

FIDDLER CRAB

Behavior: Fiddler crabs are actually composed of about 90 different species. They are found in tidal zones and will live in brackish water. Males will have one large claw and female claws will both be small. They will molt 2-6 times a year, during this period they are extremely stressed and can sometimes die.

Experience Level: Beginner.

Adult Size: 2 inches across.

Life Expectancy: 2 years.

Ambient Temperature: 75F

Basking Temperature: 85F

Light: Not required, use of a submersible heater is usually adequate.

Food: Crab pellets, sinking fish wafers.

Minimum Cage Size: 5 gallon.

Habitat: Semi-aquatic/terrestrial, provide about 1-2 inches of brackish water (using aquarium salt) with rocks or ornaments that they can crawl on to get completely out of the water.

Substrate: Aquarium gravel.

Maintenance: Change $\frac{1}{4}$ of the water every couple weeks. Clean the gravel and any rocks or ornaments once a month.

Basic Requirements: Enclosure with a secure lid, heater, thermometer, gravel, ornament/vegetation/hides.

