

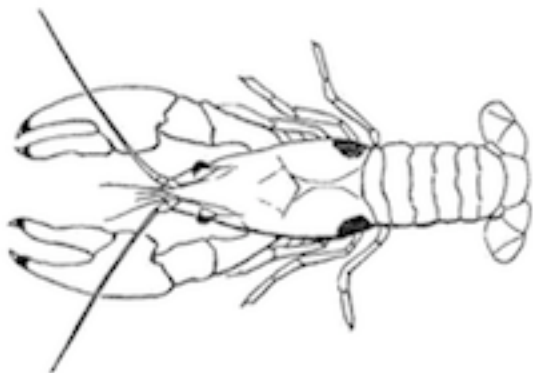


# Green Crab

*Carcinus maenas*



Invasive Species



## Characteristics

- Green to dark brown, sometimes with yellow, orange, or red, with darker mottling
- Walking legs green, speckled with black
- Carapace (shell) has 5 spines on each side
- Can grow up to 3.9 in (10 cm) wide

## Habitat

- Salt marshes, sandy beaches, and rocky shores
- Usually on mud, sand, or pebbles
- Prefers sheltered areas
- Usually near the low-tide line
- Tolerates wide range of salinities (as low as 6 ppt)



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