

# did you know?

Out-competed for habitat, the Endangered Shasta crayfish is getting some help from partners and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Here's some fun facts about the species.

**1** Inactive until after dark, the Shasta crayfish stays mostly in one place until mating season.

**5** It takes five years for the Shasta crayfish to reach sexual maturity.

**2** The Signal crayfish threatens to take over Shasta crayfish habitat in part because they mature in only two years and produce more than twice as many eggs per year.

**40** Female Shasta crayfish produce an average of 40 eggs in the fall.



**15** Shasta crayfish live an average of ten to fifteen years.



**7** There are only seven remaining populations of the Shasta crayfish left, all in Shasta County in northeastern California. Lava rocks there provide a place for them to hide from predators.

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