

# RUSTY CRAYFISH A NASTY INVADER

The majority of invasive species in Minnesota are native to Europe and Asia. However, rusty crayfish are native to the Ohio River Basin and spread by non-resident anglers using them as bait.

## IMPACTS CAUSED BY RUSTY CRAYFISH

Displace native crayfish  
Reduce quantity and quality of aquatic vegetation

## INFESTATIONS IN COOK COUNTY

Caribou Lake, Gull Lake,  
Hungry Jack Lake,  
Pigeon River, Pike Lake,  
Saganaga Lake,  
West Bearskin Lake

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**LEARN** to recognize native crayfish from Rustys  
**CLEAN** plants and animals from recreational gear  
**NEVER** release plants or animals  
**REPORT** potential infestations



Photo: J. Gunderson

## IDENTIFICATION

### NAME: RUSTY

Red spot on sides of carapace

Oval-shaped gap on closed claw

## NATIVE CRAYFISH IDENTIFICATION

### NORTHERN CLEARWATER

Claws with black band at tip, similar to Rusty, but no red spot on side of carapace  
Dark wedge-shaped marking down abdomen



Photo: C. Taylor



Photo: I. Gardiner

### VIRILE

Narrow claws that close without gaps, no black band on tip  
Claws have small white bumps and

## FREE

### SELF-SERVE BOATWASH

*North Shore Car Wash*  
400 West Highway 61

Offering FREE self-serve boat wash abilities with 110°F water. Stop into NAPA during business hours to receive \$5.00 towards washing your watercraft.

### HOURS:

*North Shore Car Wash*  
400 West Highway 61  
7 days a week  
8 am – 7 pm

*NAPA Auto Parts*  
404 West Highway 61  
Monday – Friday  
7:30 am – 5:30 pm  
Saturday  
8 am – 3 pm

## MORE INFO:

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Spread the word, not the species!