

## LIFE HISTORIES

### *Orconectes propinquus propinquus*

This species has been carefully studied under field conditions at Urbana, Ill. by Van Deventer (1937). The following outline of its life cycle in Illinois, taken from Van Deventer's work, is presented here as a summary of a life history which, at least in its major events, is typical of New York members of the genus except for *O. immunis*.

Briefly, the life of individuals of *O. p. propinquus* at Urbana, Ill. consists of the following events:

1. The young are hatched in May or June and remain attached to the mother for one or two weeks.
2. Following the second moult they become free swimming and measure about 5 mm., carapace length.
3. They undergo a total of 6 to 10 moults between the time of hatching and the end of the first growing season in late September or early October, and attain a carapace length of 12-27 mm.
4. Sexual maturity in both sexes is attained coincident with a carapace length of about 20 mm. and the majority of the season's young become sexually mature by their first fall after hatching.
5. During the winter no growth takes place.
6. Copulation occurs in late fall and early spring.
7. The eggs are laid in late March or early April and are carried for a period of four to six weeks, depending on temperature. As they are laid, the eggs are fertilized by sperm which has been held in the seminal receptacle.
8. The adult males moult twice during the spring or early summer, changing to form II with the first adult moult, and reverting to form I with the second adult moult.
9. The yearling individuals of both sexes which did not become sexually mature at the end of their first summer of life apparently moult four times during their second year. They attain sexual maturity with the second yearling moult.
10. The adult females undergo a single moult immediately following the shedding of the young in spring.
11. Apparently no growth takes place in connection with the first yearling moult, among either mature males or immature individuals; but marked growth occurs in connection with the second yearling moult in both groups.
12. A similar growth takes place as a result of the single moult among the adult yearling females.
13. The portion of the young of the previous year which reached sexual maturity by the end of their first growing season produce a

brood of young the following spring, attain a maximum size of 35-40 mm. carapace length as a result of the second adult moult of the males and the single adult moult of the females, and die as yearlings.

14. The individuals which failed to attain maturity by the end of their first growing season live over a second year, attain maximum size during their second summer, produce a brood of young in the following spring, and for the most part die as two-year-olds.

15. A very few individuals, among which females predominate, survive over a third year, and produce a brood of young in their third spring.

16. With the possible exception of these last few, the individuals of this species apparently produce only a single brood of young during their lives.

TABLE 3

Seasonal data for *Orconectes p. propinquus* in New York

a. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections I-158 and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
male I	49	107	2	83	203	73	63
male II	—	29	27	8	33	1	8
male imm.	1	27	—	69	53	13	25
female	11	18	51	100	156	68	57
female (with eggs)	6	23	—	—	—	—	—
female (with young)	—	—	9	—	—	—	—
female imm.	7	33	1	83	64	17	10
male (II?)	4	7	1	—	14	—	—
female (imm.?)	—	10	4	—	12	—	—

b. Adult males in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections)

	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
male I	5	22	35	3
male II	44	30	4	—

**Adult males.** The proportions of form I and form II males occurring through the seasons in New York (table 3) indicate the same life cycle which occurs in Illinois. In October, the last month of the year for which I have records, 87 percent of the males are form I; in fact, owing undoubtedly in part to chance in collecting, 98 percent of males are form I in September. Some of the individuals called form II, may really be large immatures, members of the group which reaches sexual maturity in its second summer. The condition in April is similar, the spring moult not having yet taken place. During May

and July, numbers of males are moulting; in May from form I to form II, and in July from form II back to form I again. My earliest record for a soft (freshly moulted) male I is June 21, 1951 (DWC 148). The other male I, recorded in June on the chart of seasonal data, was taken June 21, 1950 (DWC 36) and was very clean and apparently rather freshly moulted. The numbers of immature males decrease through the summer as these, becoming mature, are classed as males I.

**Copulation.** Dates on which I have observed copulation in New York are:

July 13, 1951 — 5 pairs  
 Aug. 25, 1950 — 3 pairs  
 Aug. 28, 1950 — 1 pair  
 Oct. 19, 1950 — 1 pair

In addition, I have two early records for the capture of females with sperm plugs, July 18, 1949 (DWC 3) and July 28, 1950 (DWC 47). Copulation must begin sometime in July in New York, possibly as soon as the males begin their return to form I. The frequency of finding sperm plugs in females increases until the late fall, when an adult female is only rarely found without one.

Unlike Van Deventer (p. 33) I have no observations of copulation in the spring, although I have watched for it in late March and in April, May and June. Van Deventer (p. 33) in summarizing the literature notes that the duration of the mating season varies widely in different localities. He states, "In more northern latitudes, such as Michigan and Wisconsin, it probably begins in July and August, and lasts until November, but does not occur again in the spring." Data on hand show this also to be true for New York State.

**Egg laying.** I have seen egg-laying in *O. p. propinquus* once. On April 23, 1950, in Fall Creek, Ithaca, N. Y., a female was noted lying on her back. The abdomen was flexed and the members of the tail fan extended. The chamber so formed was filled with a greyish mucous-like substance. Four eggs were contained in the mass.

**Females with eggs.** Females with eggs in my personal collection were taken in New York on the following dates:

April 13, 1951 — 1 specimen (DWC 75a)  
 April 23, 1950 — 5 specimens (DWC 21)  
 May 3, 1950 — 3 specimens (DWC 23)  
 May 6, 1951 — 3 specimens (DWC 83)  
 May 13, 1951 — 3 specimens (DWC 102)  
 May 19, 1951 — 5 specimens (DWC 109)

- May 20, 1950 -- 1 specimen (DWC 27)  
May 20, 1951 -- 4 specimens (DWC 135)  
May 21, 1950 -- 3 specimens (DWC 31)  
May 25, 1951 -- 1 specimen (DWC 129)

Collection NYSM 1939: 94 contains a female with eggs taken June 2.

The spawning season is apparently about a month later in New York State than it is in Illinois.

**Hatching and early moults.** A female with eggs was taken from Cascadilla Creek, Ithaca, N. Y., on May 25, 1951 and kept in a dish. Two days later the first of the eggs hatched, but most of the young died. I observed one first stage individual moulting to second stage at 5:30 p.m. on May 30, three days after the first eggs hatched. None of the young reached stage three before dying. The first and second stage individuals correspond closely in manner of attachment to the egg membranes and to the pleopods of the female, with the description of Andrews (1907) for *O. limosus*.

**Females with young.** I have but one date: June 21, 1950, when eight females with young were taken in one locality and one in another (DWC 33 and 36).

