

## BLUE CRAB (*Callinectes sapidus*)

**COLOR:** Blue.

**CARAPACE:** Long, horizontal spines protrude from each side of carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Blue appendages. Swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Speckled crab (pg. 139).

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## SPECKLED CRAB (*Arenaeus cribrarius*)

**COLOR:** Olive-brown. White spots cover carapace and claws.

**CARAPACE:** Long, horizontal spines protrude from each side of carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Blue crab (pg. 138), lady crab (140).

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## LADY CRAB (*Ovalipes ocellatus*)

**COLOR:** Gray. Purple speckles cover carapace and claws.

**CARAPACE:** No horizontally protruding spines from sides of carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Speckled crab (pg. 139).

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## JONAH CRAB (*Cancer borealis*)

**COLOR:** Olive-brown.

**CARAPACE:** Wide, oval carapace. Leading edge of carapace has jagged, undefined teeth.

**APENDAGES:** No swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Rock crab (pg. 142).

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## ROCK CRAB (*Cancer irroratus*)

**COLOR:** Red-brown.

**CARAPACE:** Wide, oval carapace. Leading edge of carapace has smooth, defined teeth.

**APENDAGES:** No swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Jonah crab (pg. 141).

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## SNOW CRAB (*Chionoecetes opilio*)

**COLOR:** Purple-brown.

**CARAPACE:** Smooth, rounded carapace with no prominent spines.

**APENDAGES:** Long smooth appendages. No swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Inflated spiny crab (pg. 144).

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## INFLATED SPINY CRAB (*Rochinia sp.*)

**COLOR:** Red-orange.

**CARAPACE:** Round like spider crab.

**APENDAGES:** Very long claws and legs.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Northern stone crab (pg. 145), snow crab (pg. 143).

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## NORTHERN STONE CRAB (*Lithodes maja*)

**COLOR:** Orange-red dorsal surface. White ventral surface.

**CARAPACE:** Many large spines on carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Spines on all appendages. No swimmerets.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Inflated spiny crab (pg. 144)

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## DEEP SEA RED CRAB (*Chaceon quinquedens*)

**COLOR:** Bright red.

**CARAPACE:** 5 spines on each side of carapace's leading edge.

**APENDAGES:** No swimmerets.  
Thick appendages.



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## SPIDER CRAB (*Libinia emarginata*)

**COLOR:** Green-brown.

**CARAPACE:** Rounded carapace with pointed rostrum. Carapace covered with many small bumps. Hairs and algae grow on carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Hairs and algae grow on appendages. No swimmerets.



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## GLADIATOR BOX CRAB (*Ancanthocarpus alexandri*)

**COLOR:** Red-brown.

**CARAPACE:** Rounded carapace with two spines that curve off trailing edge.

**APENDAGES:** One large spine protruding horizontally off each claw.



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## GALATHEID CRAB (*Munida sp.*)

**COLOR:** Red-orange.

**CARAPACE:** Shrimp-like carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Very long claws.



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## MANTIS SHRIMP (*Squilla sp.*)

**COLOR:** Brown.

**CARAPACE:** Flattened carapace.

**APENDAGES:** Long pair of strong mantis-like claws.



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## LOLIGO (LONGFIN) SQUID (*Loligo pealeii*)

**COLOR:** Olive-brown.

**BODY:** Skin chaffs easily in gear. Fin base approximately half the length of the mantle.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Illex (shortfin) squid (pg. 152).

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## ILLEX (SHORTFIN) SQUID (*Illex illecebrosus*)

**COLOR:** Orange-red.

**BODY:** Skin usually stays intact. Fin base approximately one third the length of mantle.



**MAY BE CONFUSED WITH:** Loligo (longfin) squid (pg. 151).

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