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Fiddler Crab

Uca pugnax

The fiddler crab is a small, semi-terrestrial crustacean known for its distinctively asymmetric claws—males have one oversized claw used for signaling and combat, while females have two small, equal-sized claws.

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Ocypodidae

Habitat: Coastal mudflats and mangrove forests

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 8-12 grams

Scientific name: *Uca pugnax*

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, fiddler crabs are crucial ecosystem engineers—by burrowing, they improve soil aeration and nutrient cycling in coastal habitats.
- Male fiddler crabs' oversized claw can weigh up to half their body weight and is regenerated if lost. Fiddler crabs use sophisticated waving displays to communicate.

What I learned
