A Report on the Crawfishes (Decapoda, Astacidae)¹ of Oklahoma

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Since the survey of the crawfishes of Oklahoma by Creaser and Ortenburger in 1933, there have been several changes in the taxonomy of the family Astacidae and the number of species and subspecies now known to occur within the state has increased to 19. Ten species were reported by Creaser and Ortenburger, one of which I consider erroneous.

The crawfishes in North America east of the Rocky Mountains are currently assigned to either Cambarinae (Hobbs, 1942) or Cambarellinae (Languarda, 1961). These two subfamilies are equivalent to the genus (*Cambarus* used by most crawfish taxonomists prior to 1942. The subfamily Cambarellinae contains only one genus, Cambarellus, and is not known from within the boundaries of Oklahoma. The subfamily Cambarinae consists of seven genera, Troglocambarus, Paracambarus, Procambarus, Cambarus, Orconectes, Hobbseus (Joe F. Fitzpatrick, Jr., personal communication) and Faxonella, four of which are known to occur in the state. The genus Troglocambarus is confined to the subterranean waters of Florida, Hobbseus to the Pearl and Tombigbee drainages in Alabama and Mississippi and the upper part of the Pearl River in Mississippi, and Paracambarus to Mexico.

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	Genus Cambarus (in part)	Subgenus Ortmannicus Fowler, 1911	Cambarus blandingi acutus Cambarus simulans Cambarus gracilis	Subgenus Cambarus Cambarus diogenes	Cambarus setosus (extralimital)	Subgenus Fazonius Ortmann, 1905 (in part) Cambarus difficilis Cambarus longimanue Cambarus nais	Cambarus neglectus	Subgenus Faxonius (in part) Cambarus clypeatus
Family Astacidae	Subfamily Cambarinae Hobba, 1942	Procembarue Ortmann, 1905 Procembarue clarkii (Girard, 1852)	Procambarue acutue acutue (Girard, 1852) Procambarue etmulane etmulane (Faxon, 1885) Procambarue gractile (Bundy, 1876) Procambarue tenuis Robbe, 1950	Combarus Erichson, 1846 Cambarus diogenes diogenes Girard, 1852 Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus Faxon, 1884	uamourus neugperni Hobbs, 1948 Cambarus setosus Faxon, 1889	Orconectes Cope, 1872 Orconectes difficilis (Faxon, 1898) Orconectes paimeri longimanus (Faxon, 1898) Orconectes nais (Faxon, 1885) Orconectes neeki brevie Williams, 1952	Orcomectes causeyi Jester, 1967 Orcomectes neglectus neglectus (Faxon, 1885) Orcomectes nana nana Williams, 1952 Orcomectes mende (Creaser, 1933)	Urconectes leptogonopodus leptogonopodus Hobba, 1948 Fazonella Creaser, 1933 Fazonella clypedia (Hay, 1899)

Equivalent Taxonomic Units Used by Creases and Ortenburges 1

CHECK-LIST OF CLAWFIGHES OCCURRING IN OKLABOMA WITH

Family A

KEY TO THE CRAWFISHES OF OKLAHOMA AND EXTRALIMITAL SPECIES SUSPECTED OF OCCURRING IN THE STATE

The following key is based on sexually active males, referred to as $F_{\rm frm}$ I or first form males. Form I males can be distinguished from Form II or second form males by a comparison of their first pair of ploopds, which are modified for copulation and are called gonopods (Figs. 38.32). The terminal elements of Form I gonopods are well defined and at least one is corneous. For identification of immature individuals, females and Form II males, one must consult the recognition characters (Figs. 1-46) given for each species.

