

Crayfish Appendage Table



Appendage	Function	Location	Attach Appendage Here
Antennules	Senses touch & taste; helps crayfish maintain balance	in front of the mouth	.
Antenna	Senses touch and taste	in front of the mouth	.
Mandible or jaw	Crushes food	mouth	.
First Maxilla	Moves food to the mouth	behind the mandibles	.
second maxilla	moves water in the gill chamber	behind the mandibles	.
First maxilliped	Holds food; Senses touch and taste	at ventral and forward part of the thorax region	.
Second maxilliped	Holds food; Senses touch and taste	at ventral and forward part of the thorax region	.
Third maxilliped	Holds food; Senses touch and taste	at ventral and forward part of the thorax region	.
Cheliped	Grasps food	at ventral part of thorax-posterior to the maxillipeds	.
walking leg	locomotion	at ventral part of thorax-posterior to the maxillipeds	.
Swimmeret	1st swimmeret in males transfers sperm to female; females use the 2nd-5th swimmerets to hold eggs & young; locomotion	abdominal region on the ventral side	.
uropod	swimming	posterior or tail end	.
telson	swimming	posterior or tail end	.

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