**Size at sexual maturity.** Although I have not measured all of my 414 males I, I have measured most of those appearing to be under 20 mm. carapace length. I believe that the size below which form I males could be considered exceedingly rare is about the same as the figure of 18 mm. given by Van Deventer (p. 31). The great majority of my males I are over 20 mm., and Van Deventer (p. 30) has reported similarly. My smallest male I is 16.2 mm. Van Deventer (p. 31) found one male I of only 12.6 mm. carapace length.

Minimal size is apparently the same for mature females. I have only eight specimens collected in late fall which are under 20 mm. The smallest female with eggs is 19.1 mm. (DWC 135); smallest female with young 16.5 mm. (DWC 36); smallest females with sperm plug, two specimens 16.4 mm. in carapace length (DWC 7 and 18).

**Maximum size.** Male I, 38.0 mm. carapace length (DWC 39b).  
Female, 35.9 mm. carapace length (DWC 102).

There is an interesting phenomenon associated with maximum size which is best documented for, and perhaps occurs only in, males. Van Deventer (1937: 45-46) reasoning from measurements of *O. p. propinquus*, and Ortmann (1906: 471-472) reasoning from field observations of *O. obscurus*, both report an apparent dying-off of old males in the spring. Penn (1943) reports the same phenomenon for the southern *Procambarus clarki*. I, also, have some evidence that

this occurs. Both on April 23 and April 25, 1950, while observing *O. p. propinquus* activities in Fall Creek, Ithaca, N. Y., numbers of dead individuals were noticed lying on the stream bottom. Although some were disintegrating, others appeared to have died recently. None of these latter appeared to be mutilated. The proportions of the two sexes were not recorded. One male I, 25.3 mm. carapace length, was lying on its back still slightly active. Although it showed fairly vigorous activity when placed in a collecting bottle, it died four hours later. Superficially, at least, it appears perfectly normal (DWC 64).

**Habitat.** *O. p. propinquus* has ecological requirements similar to those of *C. robustus* for, as indicated in tables 4 and 13, each is the most common crayfish associate of the other. Like *C. robustus* it is rare in mountain stream habitats and in still water with a mud or silt bottom, but otherwise it is widespread in distribution in those stream systems which it occupies.

Crayfish associates are listed in table 4.

TABLE 4

Frequency of occurrence of *Orconectes p. propinquus* with other crayfish species in collections made in New York. Tabulated from D. W. Crocker collections I-158, NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections) and NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

DRAINAGE	<i>C. b. bartoni</i>	<i>C. robustus</i>	<i>O. immansis</i>	<i>O. limosus</i>	<i>O. obscurus</i>	<i>O. virilis</i>
Genesee R.....	1	3	1			
Oswego R.....	5	23	4		2	
L. Erie-Niagara R.....		2	2			1
L. Champlain.....						1
Grass, St. Regis & Salmon R.....	3					
Oswegatchie & Black R.....	1	2				
Mohawk-Hudson R.....		2	4		1	
Susquehanna R. (East).....	1		1	3		
Chemung R.....	2		4			
Misc. L. Ontario tribs.....		12	13			

*Orconectes obscurus*

Ortmann (1906: 470-476) has made the most detailed life history observations on *O. obscurus*. Although his data are not as quantitative as are those of Van Deventer (1937) for *O. p. propinquus*, a comparison shows that the life histories of these two species differ only in details. The discussion here will be limited to a presentation of data for New York State, with the addition of data from Ortmann where mine are insufficient, or where his data differ.

TABLE 5  
Seasonal data for *Orconectes obscurus* in New York

a. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections 1-158 and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.
male I	46	..	4	72
male II	2	24	21	7
male imm.	23	2	6	66
female	3	19	17	56
female (with eggs)	7	..	..	..
female imm.	29	5	6	58
male (II?)	4	7	8	..
female (imm. ?)	3	5	12	..

b. Adult males in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections)

	JUNE	JULY	AUG.
male I	4	18	17
male II	41	5	--

**Adult males.** The apparent sharp drop in males I and increase in males II which appears in table 5a in June is due to a limited range of collecting dates. The latest day of collecting in May is May 21, and the two June collections were made June 15. The four June form I males reported in table 5b were taken on the first three days of the month. Ortmann found that the first spring moult in the majority of individuals occurred in Pennsylvania in the first half of May. It apparently occurs later in New York State.

**Copulation.** The earliest date recorded by Ortmann for an observation of copulation is September 5. He records other dates for September, October and November.

**Females with eggs.** The following are my dates of capture of females with eggs.

- May 6, 1951 — 1 specimen (DWC 87)  
 May 13, 1951 — 4 specimens (DWC 99)  
 May 19, 1951 — 1 specimen (DWC 111)  
 May 21, 1951 — 1 specimen (DWC 128)

Collection NYSM 1934: 588 contains a female with eggs taken June 20, from the Erie Barge Canal opposite the entrance of Nine-mile Creek, Mohawk drainage, Oneida County, N. Y.

Ortmann states that he found females with eggs very regularly from the beginning of April to the end of May. His extreme dates are April 6 and May 25.

**Females with young.** Ortmann gives three dates: May 30, June 5 and June 6.

**Size at sexual maturity.** My smallest male I measures 19.9 mm. carapace length (NYSM 7015). The smallest female with eggs measures 23.1 mm. carapace length (NYSM 1934: 588). Ortmann's smallest male I is 38 mm. total length and his smallest female with eggs measures 40 mm. total length.

**Maximum size.**

Male I — 44.0 mm. carapace length (NYSM 1937: 4808)

Male II — 37.3 mm. carapace length (NYSM 1934: 289)

Female — 47.8 mm. carapace length (NYSM 7022)

Ortmann records the maximum size as over 70 mm. total length.

TABLE 6

Frequency of occurrence of *Orconectes obscurus* with other crayfish species in collections made in New York. Tabulated from D. W. Crocker collections 1-158, NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections) and NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

DRAINAGE	<i>C. l. bartoni</i>	<i>C. robustus</i>	<i>O. immutis</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>
Genesee R.....	1	4	1	
Oswego R.....		2		2
L. Erie-Niagara R.....	1	1		
Oswegatchie & Black R.....		1		
Mohawk-Hudson R.....	1	4	2	1
Allegheny R.....	7	17		

**Habitat.** No differences between the habitat preferences of this species and *O. p. propinquus* have been noted.

**Crayfish associates.** See table 6.

### *Orconectes limosus*

The best, although a very incomplete, account of the life history of this species is given by Ortmann (1906). The remainder of the literature consists largely of brief mention of habitats. The exceptions are Andrews' studies of copulation (1895), egg-laying (1906a) and development of the young (1907). These last are all laboratory studies, but Ortmann (1906) compares his field information with Andrews' and finds few points of difference.

