



BROWN BACK FRESHWATER CRAB

Austrothelphusa agassizi



KEEPING SNAPSHOT

Difficulty:	Intermediate
Max Growth Size:	5-6 cm
Temperament:	Generally peaceful, may eat small fish.

PREFERRED WATER PARAMETERS

Temperature:	18-25 degrees celsius
pH Level:	7.0-8.0
General Hardness:	Soft-Moderate

RANGE

Northern Australia

REPRODUCTION

Has been bred in aquaria, after mating the female crab carries her eggs until they hatch. Brooding females hide above water, occasionally venturing out to feed or to dip into the water. The young Crabs disperse from their mother when they are fully developed. Adult crabs will prey upon the

young Crabs.

FEEDING

Omnivorous, accepts most standard fish foods, will also pick at water plants and vegetable foods.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The most commonly available species of Australian freshwater crabs. Amphibious rather than fully aquatic, provide a partially filled aquarium, landscaped to provide plenty of habitat for the crabs above water. Expert escape artists, so use a tight-fitting cover. Fish tankmates must be large enough to not be eaten by the crabs, but not too big where the fish might start to consider the Crabs as a potential food item!

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