

# white river crayfish

## *Procambarus acutus*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class: Malacostraca  
Order: Decapoda  
Family: Cambaridae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

The white river crayfish has long, narrow claws. It is pink-brown to dark red on its back. Large individuals are dark red with a black rectangle on each abdominal segment.

### BEHAVIORS

This crayfish lives in the deep water of swamps, sloughs and sluggish streams. It prefers areas with abundant vegetation. A burrow may be constructed to live in when water bodies reach low levels. A burrow may also be used in the winter or by a female when carrying eggs or young. This crayfish feeds on vegetation.

### ILLINOIS RANGE



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adult



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### **Aquatic Habitats**

rivers and streams; swamps

### **Woodland Habitats**

none

### **Prairie Habitats**

none