

Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlantic blue crab

Callinectes sapidus

The Atlantic blue crab is a vibrant crustacean easily recognized by its brilliant blue claws and olive-green shell. Native to the western Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, it thrives in estuarin...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Portunidae

Habitat: Estuaries and coastal waters

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-3 years

Weight: 0.2-0.5 kg

Scientific name: *Callinectes sapidus*

Did you know?

- Atlantic blue crabs can change their shell up to 20 times before reaching adulthood through a process called molting.
- Blue crabs can swim sideways and even backwards thanks to their uniquely shaped paddle-like rear legs. Their scientific name, *Callinectes sapidus*, me...

What I learned

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