



# Spiny Water Flea

*Bythotrephes longimanus*



Invasive Species



## Characteristics

- Small predatory crustacean
- Grows up to 0.6 in (15 mm) long
- Long, straight tail spine is twice as long as body

## Habitat

- Estuaries, lakes, wetlands
- Upper water column of large and small temperate lakes
- Can tolerate brackish water
- Limited to regions where water temperature is 40-86 degrees F and salinity is 0.04-8.0%



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