

## *Cherax tenuimanus* Marron

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### Identifying features

- Fresh water crayfish
- Colour range from jet black to brown
- Grow to more than 38cm long
- Smooth claws.

### Where would I find marron?

- Marron prefer sandy areas in rivers and dams, particularly where organic matter accumulates. Marron like areas which have lots of different terrain (fallen trees, rocks) and do not like high salinity.

### The threat

Marron is a notifiable pest of significant threat to New Zealand's freshwater environment. It has the ability to become widespread in New Zealand's freshwater ecosystems, competing with native species such as the freshwater crayfish (koura).

For more information visit: [www.biosecurity.govt.nz/marron](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/marron)

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Native crayfish with hairy or spiny front claws. Not marron.



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Marron (*Cherax tenuimanus*) with smooth claws.

### What looks similar to it?

The marron looks similar to New Zealand native freshwater crayfish (koura) **BUT** unlike native koura, the marrons claws are very smooth.

### If you think you have seen a marron

- Note the location of where you found it, take a photo and if possible collect a sample and freeze in a plastic bag
- Contact MAF Biosecurity New Zealand on 0800 80 99 66.

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