

Animal Fact Sheet

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Pea Crab

Pinnotheres pisum

The pea crab is a tiny, soft-bodied crab known for its commensal lifestyle, living inside the shells of bivalve mollusks such as mussels, oysters, and clams. Measuring only a few millimeters across, ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Pinnotheridae

Habitat: Shallow coastal waters inside the shells of bivalve mollusks

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-3 years

Weight: 0.01-0.05 grams

Scientific name: *Pinnotheres pisum*

Did you know?

- Pea crabs can sometimes be found inside oysters served at restaurants, surprising unsuspecting diners!
- Pea crabs are considered the world's smallest crabs and are often mistaken for parasite eggs by those unfamiliar with them. Their presence is often u...

What I learned
