

KILLER SHRIMP

Dikerogammarus villosus

What is it?

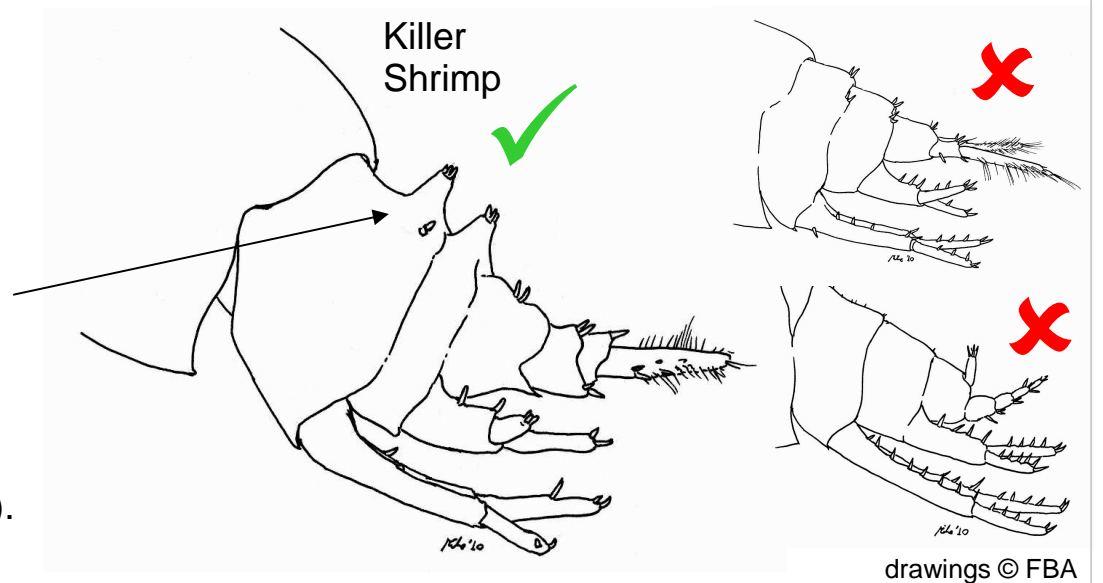
A highly invasive non-native species that has spread from the Ponto-Caspian Region of Eastern Europe. As a voracious predator it kills a range of native species, including young fish, and significantly alters ecosystems.



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How do you identify it?

- Usually found among hard surfaces in water bodies where Zebra Mussels are present.
- Key distinguishing feature is the cone shaped protrusions on the tail.
- Can be large (up to 30mm) but often 10-20mm.
- May have a striped pattern (but sometimes not).



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Help stop the spread of this species by:

- Inspecting and cleaning boats and kit before and after use.
- Inspecting and cleaning launching trailers.
- Draining all bilge water from boats before leaving the site.
- Disinfecting angling kit before and after use.
- Making sure no lake water is taken away with your kit.
- Not transferring bait between water bodies.

If you find this species, please send a photo and details of the sighting to:

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