lakes, ponds, and streams**. Preference for areas with rocks, logs, or other debris for shelter



Medium sized crayfish (8-12cm)

Brown-green crayfish with large claws and a rust-coloured spot on each side of the body

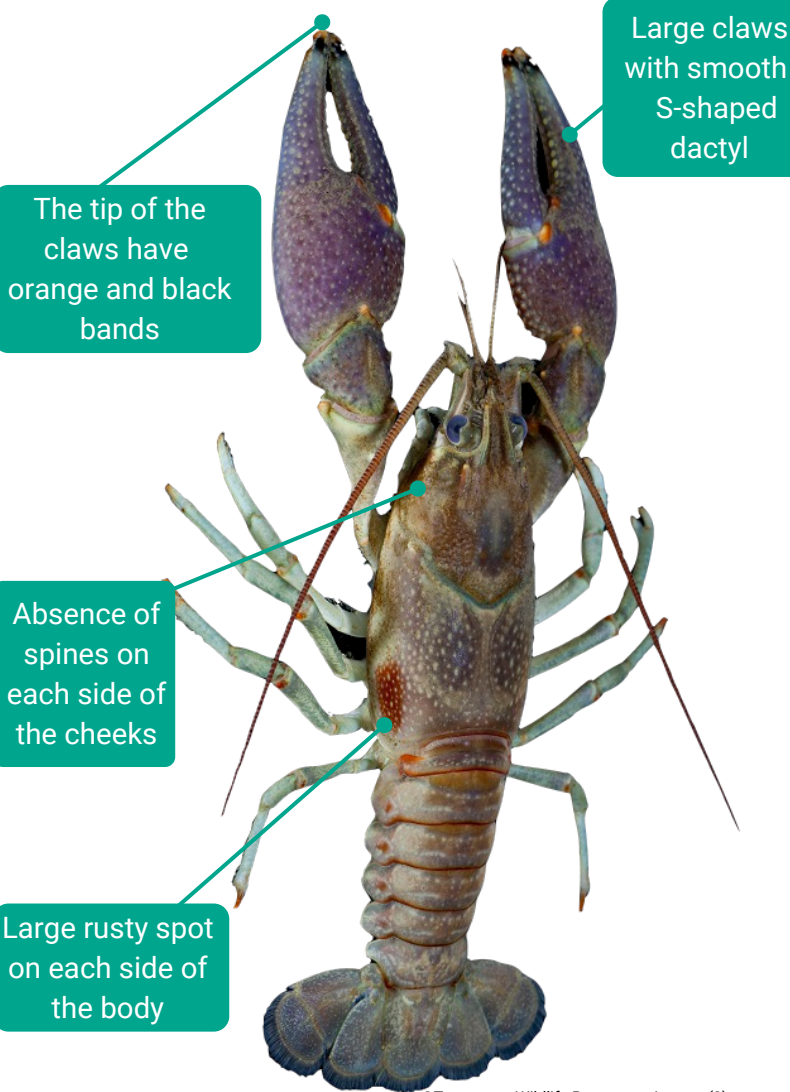


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Not to be confused with

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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