

# Husbandry Data Sheet

**Common Name:** *Rusty Crayfish* **Latin Name:** *Orconectes rusticus*

**Family:** Astacidae

**Order:** Decapoda

**Class:** Crustacea

**Phylum:** Arthropoda

**Natural History:**

**Permits Required:** No

**Life Stage:** Adult

**Ease of Care:** Easy

## Housing:

**Temp:** low 70's F

**Humidity:** N/A

**Substrate:** aquatic, w/mixed gravel and driftwood substrate

**# of Animals per Exhibit:** One, with other species

**Choose One:** Mixed Species

**Compatible Species:** Northern crayfish and various native fish

**Enclosure Description:** Typical aquarium set-up

**Lighting/Photoperiod:** 12 hours

**Furniture/Props:** driftwood

**Escape Concerns:** none

**Other Concerns/Precautions:** May predate on other crayfish

## Husbandry

**Diet/Frequency of Feeding:** 2-3 x per week, diet includes aquatic plants, worms, frozen/thawed smelt pieces, frozen brine shrimp, turtle pellets

**Water Source/Frequency:** filtered

**Care:** Daily

**Enrichment:** n/a

**Medical/Health Concerns:** none

**Treatment:**

**Keeper Safety:** n/a

**Other Concerns/Precautions:**

## Education

**Do you handle species directly with the guests?** :No

**If Yes or No how do you use the species with the guest:**

**Conservation/Population Status:** Introduced species in many areas (dumped bait), outcompeting native species and hybridizing with several

**Message:**

**Personal Comments:**

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