1. 1.	Gonopod ending in two distinct processes 2 Gonopod ending in three or more distinct processes 19
2 .	Both processes of gonopod bent caudally at approximately a 90° angle to axis of shaft
2.	Both processes of gonopod not bent caudally at a 90° angle to axis of shaft
3. 3.	Areola open
4. 4.	Suborbital angle absent
5. 5.	Rostrum and epistome narrow; three red bands of pigment run- ning down dorsum of abdomen <u>Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus</u> Rostrum and epistome broad; red bands of pigment on abdomen absent <u>Cambarus diogenes diogenes</u>
6. 6.	Central projection of gonopod at least twice length of mesial pro- cessFaxonella clypeata Central projection less than twice length of mesial process
υ.	Orconectes 7
7. 7.	Areola obliterated
8. 8.	Rostrum, acumen and antennal scale extremely elongate; acu- men over ½ length of rostrum(Figs. 22, 35)Orconectes lancifer Rostrum, acumen and antennal scale not as above; acumen less than ½ length of rostrum
9. 9.	Processes of gonopod short, mesial process curved caudad at ap- proximately a 90° angle to axis of shaftOrconectes difficills Processes of gonopod long, mesial process never curved so strong- ly caudadOrconectes palmeri longimanus
10.	Areola narrow, lacking punctae at narrowest point or with only
10.	one row 11 Areola narrow or broad, with two, three or more rows of punc- tae at narrowest point 12
11.	Areola open but lacking punctae at narrowest point; tips of fin- gers of chelae bright red, followed proximally by band of deep
11	blue pigment Orconectes palmeri longimanus Areola almost always with one row of punctae at narrowest point; chelae not so colored Orconectes nais
12. 12	Rostrum very narrow 13 Rostrum broad 14
13	Central projection of gonopod reaching to base of second pair of pereiopodsOrconectes nana nana

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18.	perelopods				
14.	a second oursed gently caudad, along				
14.	entire length				
15.	Antennal scale evenly rounded mesially, broadest at mid-length				
15.	Antennal scale abruptly rounded mesially, broadest anterior to mid-length				
16. 16.	Rostrum with sides concave, acumen longOrconectes meeki meek Rostrum with sides not concave, often with sides converging an- teriorly, acumen shortOrconectes meeki brev				
17.	Central projection much longer than mesial process, mesial pro- cess making up approximately 67% of central projection; central projection reaching at least to tip of first pair of pereiopods Orconectes leptogonopodus leptogonopodu				
17.	Central projection only slightly longer than mesial process and never reaching beyond second pair of pereiopods 1				
18.	Rostrum with carina; tips of chelae red, followed proximally by black ring of pigment				
18.	Rostrum without carina; tips of chelae light orange but without conspicuous black markingOrconectes menu				
19 .	Hooks present on ischia of second and third pairs of pereiopods (figs. 11, 32)Cambarellus put				
19.	Hooks present on ischia of third or third and fourth pairs of perei- opods Procambarus 1				
20 .	Two cervical spines on each side of cephalothorax Procambarus duprat				
20 .	Cephalothorax with one lateral spine on each side or spine en- tirely lacking				
21.	Males with hooks on ischia of third pair of pereiopods only				
21.	Males with hooks on ischia of third and fourth pairs of pereiopods				
22.	Antennal scale widest anterior to mid-length; areola obliterated or extremely narrow, never with punctae at narrowest point Procambarus gracit				
22.	Antennal scale widest posterior to mid-length; areola narrow to broad, always with at least one row of punctae at narrowest point Procambarus simulans simulan				
23.	Gonopod ending in three terminal processes: marginal rostral				
23.	spines and cervical spines absent Processes; marginal rostral spines Gonopod ending in four terminal processes; marginal rostral spines and cervical spines on cephalothorax present but often reduced				
24. 24.	Areola obliterated in middle Procambarus clark Areola narrow but never obliterated Procambarus acutus acutu				
	ANNOTATED LIST OF SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES				
A detailed list of the localities for the crawfishes in Oklahoma will be supplied by the author upon request.					

Cambarus Erichson, 1846

The species of this genus occurring within the state are, for the me

part, burrowing species. They build neat and often quite high chimneys (10 to 12 inches). Cambarus setosus is a troglobitic form known only from subterranean waters and does not burrow. Hobbs and Barr (1960) summarized the data on this species. Data regarding Cambarus diogenes diogenes and Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus were summarized by Marlow (1960); additional data were supplied by Reimer (1964). Life history and ecological data were reported for Cambarus hedgpethi by Penn and Marlow (1959), Penn and Hobbs (1958) and Reimer (loc. cit.).

Cambarus diogenes diogenes Girard, 1852

Figs. 1, 18, 38; Map 1

Body pigmented; rostrum without marginal spines; areola obliterated; suborbital angle prominent; rostrum and epistome broader than in *Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus;* dorsum of abdomen without stripes characteristic of *Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus*.

Distribution: From Alabama to Michigan and Atlantic Coast to Rocky Mountains in Colorado and Wyoming (Williams, 1954a).

Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus Faxon, 1884

Body pigmented; rostrum without lateral spines; areola obliterated; suborbital angle prominent; rostrum and epistome narrower than in *Cambarus diogenes diogenes*; dorsum of abdomen with three longitudinal bands of pigment. In another paper I shall raise *Cambarus diogenes ludovicianus* to a species based on a narrower rostrum, narrower epistome, color pattern and range. However, since this change is unpublished, the trinomen is retained here.

Distribution: Previously this subspecies was thought to be confined to the "Alluvial Fault Basin in Louisiana" (Penn and Marlow, 1959; Marlow, 1960). My collections indicate that this form is much more widespread. Reimer (1964) reported it from throughout the Gulf Coastal Plains in Arkansas. OKLAHOMA: Glover River at Glover, McCurtain County.

Cambarus hedgpethi Hobbs, 1948

Figs. 2, 39

Body pigmented; rostrum without marginal spines; areola obliterated; suborbital angle absent or only slightly evident, never as prominent as in *Cambarus diogenes*.

Distribution: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma. OKLAHOMA: Three miles south of Tom, McCurtain County (U.S.N.M. No. 96157).

Cambarus setosus Faxon, 1889

Figs. 3, 19, 33 Map 1

Albinistic; eyes reduced and without pigment; rostrum with distinct shoulders at base of acumen and often with small marginal spines; areola ppen, but narrow.

Distribution: Southwestern Missouri and northeastern Oklahoma (Hobbs and Barr, 1960).

Orconectes Cope, 1872

The species of this genus occurring in Oklahoma are usually found in Cear, permanent, flowing bodies of water. They can usually be found

under rocks or other debris in the streams. Many of these crawfishes have been reported from burrows; however, burrowing usually occurs only during periods of drouth and never reaches the degree of refinement found in *Cambarus*. Almost all species herein reported were reviewed by Williams (1954a). Additional data were reported by Penn (1952, 1967), Williams (1954b), Penn and Hobbs (1958), Reimer (1964), Fitzpatrick (1965), Momot (1966) and Jester (1967).

Orconectes difficilis (Faxon, 1898)

Fig. 20. Map 2

Rostrum with lateral spines; areola obliterated; one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest at mid-length.

Distribution: Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas.

Orconectes palmeri longimanus (Faxon, 1898)

Map 1

Rostrum with marginal spines; areola obliterated in most specimens; one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest at midlength; fingers of chelae with conspicuous red tips followed proximally by a deep blue pigment band. Individuals with an open areola can be distinguished from *Orconectes nais* in northeastern Oklahoma by the color pattern on the fingers of the chelae.

Distribution: "All western tributaries of the Mississippi River from the Arkansas River to the Gulf and Gulf drainage streams from the Mississippi River to the Guadalupe River in Texas" (Penn, 1957).

Orconectes nais (Faxon, 1885)

Figs. 9, 23, 36. Map 3

Rostrum with marginal spines areola narrow usually with only one row of punctae at narrowest point; one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest at mid-length.

Distribution: Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

Orconectes meeki brevis Williams, 1952

Fig. 5. Map 4

Rostrum with marginal spines; areola narrow usually with two or three rows of punctae at narrowest point; cervical spine on each side of cephalothorax present, but reduced; antennal scale widest anterior to midlength.

Distribution: Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Orconectes causeyi Jester, 1967

Figs. 4, 10, 24, 37. Map 2

Rostrum with lateral spines; areola narrow to broad; one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest at mid-length.

There seems to be an east to west cline in regard to the width of the areola in this species. Specimens from the western part of the state, as well as New Mexico and western Kansas, have a very narrow areola while have a much boarder one. Subspecific designations may be warrant 3d however, other complications concerning this species prevent such des g^{*}

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Orconectes causeyi has been confused with O. nais, but is much more cosely related to O. virilis and may be only one of its subspecies. Orconectes nais shows closest affinities to O. palmeri longimanus and O. preeki meeki. The taxonomy of Orconectes causeyi, and its relationship t_i O. virilis, will be treated in my forthcoming paper on the genus Orconectes in western North America. For present purposes, the name, Orconectes causeyi, is retained for those virilis-like crawfish occurring in Oklahoma.

Distribution: New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas.