Ortmann concludes from his data that the life histories of *O. limosus* and *O. obscurus*, for which he has better data, agree in every particular, and that there are thus the following general events through the seasons:

1. Mating occurs in the fall.
2. Spawning takes place in the spring.
3. Males of the first form are rare in June and part of July in consequence of a spring moult to form II.
4. First form males appear in numbers in the last half of July and are ready to take part in the fall mating season.

**TABLE 7**  
Seasonal data for *Orconectes limosus* in New York

*a. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections 1-158 and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)*

	FEB.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
male I	4	..	5	1	..	25	1	37
male II	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..
male imm.	..	..	1	..	..	31	4	18
female	4	1	3	1	1	24	1	35
female imm.	..	..	..	..	..	23	4	4
male (II?)	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
female (imm.?)	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..

*b. Adult males in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections)*

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
male I	7	12	9
male II	9	20	5

**Adult males.** I have too few specimens taken in the critical months of May, June and July (table 7) to determine whether or not the season of moult is the same in Pennsylvania and New York.



Data on hand indicate the same situation as obtains for *O. p. propinquus*. Ortmann records two males I. with quite fresh shells taken on July 10, 1905.

**Copulation.** Ortmann gives the dates of field observations of copulation as September 4 and 10.

**Females with eggs.** Ortmann has one record, May 9.

**Females with young.** A single record from Ortmann, May 30.

**Size at sexual maturity.** My smallest male I is 23.5 mm. carapace length (NYSM 7000). This same collection has a 22.5 mm. female with sperm plug. Ortmann's minimal sizes for males I are 37 mm. (New Jersey) and 40 mm. (Pennsylvania) total length. Ortmann reports seeing copulation take place in specimens less than 45 mm. total length, and egg-bearing females as small as 40 mm. The data are insufficient but suggest that sexual maturity is attained in *O. limosus* at a slightly larger size than in *O. p. propinquus*.

**Maximum size.** My largest specimen is a female from Esopus Creek near Kingston, Hudson River drainage (DWC 20), which is 54 mm. in carapace length. Hagen (1870: 61) records a body length of 4.7 inches in very old specimens. Faxon (1914: 372, footnote) reports that the largest specimen of this species in MCZ is 124 mm. total length (MCZ 180).

**Habitat.** *O. limosus* has been usually described as a river crayfish, preferring slow water and a silt bottom. My personal collections are from only two localities in New York: Catatunk Creek at Candor and Catatunk Creek one mile east of Spencer, both in Tioga County. *O. limosus* appears to be restricted to the wider,

TABLE 8

Frequency of occurrence of *Orconectes limosus* with other crayfish species in collections made in New York. Tabulated from D. W. Crocker collections I-153, NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections), and NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

DRAINAGE	<i>C. b. barbouri</i>	<i>C. robustus</i>	<i>O. umbrinus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>	<i>P. b. blandingi</i>
Susquehanna R. (East) . . . . .	5		1	3	
Lower Hudson R. . . . .		1			3
Chemung R. . . . .	3		1		

deeper segments of this stream where, consequently, the current is slower and the bottom composed largely of soft silt. The habitats of the 10 localities where this species was taken in August 1952 (table 17) are all characterized, at least in part, by silt.

**Crayfish associates** are given in table 8.

### *Orconectes immunis*

Forney (1956) discusses raising this species for use as bait, but the only paper published on the life history of this species is the detailed study by Tack (1941). In Ithaca, N. Y., he found the following life history:

1. The eggs hatch about May 15.
2. The young reach 13-29 mm. carapace length by September and may become sexually mature at this time, but most are not sexually mature until late in their second summer.
3. From mid-November until late March or April no moulting occurs.
4. Copulation occurs from mid-July to early October, mostly among yearling individuals.
5. The eggs are laid during late October or early November and are held on the pleopods through the winter.
6. The normal life span of *O. immunis* in the Ithaca region is two years.

**TABLE 9**

#### Seasonal data for *Orconectes immunis* in New York

*a. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections I-158 and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)*

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.
male I	61	3	2	5	9
male II	..	9	3	1	3
male imm.	118	1	2	12	2
female	5	6	4	7	7
female (with eggs)	78	1	..	..	..
female (with young)	..	1	..	..	..
female imm.	142	..	3	17	1
male (II?)	..	3	..	2	1
female (imm.?)	..	3	..	3	..

*b. Adult males in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections)*

	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
male I	5	2	3	7
male II	10	9	2	1

**Adult males.** The large numbers of immatures appearing in April (table 9) make it plain that the majority of young hatched the previous summer have wintered over as immatures. The criterion used in the present study for separating adults from immature individuals is 23 mm. carapace length.

Tack found the first spring moult of adult males to occur about the middle of April. The second he reports as less pronounced, but it begins in about the last week of June.

**Females with eggs.** Dates of collection are April 13, 1951 (DWC 75); April 28, 1950 (DWC 39); May 20, 1950 (DWC 27). Tack's earliest fall dates are October 18, 1937, October 23, 1935 and October 24, 1936.

**Females with young.** The record in table 9 is for May 20, 1950 (DWC 27). Tack gives mid-May as the time of hatching.

**Size at sexual maturity.** My smallest male 1 is 23.2 mm. carapace length (DWC 39*b*). The smallest female with eggs is 23.0 mm. (DWC 39*b*). Tack reports but one smaller female with eggs than this: 22 mm. He gives no minimal size for mature males.

TABLE 10

Frequency of occurrence of *Oreonectes immunis* with other crayfish species in collections made in New York. Tabulated from D. W. Crocker collections 1-158. NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections) and NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

DRAINAGE	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>
Genesee R. . . . .				1	1	
Oswego R. . . . .		2			4	
L. Erie-Niagara R. . . . .					2	1
Craws, St. Regis & Salmon R. . . . .						1
Mohawk-Hudson R. . . . .	1	2		2	4	
Saugochanna R. (Hudson) . . . . .	1		1		1	
Chemung R. . . . .	2		1		4	
Migo L., Ontario tribs. . . . .		1				13

**Maximum size.** The largest specimen on record or seen by me is in NYSM 1939: 1650. It is a female with a carapace length of 48.8 mm., from Glenwood Lake, Ontario County, N. Y.

**Food.** Analysis of stomach contents, direct observation and preferences shown in feeding tests show (from Tack) that *O. immunis* is largely a vegetarian. Tack does not separate his data for size classes of crayfish.

