

Blue Pearl Yabbie

Cherax Albidus



Natural Range

Limited area of Western Victoria and South Australia

Maximum Size and Longevity

Can grow to 20cm and over

Water Quality

- pH: 7.0—8.0
- General Hardness: 50—300 ppm.
- Temperature 12.C – 20.C

Feeding

Omnivore. Will eat all prepared fish foods.

Colour and Varieties

In nature tend to be pale

General Information

Blue pearl yabbies are the result of selective breeding and some colour variations have been quite spectacular.

The name *C. albidus* is arguable in some groups as being thought of as just a variation of *C. destructor*. *Cherax albidus* tends to be more slender and has a mat of dense setae on claws.

The housing should be treated exactly like *C. destructor*. They are hardy and quite comfortable in cold or tropical water. They will dig and eat plants so not recommended for display or plant tanks. They can also be territorial so provide plenty of hides.

As yabbies grow they shed their shell and at this time can be vulnerable and eaten by other tank inhabitants. If for any reason yabbies lose a limb, these will be regrown over the next few moults.

As with other invertebrates, they are sensitive to copper treatments. Yabbies are also escape artist so a cover glass is needed.