

Protect our Province's Waterways

Keep Rusty Crayfish Out of Manitoba

Rusty crayfish are an aggressive, invasive species not native to Canada. They became established in Lake of the Woods in the early 1990s and were discovered in the Ontario portion of the Winnipeg River in 2005.

Rusty Crayfish threaten native crayfish and fish species by:

- competing with them for food and shelter
- eliminating fish spawning and nursery habitat by heavily feeding on aquatic vegetation

Rusty crayfish can be identified by their:

- brown body with rusty colored patches on sides
- claws with black bands near tips
- large size, 10 cm (4 inches) excluding claws

Help Protect Manitoba Waters by:

- never using crayfish as bait
- never collecting crayfish and releasing them from one body of water into another



NOTE: New for 2007 – The possession limit for all species of crayfish in Manitoba is Zero.

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