**Crayfish associates** are listed in table 10.

### *Orconectes virilis*

No account of the life history of *O. virilis* has been published and what little is known is widely scattered in the literature as brief notes, most of which relate to habitat. Steele (1902) gives some information on the life history in Missouri of a species which she considers to be *O. virilis*, but Creaser (1933b: 3) says that *O. virilis* does not occur in Missouri and that she must have had *O. nais*.

**Seasonal data.** The meager data available for New York are summarized in table 11.

TABLE 11

Seasonal data for *Orconectes virilis* in New York. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections 1-158, in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections), and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.
male I	1	.	..	7
male II	.	8	2	4
male imm.	..	..	..	23
female	2	..	..	7
female imm.	1	..	..	24
male (II?)	2	..	..	..
female (imm.?)	.	3	..	..

**Copulation.** Fasten (1914: 603, table 1) reports two periods of copulation in Wisconsin: April-May and September-October. His data are derived from the cytology of the testis and condition of vasa deferentia.

**Egg laying.** Creaser (1931: 263) reports that in Michigan the eggs are laid before the last of April. Pearse (1910: 18) gives a record of a female with eggs on April 14 in the same State.

**Maximum size.** The largest male I seen by Pearse (1910: 17) measured 55 mm. carapace length. Creaser (1932: 326) speaking of *O. virilis* in Wisconsin says, "This species is the largest in the State and frequently attains a size of over eight inches."

**Habitat.** Pearse (1910: 18) says that this species is found in the lakes and larger streams in Michigan. Creaser (1931: 263) for the same State says it prefers streams with a bottom of stones and is found "... in even the coldest streams where the fish fauna is limited to *Cottus*, the miller's thumb, and *Salvelinus*, the brook trout."

My own two collections of *O. virilis* (DWC 119 and 121) are from the Little Chazy River, near its mouth, Clinton County, and from the Salmon River at Fort Covington, Franklin County. Both habitats are in slow-moving turbid water where the bottom is mud and silt with numerous patches of aquatic plants.

The stream survey collections, of which there are five of this species, carry no habitat data, but I was able to take *O. virilis* in three localities during the August 1952 collecting. These are as follows:

1. NYSM 6978, stream (probably Kayaderosseras Creek) at bridge on rt. U. S. 9, 2.3 miles south of city limits of Saratoga Springs. Scattered boulders, dense silt, slow current and slightly dark water. About 50 feet wide and up to 3 feet deep.
2. NYSM 6985, Lake George outlet in town of Ticonderoga. Bottom of silt, scattered boulders and considerable rubbish.
3. NYSM 7017, east shore and at park at south end of Grand Island, Niagara River. Because of misidentification of these (all immature) specimens in the field, I have no specific habitat data for them; the Grand Island material from several habitats was lumped together as one collection.

**Crayfish associates.** Three collections contain *O. virilis* with another species: with *O. immunis* in the Niagara and Salmon Rivers and with *O. p. propinquus* in the Niagara River and Lake George outlet.

### *Cambarus robustus*

**Discussion.** The literature contains practically no information regarding the life history of *C. robustus*. This fact was recognized early in the present study and because *C. robustus* is common in the Ithaca region, the attempt was made to study its life history, particularly by marking methods.

In an intensive study of *O. p. propinquus* in Illinois, Van Deventer (1937) collected and measured in the field large numbers of specimens and then returned them to the stream. He was able to accumulate data which showed the growth rate of this species at all stages of its life. He could also determine length of life, age at sexual maturity and other pertinent facts.

However, in *C. robustus* there is apparently no restricted, at least no single period, during which the eggs are laid and hatched as there is in *O. p. propinquus*. It follows therefore, that, unlike *O. p. propinquus*, graphic plots of frequency distribution of size of *C. robustus*, measured at regular intervals of time, will not show a given year-class as distinct from the remainder of the population. Because of this, *C. robustus* is particularly well suited as a subject of growth study by marking individuals so that they may be subsequently recognized when collected from their natural habitat.

Here, one is led to ask: How can an animal which moults be marked so as to still be recognizable as a marked animal after moulting? I have tried three methods, all apparently unsuccessful. These have been reported upon elsewhere (Crocker 1952), but briefly they are the following: (1) Punching holes in various of the five members of the tail fan, a method used on lobsters with success by Wilder (1948); (2) insertion of bits of metal (tantalum wire, silver sheet, silver wire) into the haemocoel, to be recognized subsequently by means of X-ray; (3) a method used successfully on spiny lobsters by Creaser and Travers (1950), which involves inserting barbed plastic tabs between terga into the abdominal musculature.

TABLE 12

Seasonal data for *Cambarus robustus* in New York

*a. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections 1-158 and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)*

*Numbers in parentheses refer to additional adult males, recorded in the field as to form and liberated as marked animals.*

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
male I	18	71	8	6	6(10)	9(13)	24(20)	..
male II	8	36	13	11	14(21)	14(3)	24(13)	2
male imm.	8	59	13	8	11	3	12	..
female	42	148	10	12	17	14	63	2
female (with eggs)	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
female (with young)	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
female imm.	18	77	11	8	15	2	7	1
male (II?)	..	16	1	..	1	1	9	..
female (imm. ?)	..	15	5	..	4	..	..	..

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
male I	25	8	3
male II	12	12	5

*b. Adult males in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections)*

Methods one and three failed apparently because of the small size of crayfishes as compared with lobsters and spiny lobsters. Method two may still give results with the use of metal pellets, instead of wire and sheet. These latter either punctured vital organs or worked to the surface much as does a splinter in a finger.

Marking methods attempted for this species having failed up to the present to produce results, life history information must be summarized from field and laboratory observations and data from collections.

**Adult males.** It is apparent from table 12 that the restriction of form II males to the summer is not the case for *C. robustus* as it is for *O. p. propinquus*. This fact has been pointed out previously by Ortmann (1906: 488). In Pennsylvania, Ortmann found males I in the months of May, July, August, September, October and November, and males II in the months of May through October. I have a field record for a male moulting from form I to form II on September 21, 1950, and records of numerous soft males of both forms in September.

Thus, apparently at all times of the year there are males capable of copulation. Months unsampled are December through March. The data show relatively fewer males I in June, July and August and relatively fewer males II in April, but it is not certain how true a picture this may be.

**Copulation.** I have but two dates of copulation for this species, occurring under completely natural conditions in the field: October 8, 1949 and October 19, 1950. Two additional dates are May 23 and May 30, 1951, but these specimens were crowded in with a number of others of the same species in a lamprey trap.

