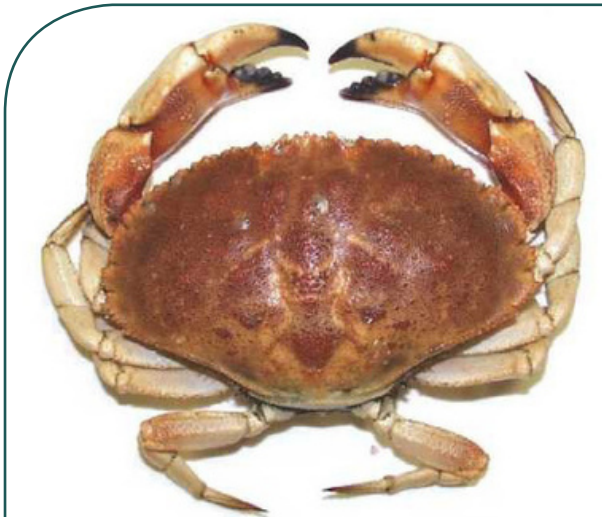


COMMON INTERTIDAL CRABS

(northern New England)



Native Crabs



CANCER BOREALIS (JONAH CRAB)
Bumpy spines.



MALE



FEMALE



CANCER IRRORATUS (ROCK CRAB)
Smooth spines.



MALE



FEMALE

Invasive Crabs



CARCINUS MAENAS (GREEN CRAB)
Five spines on each side of eyes.



MALE



FEMALE



HEMIGRAPSUS SANGUINEUS (ASIAN SHORE CRAB)
Three spines on each side of eyes. Distinct banding on legs.



MALE



FEMALE

RANGE-EXPANDING CRABS

(northern New England)

As water temperatures in the Gulf of Maine Warm, species that previously could not survive in colder waters are migrating northward. These range-expanding species may be found in intertidal, nearshore and marsh habitats.



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CALLINECTES SAPIDUS (ATLANTIC BLUE CRAB)
Blue coloration, two long spines, round paddle fins on rear legs. Females have red-tipped claws.



HEXAPANOPEUS ANGUSTIFRONS (SMOOTH MUD CRAB)
Dark brown claw tips



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UCA PUGNAX (ATLANTIC MARSH FIDDLER CRAB)
Small dark colored carapace, males have one claw that is larger.



Female



Male

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OVALIPES OCELLATUS (LADY CRAB)
Leopard pattern carapace

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