Orconectes neglectus neglectus (Faxon, 1885)

Figs. 14, 41. Map 3

Rostrum broad and carinate; marginal rostral spines small; areola broad; cervical spine on each side present but reduced; antennal scale widest distal to mid-length; tips of fingers of chelae orange or red, followed proximally by ring of black pigment.

Distribution: Northeastern Colorado, extreme southern Nebraska, Kansas, northeastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas (Williams, 1954b).

Orconectes nana nana Williams, 1952

Figs. 6, 25, 40. Map 2

Rostrum very narrow; marginal rostral spines small; areola broad; cervical spine absent; antennal scale widest anterior to mid-length.

Distribution: Northeastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas.

Orconectes menae (Creaser, 1933)

Fig. 26.

Rostrum wide; marginal rostral spines reduced; areola moderately broad; cervical spine absent; antennal scale widest anterior to mid-length.

Distribution: Ouachita Mountain Province of Oklahoma and Arkansas. OKLAHOMA: Little Eagle Creek, west of Octavia, LeFlore County (U.S.N.M. No. 114315).

Orconectes leptogonopodus leptogonopodus Hobbs, 1948

Fig. 27.

Rostrum with reduced lateral spines; areola broad; lateral spine on cephalothorax absent; antennal scale widest anterior to mid-length.

Distribution: Ouachita Mountain Province of Oklahoma and Arkansas. OKLAHOMA: Eagle Creek n.w. of Smithville, McCurtain County; 6 mi. n.ne. of Broken Bow, McCurtain County.

Faxonella Creaser, 1933

Faxonella was elevated from a subgenus of Orconectes by Fitzpatrick in 1963. Faxonella clypeata, one of the two species belonging to this Finus, has been taken from several different types of aquatic habitats, in-Cuding roadside ditches, creeks, ponds and burrows. The life history of is species was worked out by Smith (1953). Since Fitzpatrick's study of *i axonella*, additional data were presented by Reimer (1964) based on mairial from Arkansas.

Faxonella clypeata (Hay, 1899)

Figs. 21, 34. Map 1

Rostrum broad and lacking marginal spines; areola broad; cervical spine absent; central projection of gonopod three times longer than mesial process; tips of central projection overlap in normal position.

Distribution: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Texas (Fitzpatrick, 1963).

Procambarus Ortmann, 1905

With the exception of *Procambarus gracilis* and *Procambarus tenuis*. the species of this genus in the state, are found about as often in burrows as in roadside ditches, ponds and other permanent and semipermanent aquatic habitats. *Procambarus gracilis* is a primary burrower and may be found far from any surface water. Adults are almost always taken from burrows. *Procambarus tenuis* shares basically the same type of habitat as the members of the genus Orconectes and has been taken only in the clear, rocky streams of the Ouachita Mountains.

Various aspects of the biology of the following species were reviewed by Penn (1943, 1956), Williams (1954a), Penn and Hobbs (1958), Hobbs (1962, 1967), and Reimer (1964).

Procambarus clarkii (Girard, 1852)

Figs. 13, 28, 43.

Rostrum tapering to small marginal spines; areola obliterated in middle; one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest proximal to mid-length; hooks on ischia of third and fourth pair of pereiopods.

Distribution: "From eastern Alabama to western Texas and up the Missisatippi Valley to Dunklin County, Missouri, and Hickman County. Kentucky. (Introductions: Calif., Fla., Nev., Va., Hawaii and Japan.)" (Hobbs, 1962). OKLAHOMA: Stream 2.8 miles north of Harris on U.S. Highway 259, McCurtain County.

Procambarus acutus acutus (Girard, 1852)

Figs. 12, 29, 44. Map 3

Rostrum triangular, with minute marginal spines; areola narrow: one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest proximal to midlength; hooks on ischia of third and fourth pair of pereiopods.

Distribution: Coastal plain and piedmont from Massachussetts to Georgia, from Florida to panhandle to Texas and Minnesota to Ohio (Hobbs, personal communication).

Procambarus simulans simulans (Faxon, 1885)

Figs. 7, 30, 42. Map 4

Rostrum with sides convex; marginal rostral spines absent; areola narrow; one cervical spine on each side; antennal scale widest proximal to mid-length; hooks on ischia of third pair of perciopods.

Distribution: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico. Kansas and Colorado.