One of the pairs from the lamprey trap was placed in boiling water and fixed in position. The positions of male and female correspond to the descriptions of Andrews (1895) for *O. limosus*. The right fifth pereiopod was used by the male to depress his stylets. Particularly well shown by this pair is the function of the hooks on the ischia of the male's third pereiopods. These, one on each side, were hooked over a prominent projection on the coxae of the female's fourth pereiopods to such an extent that the soft membranes dorsad of the projections were deeply impressed.

Although sperm plugs are common in the fall in all the New York State species of *Orconectes* (except *O. virilis* for which data are lacking), I have yet to find a sperm plug in *C. robustus* or in *C. b. bartoni*. All of the adult female *C. robustus* in my personal collection (295 specimens) have been examined for it.

**Egg laying.** I have seen two females of this species lay eggs, both in captivity. The dates are July 2, 1950, and April 7, 1951. The process is as reported by Andrews (1906a) for *O. limosus*. The female lies on her back and secretes a mass of mucous-like material into the chamber formed by the flexed abdomen and extended members of the tail fan. It is into this mass that the nearly black eggs are laid. The mucous disappears in about a day and a half. Each of these females had 30-40 eggs. Carapace lengths were 38.4 and 35.0 mm.

The dates for capture of females with eggs in the field are July 13 (DWC 154) and July 23 (DWC 158), 1951; carapace lengths 35.0 and 31.2 mm. Ortmann (1906: 488) took a female with eggs in Crawford County, Pennsylvania on July 11, 1905; total length 84 mm.; number of eggs 228.

**Hatching and early moults.** The dates for capture of females with young in the field are April 28 and August 13, 1950, and April 13, 1951. I have a measurement only for the August specimen — 39.2 mm. (DWC 72, specimen 23).

The eggs laid by the female in captivity on April 7, 1951, were first noticed to be hatching on May 24, an interval of over six weeks. The water temperature in the large aquarium in which the animal was kept varied not over two degrees above or below 60 degrees Fahrenheit. On May 25, 13 young were counted and, because they were crawling rather actively over the pleopods of the female, yet were without the five distinct members of the tail fan, they were probably stage two of Andrews (1907: 50). On May 29, only two young remained, the rest were not in evidence, dead or alive, and it is supposed that the mother ate them. Of the two remaining, one was third stage and was preserved. In a slightly shrunken condition it measures 4.7 mm. carapace length. The other, a stage two individual, was kept alive and sometimes between 11 p.m. on May 29 and 10 a.m. on May 30, moulted into third stage. Careful watch was kept on this single individual to detect another moult. Active feeding was first noticed on June 4, when the intestine became visible as a dark line due to its contained food material. The only food available was a rich coating of protozoa-laden algae in the bottom of the dish. On June 28 the animal measured 5.4 mm. carapace length. No cast exoskeleton was found and the animal died on August 4, 1951. It measures 5.6 mm. carapace length.

Immatures under 20 mm. carapace length in my collections or in NYSM collections were taken in May through October.

**Moultng.** The increment of growth of individuals living under natural conditions has been ascertained in two cases. On September



21, 1950, a male moulting from form I to form II was captured (DWC 65). Its change in carapace length was from 34.8 to 39.3 mm., an increment of 4.5 mm. A female, taken on May 5, 1951, and kept in an aquarium, moulted on May 24, only 19 days later; change in carapace length from 35.1 to 37.6 mm., an increment of 2.5 mm.

A moult by the majority of the adult population in September is indicated by field observation. On September 18, 1950, in Fall Creek at Forest Home, Ithaca, Tompkins County, N. Y., about half of many adult *C. robustus* were soft, yet in this same area on September 30, only one soft animal was seen. Similarly, in Taughannock Creek at Perry City, boundary of Tompkins and Schuyler Counties, N. Y., about 20 *C. robustus* were seen on September 21, 1950. Only two hard individuals were present out of 10-15 large specimens. Both males and females were seen soft, also both males I and males II. Two females were seen half moulted. Yet on October 7, not one soft animal could be found.

TABLE 13

Frequency of occurrence of *Cambarus robustus* with other crayfish species in collections made in New York. Tabulated from D. W. Crocker collections I-158, NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections), and NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

DRAINAGE	<i>C. bartoni</i>	<i>O. immutis</i>	<i>O. limosus</i>	<i>O. obscurus</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>
Genesee R.....	3			4	3
Oswego R.....	10	2		2	28
L. Erie-Niagara R.....	1			1	2
Oswegatchie & Black R.....	4			1	2
Upper Hudson R.....	1				
Raquette R.....	2				
Mohawk-Hudson R.....	1	2		4	2
Lower Hudson R.....			1		
Allegheny R.....	5			17	
Misc. L. Ontario tribs.....	2	1			12

**Size at sexual maturity.** Of the form I males which I have seen, the smallest measures 31.7 mm. carapace length. This specimen is from Herkimer County, N. Y., at the outlet of Little Moose Lake (DWC 143). Because of the large number of males I (215) which have come under my observation, and because the smallest in all collections have been measured, this value of minimal size is believed to be close to the actual limit. A form I male in NYSM 7021 is so much smaller than this (26.4 mm.) that I consider it abnormal.

The smallest female with eggs (DWC 158) measures 31.2 mm. carapace length and is the smallest normal sexually mature specimen of this species which I have seen or which has been reported.

**Maximum size.** Male I, 52.4 mm. carapace length (NYSM 1929: 1152).

Male II, 51.8 mm. carapace length (DWC 135).

Female, 55.4 mm. carapace length (DWC 32).

**Food.** Notes on the food of this species are given by Creaser (1934: 160) who found that in 11 specimens ranging from 42 to 76 mm. total length, the smaller fed largely on insect larvae or naiads, the larger on aquatic plants. The largest three stomachs contained only aquatic plant remains.

**Habitat.** The ecological requirements for this species are not as restricted as are those of *C. b. bartoni*. It is rarely found in cold mountain streams, the preferred home of *C. b. bartoni*, and it is equally rare in standing water where the bottom is of mud and silt. Otherwise, it has been taken from both ponds and streams of extensive variety. Burrowing habits have not been observed in New York State except for a rather casual digging out of shelters under boulders in streams.

**Crayfish associates** are listed in table 13.

#### *Cambarus b. bartoni*

Other than Williamson's note (1899: 47) of finding a female with young, Ortmann (1906: 486-488), working in Pennsylvania, has contributed the only information on the life history of this subspecies. Owing to its relatively infrequent occurrence near Ithaca, N. Y., I can only present some information which tends to confirm the findings of Ortmann.

