

CRAB SPOTTER SHEET



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Chancre / Brown crab

- Pink-brown carapace, black-tipped claws
- Pie-crust edges



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Furrowed crab

- Black-tipped claws, short legs
- Either purple or orange colour

Risso's crabs look similar but have very hairy back legs.



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Hermit crab

- Lives in a mollusc shell
- Pale orange-brown with darker reddish markings



Not true crabs

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Broad-clawed porcelain crab

- Broad flattened claws
- Hairy, greyish brown



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Green shore crab

- 5 teeth on the shell either side of the eyes
- 3 rounded lobes between the eyes



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Velvet swimming crab

- Bright red eyes; blue lines on its legs and claws; flattened rear-most legs
- Blue/purple in colour; juveniles are pale

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Asian shore crab (invasive)

- Squarish carapace, up to 5 cm wide
- 3 teeth on each side of carapace
- Light and dark banded legs



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Long-clawed porcelain crab

- Smaller than broad-clawed porcelain crab
- Long, slender claws, not hairy