



Clarkes Creek through suburban Cairns



Cherax cairnsensis

This is a *Cherax* species we captured from the clear flowing streams that meander through Cairns Queensland. They were not easy to find as there does not seem to be large numbers of them in the streams. You may find a burrow here then search 10 or 20m of stream before you find another burrow. It's another small *Cherax* species living in a high predator area with massive numbers of eels, fish and shrimps in these streams. Add the stream runs through suburbia and is full of golf clubs, shopping trolleys and such as well as all the local kids catch'n critters, so how it survives at all is amazing to me. Still, the creek looked good and still healthy: - Clarkes Creek was too aptly named to miss surveying as Ellen Clarke was one of the crayfish Gurus for the 1950s: we just could not miss the opportunity to check this creek out.



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