**Adult males.** Ortmann (1906: 487) reports first form males in the months of March through December. He did no collecting in January and February. He gives no quantitative data on the relative frequency of males I and males II. My own data (table 14) show

TABLE 14

Seasonal data for *Cambarus b. bartoni* in New York

a. Tabulated from all specimens in D. W. Crocker collections 1-158 and in NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
male I	3	10	1	3	18	4	..
male II	4	11	9	3	13	4	..
male imm.	..	7	2	13	26	..	..
female	9	35	11	3	23	1	1
female (with young)	2	..	..	..	1	..	..
female imm.	..	11	2	8	18	..	..
male (II?)	..	6	1	..	16	1	..
female (imm. ?)	2	..	..	..	13	1	..

b. Adult males in NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections)

	JUNE	JULY	AUG.
male I	4	2	7
male II	25	8	6

that, as in *C. robustus*, there are apparently fewer males I in June and July, but there are fewer specimens of *C. b. bartoni* on which an opinion can be based.

With these small numbers also, a relative infrequency of males II is not apparent. Ortmann (1906: 487) found males II in all months except January and February, in which months he did no collecting.

Males of this subspecies, capable of copulation, are present during at least 10 months of the year.

**Copulation.** I have not observed copulation in this subspecies. Ortmann (1906: 486) gives only two dates: May 27, 1904, and October 6, 1905.

**Females with eggs.** Ortmann (1906: 486) found females with eggs in July and August. The number of eggs was between 7 and 133, the smallest number on the smallest individual.

**Females with young.** My three records are April 1940 (DWC 74), April 22, 1951 (DWC 77) and August 29, 1952 (NYSM 7014). Ortmann (1906: 486-487) reports females with young taken in the months of February, March, August, September and November. The February record is for New Jersey. I have taken immature specimens under 15 mm. carapace length in May, June, July and August.

**Size at sexual maturity.** The smallest male I which I have seen is 18.5 mm. carapace length (NYSM 6989). The next smallest is 21.4 mm. (DWC 120) and I have a few others close to this. The

smallest male I of *C. b. bartoni* reported by Ortmann (1906: 487) is 49 mm., total length.

The only female with young for which I have a measurement is 28.8 mm. carapace length (DWC 74). Ortmann's smallest female with either eggs or young is 48 mm., total length, which is approximately 7 mm. smaller than my smallest *C. robustus* (a female).

**Maximum size.** Male I, 36.7 mm., carapace length (DWC 118).

Male II, 36.3 mm., carapace length (DWC 108).

Female, 38.8 mm., carapace length (DWC 108).

**Size comparison** of *C. b. bartoni* and *C. robustus*. The above data indicate that *C. b. bartoni* is a distinctly smaller species; from 7 to 13 mm. smaller in minimal size at sexual maturity and approximately 16 mm. smaller in maximum size.

TABLE 15

Frequency of occurrence of *Cambarus b. bartoni* with other crayfish species in collections made in New York. Tabulated from D. W. Crocker collections I-158, NYSM 6976 (stream survey collections) and NYSM 6977-7022 (collected in August 1952)

DRAINAGE	<i>C. robustus</i>	<i>O. immutis</i>	<i>O. limosus</i>	<i>O. obscuris</i>	<i>O. p. propinquus</i>
Genesee R.....	3			1	1
Oswego R.....	10				5
L. Erie-Niagara R.....	1			1	
Grass, St. Regis & Salmon R.....					3
Oswegatchie & Black R.....	1				1
Upper Hudson R.....	1				
Raquette R.....	2				
Mohawk-Hudson R.....	1	1		1	
Susquehanna R. (East).....		1	5		1
Allegheny R.....	5			7	
Chemung R.....		2	3		2
Misc. L. Ontario tribs.....	2				

Smaller size at sexual maturity may be due either to reaching such maturity at an earlier age in *C. b. bartoni* or to reaching maturity at the same age, but at a smaller size due to a slower growth rate. Both factors may, of course, be in operation. Smaller maximum size may be produced by a slower growth rate, a shorter life, or both.

**Habitat.** *C. b. bartoni* is typically a mountain stream form, occurring most commonly in cool, fast flowing, well-oxygenated water where there is a bottom of boulders and rubble. If it is found in larger streams, then it is almost invariably at the point of entrance of cold spring water. Burrowing has not been observed in New York State.

Crayfish associates of this species are listed in table 15.

### *Procambarus b. blandingi*

There are six members of the Blandingi subgroup; namely, three subspecies of *P. blandingi* and in addition *P. hayi*, *P. lecontei* and *P. bivittatus* (Hobbs 1942b: 94). Practically nothing is known about the life histories of any of these. Hobbs (1942b: 95) reports 37 males I of *P. b. acutus* taken in Florida in May. In the same publication (p. 98) he also states that of 133 specimens of *P. bivittatus* taken in Florida in the months of April, May and October, first form males were taken in May. Penn (1943) has worked out the life history of a member of the same genus, *P. clarki*, but this species is in a different subgroup of the genus and the locality of study is Louisiana. His data may or may not apply to the present species. Penn (1943: 14) places sexual maturity of both males and females of *P. clarki* at 31-32 mm. carapace length.

**Seasonal data.** The three stream survey collections containing *P. b. blandingi* were all taken in July (NYSM 1936: 2960, 3576 and 3616). They contain two males I, one male II (soft), and two females (one soft). Collection USNM 74747, taken in August from the Bronx River, New York City, contains a male I and a female of *P. b. blandingi*. The female has a sperm plug. Collecting in the Bronx River on August 25, 1952 produced one male I, two males II, six females and one female immature (NYSM 6999).

**Habitat.** Of its preferred habitats, only slightly more is known. Abbott (1873: 80) describes it as a plant-loving species in New Jersey, frequenting clear running streams where it is to be found resting on aquatic plants, usually near the water surface. Later (Abbott 1886: 167), he decides that this species is not so restricted in habitat. P. R. Uhler, according to Faxon (1885b: 23), reports

*P. b. blandingi* from salt marshes covered twice daily by the tides in company with *Cambarus uhleri*, and characterizes this species as belonging to the lowlands at the mouth of sluggish rivers or near the ocean in muddy and grassy ditches and drains. Uhler also found it in a ditch near Ocean City, Worcester County, Md. in holes six to nine inches deep, and at Goldsborough, N. C. in drains and branches running through cotton fields.