Procambarus gracilis (Bundy, 1876)

Figs. 8, 46. Map 1

Rostrum with sides nearly parallel; marginal rostral spines absent; areola obliterated or extremely narrow, never with punctae at narrowest point; antennal scale widest slightly distal to mid-length; hooks present on ischia of third pair of perelopods.

Distribution: Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Procambarus tenuis Hobbs, 1950

Figs. 31, 45. Map 1

Rostrum with sides converging; marginal rostral spines absent; cervical spine on each side absent; areola narrow; antennal scale widest distal to mid-length; hooks on ischia of third and fourth pair of pereiopods.

Distribution: Ouachita Mountain Province of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

ERRONEOUS AND EXTRALIMITAL SPECIES

Cambarus immunis Hagen (= Orconectes immunis) was reported by Creaser and Ortenburger (1933) from Okfuskee County. Surveys made since their report (Williams and Leonard, 1952; Williams, 1954a) indicate that the range of this species does not extend farther south than northern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. Therefore, I consider the locality in Oklahoma to be in error.

Several species have been reported from neighboring states, in drainages extending into Oklahoma. Reimer (1964) reported *Procambarus dupratzi* Penn from the Little River drainage in Sevier and Little River counties, Arkansas. Orconectes lancifer (Hagen) was reported from the Red River drainage in Red River County, Texas (Penn and Hobbs, 1958) and Hempstead County, Arkansas (Reimer, loc. cit.). Orconectes nana macrus Williams and Orconectes meeki meeki (Faxon) were reported from northwestern Arkansas by Williams (1954a) and Reimer (loc. cit.). Cambarellus puer Hobbs, a member of the subfamily Cambarellinae, was taken from the Little River drainage in Little River County, Arkansas by Reimer (loc. cit.).

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FIGURES 1-17. Antennal scales (1-8); not drawn to scale. 1. Cambarus diogenes diogenes. 2. Cambarus hedgpethi. 3. Cambarus setosus. 4. Orconectes causeyi. 5. Orconectes meeki brevis. 6. Orconectes nana nana. 7. Procambarus simulans simulans. 8. Procambarus gracilis. Annuli ventrales (9-13); not drawn to scale. 9. Orconectes nais. 10. Orconectes causeyi. 11. Cambarellus puer. 12. Procambarus acutus acutus. 13. Procambarus clarkii. 14. Gonopod of Orconectes neglectus; a. Form I male, b. Form II male. 15. Pereiopod of Form I male showing location of hook. 16. Dorsal aspect of cephalothorax showing important taxonomic characters; a. chela, b. acumen, c. marginal rostral spines, d. antennal scale, e. rostrum, f. cervical spine, g. areola. 17. Ventral aspect of cephalothorax showing location of annulus ventralis; a. Annulus ventralis.

FIGURES 18-32. Apices of gonopods of Form I males; not drawn to scale. a. Central projection, b. mesial process, c. caudal process, d. cephalic process. Mesial view (18, 19, 20, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32). Lateral view (21, 23-27, 30). 18. Cambarus diogenes diogenes. 19. Cambarus setosus. 20. Orconectes difficilis. 21. Faxonella clypeata. 22. Orconectes lancifer. 23. Orconectes nais. 24. Orconectes causeyi. 25. Orconectes nana nana. 26. Orconectes menae. 27. Orconectes leptogonopodus leptogonopodus. 28. Procambarus clarkii. 29. Procambarus acutus. 30. Procambarus simulans. 31. Procambarus tenuis. 32. Cambarellus puer.

FIGURES 33-46. Cephalothoraxes of Form I males; not drawn to scale. 33. Cambarus setosus. 34. Faxonella clypeata. 35. Orconectes lancifer. 36. Orconectes nais. 37. Orconectes causeyi. 38. Cambarus diogenes diogenes; a. showing suborbital angle. 39. Cambarus hedgpethi, suborbital angle absent. 40. Orconectes nana nana. 41. Orconectes neglectus neglectus. 42. Procambarus simulans simulans. 43. Procambarus clarkii. 44. Procambarus acutus acutus. 45. Procambarus tenuis. 46. Procambarus gracilis.



Map 1. <u>f. difference</u> +: <u>f. selects</u> ©: <u>9. point inclusing</u> O; <u>f. sirpais</u> O: <u>2. inpuis</u> O: <u>2. gracilis</u> M.



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Map 4. Q. meski brevis O: P. g. similare W.

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