

HABITAT

- Marine and estuary habitats
- Rocks, shells and hard debris in inter-tidal areas

LOCATION

Native to: Asian Pacific

In Delaware: Inland Bays, and Delaware Bay (*especially the Ferry Terminal and Roosevelt inlet in Lewes*)



Asian Shore Crab

Hemigrapsis sanguineus

INVASIVE

HOW TO IDENTIFY

- Top of shell is squarish and dark in color
- Three notches or “teeth” on each side of shell
- Banded pattern on walking legs

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Feeds on native species of clams, scallops, oysters, fish larvae, and other marine species
- Very competitive in marine food chains
 - ☞ The Asian Shore Crab’s large appetite can cause many other species to struggle.