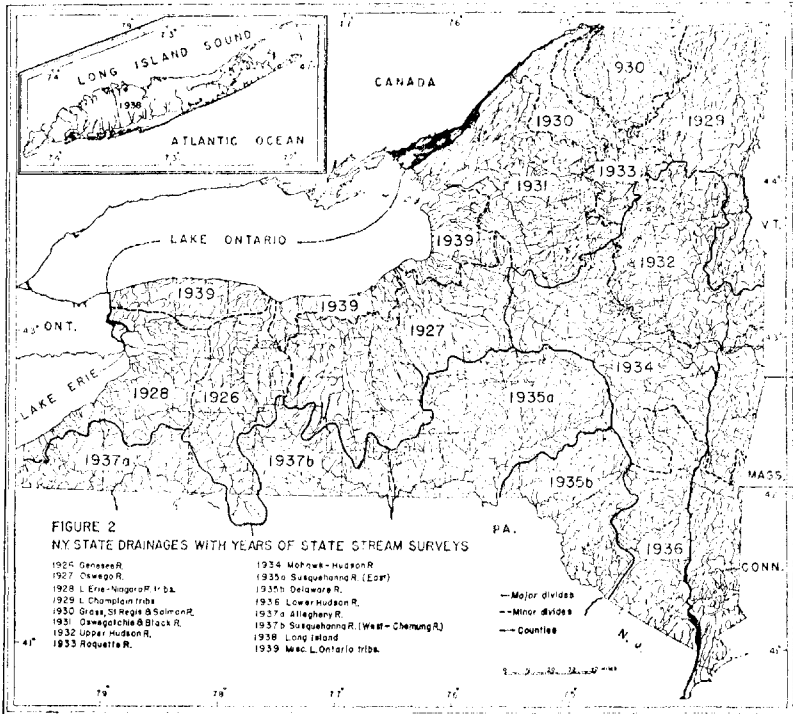
The only New York State locality for this species, Bronx River, has been studied by F. R. Nevin (1937: 228-230) with reference to the quantities of food organisms of fish. He reports that in the vicinity of White Plains, crayfish (unidentified) and mollusks occur in greatest quantity (weight per square foot) and that it is also here that sewage pollution is greatest. He also states that, except for the northern part, the stream has few stony areas and that when stones are present they are set in sand. Finally, he mentions that pollution other than sewage is prevalent within the limits of New York City and that the stream margins here are mud, mingled with a mass of decaying vegetation.

My August 1952 collection from Bronx River at White Plains North Station (NYSM 6999) was made in knee-deep muck.

**Crayfish associates.** Three NYSM collections from the lower Hudson River contain *O. limosus* in addition to *P. b. blandingi*.

## DISTRIBUTION

Figure 2, following, should provide a ready reference to the names of the drainage systems in New York State and to the years during which stream surveys were made.



### *Procambarus b. blandingi*

(FIGURE 3)

*Procambarus blandingi* consists of three subspecies: *P. b. blandingi* (Harlan), *P. b. acutus* (Girard) and *P. b. cuevachicae* (Hobbs). *P. b. blandingi* is restricted, in so far as is known, to the Atlantic coastal plain from the Bronx River, New York to at least as far south as South Carolina. *P. b. acutus* is distributed in the Mississippi River system. *P. b. cuevachicae* is described from La Cueva Chica, a limestone cave in the State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

The questionable status of the members of the *blandingi* complex has already been mentioned and it is inadvisable to attempt dis-

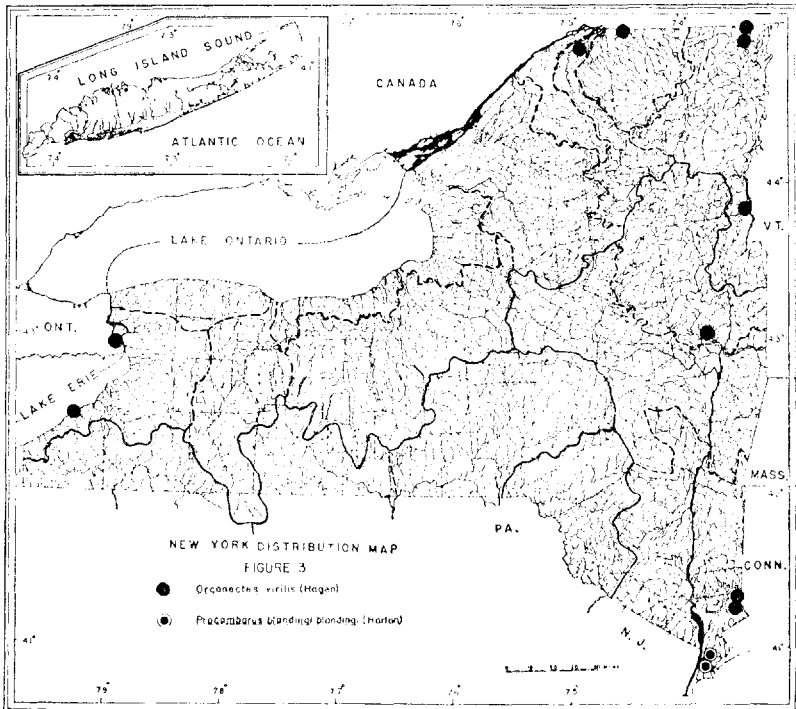
tributional theorizing until larger series become available and are studied.

The pattern of distribution in a very general sense has been investigated by Ortmann (1905a: 103-106). He places the origin of what is now the genus *Procambarus* in Mexico, and of the Blandingi section in the southern States, chiefly Alabama and Georgia. Ortmann (p. 105) states of the Blandingi group that it "... invaded (*C. fallax*) northern Florida and spread out northeastwardly along the Atlantic coastal plain (*C. blandingi-typicus*), and also it migrated westward and northward, up the Mississippi Valley (*C. hayi* and *blandingi acutus*)."

*P. b. blandingi* has reached New York by following the retreating ice northward along the coastal plain, but has not left its lowland habitat.

The only acceptable published report of this subspecies in New York (Faxon 1885b: 19) gives no specific locality.

Mayer (1911: 88) says, "In the neighborhood of New York we find three common species." He lists *P. b. blandingi* as one of these, but no specific localities are given, and the description of habits appears to have been taken from Abbott (1873: 80).





