

Blind Crayfish



What does a blind crayfish look like?

Cave-dwelling blind crayfish are smaller than but structurally very similar to their marine relatives the lobsters. Crayfish grow 3 to 4 in. (7.6-10.2 cm) in length and are colorless and eyeless.

What type of habitat do they like?

Blind crayfish are found in dark areas of caves in southern Missouri.



What do blind crayfish eat?

They are scavengers, feeding on decayed organic matter, amphipods, cave mites, cave snails, flatworms and isopods.

Are they really blind?

Yes, these crayfish have adapted over time to the total darkness of the cave. They are eyeless and translucent because they never leave the dark.

What are the mating habits of a blind crayfish?

The eggs develop while attached to the swimming legs of the female and look like miniature adults when hatched.



Cool pictures of blind crayfish!