*Orconectes virilis*

(FIGURE 3)

*Orconectes virilis* ranges through a number of states in streams tributary to the Mississippi River. Northward it extends into Saskatchewan and Ontario. In Ontario, Huntsman (1915: 161) reports it as "... quite abundant in Georgian Bay but not [as abundant] in Lake Ontario." It is pointed out under the discussion of distribution of *C. robustus* that its limits in Canada are unknown. *O. virilis* is absent from Pennsylvania (Ortmann 1906). Turner (1926: 176-178, map 1 on p. 171) gives records for southwestern Ohio, but Rhoades (1944a: 96) has not been able to substantiate these records in the field. He states that *O. virilis* will undoubtedly be found in the extreme northeastern counties of the State, which Turner also suggested. Pearse (1910: 18) describes it as the most abundant species in the northern part of Michigan.

In New York, its distribution as now known suggests two entrances from the west, for there are no known populations on the coastal plain of Lake Ontario between the five northeastern localities and the Lake Erie-Niagara River records. The separating area has been well sampled (see figures 4, 5 and 6) and the habitat is relatively uniform and apparently not unlike that in the localities where *O. virilis* has been taken in New York.

The Lake Erie-Niagara River localities may represent an entrance as early as the time of Lake Maumee. The northeastern records are accounted for by an entrance from the west into what are now western St. Lawrence waters, through the Kirkfield or Ottawa outlets (Leverett and Taylor 1915: 410 and plate 21). These outlets existed in Lake Algonquin time before the invasion of the Champlain Sea. Furthermore, during this time the Hudson and Champlain waters were united and the localities in the Hudson River drainage in Saratoga Springs and in Westchester County may perhaps be explained as relict populations. However, one cannot ignore Faxon's (1885b: 98) report that *O. virilis* and *O. immunis* are two of the western species of crayfish most esteemed as food and that they are sometimes sent to the New York market from Milwaukee and other western cities.

Hagen (1870: 65) gives the oldest record for this species in New York. Faxon (1885b: 98) has cast doubt on Hagen's record, a dry specimen from Lake George, pointing out that the labels of dry specimens are easily transferred. However, I have substantiated Hagen's record by taking *O. virilis* at Ticonderoga on August 20,

1952 (NYSM 6985). The only other previous New York record is for the Raquette River watershed (Creaser 1934).

***Orconectes immunis***

(FIGURE 4)

The distribution of *O. immunis* is generally widespread and like that of its close relative *O. virilis*. That the two close forms can occupy such a similar territory is probably due to their different habitat requirements. In the west at least, *O. virilis* appears to be typically a stream form and *O. immunis* an inhabitant of ponds and ditches.

The literature contains nine New York locality records for this species:

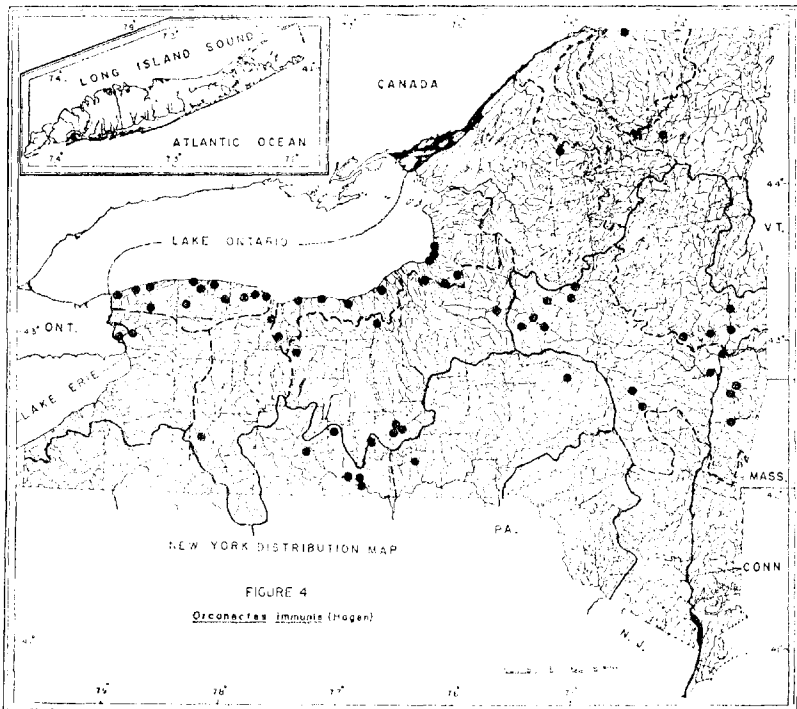
Faxon (1898: 654). MCZ 4330; Small stream tributary to Oneida Lake.

Ortmann (1906: 467). Rensselaer Lake, Rensselaer County.

Faxon (1914: 378-379). USNM 22,417; pond near mouth of Cataraugus Creek, Chautauqua County.

USNM 22,408; Silver Creek, Chautauqua County.

USNM 22,418; Fish Creek, Buffalo, Erie County



USNM 22,409; Stony Island at the eastern end of Lake Ontario, Jefferson County.

Creaser (1934). Raquette River.

Nevin and Townes (1935). Mohawk-Hudson drainage.

Tack (1941). Ithaca, Tompkins County.

Thus three records are known (USNM 22, 417; 22,408; 22,418) in the Erie-Niagara drainage in addition to the two shown in figure 4. Its apparent scarcity in this drainage may be due to poor coverage.

The distribution of *O. immunis* in New York can be accounted for by an entrance from the west in Lake Lundy time or perhaps not until Lake Iroquois (Fairchild 1912: plate 17).

In view of the absence of *O. immunis* from the Allegheny River, I attribute the single locality shown in figure 4 in the upper Genesee River above the falls at Portageville, to introduction by man.

An isolated locality for this species in the eastern Susquehanna (Oakes Creek, NYSM 1935: 702) shown in figure 4, might be accounted for by a connection between glacial Lake Herkimer in the Mohawk Valley and the Susquehanna through the Otsego Valley (Fairchild 1912: 39, plate 1). If one assumes that *O. immunis* reached the isolated locality through this Lake Herkimer outlet, then one is still faced with a problem: Why did it not achieve wider distribution? Perhaps competition with the already established *O. limosus* prevented the spread of *O. immunis*, but there is no information bearing on this from other areas because the two species do not normally come in contact. In fact, present knowledge of the distributions of these two species indicates that only in New York and the northern New England States (from which latter there is almost no information) could one expect to find them together. Collecting in the eastern Susquehanna has not been intensive, but coverage is fair (figures 5 and 7) and I do not think the apparent general absence of this species from the region can be attributed to poor sampling.

Ortmann (1906: 466-467) was unable to find *O. immunis* in Pennsylvania, and it is my opinion that the Susquehanna River drainage records in New York near the confluence of the Chemung and Susquehanna proper are also best explained by recent entry. Dr. Robert Ross, now of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has told me that in the Cayuta Lake area in times of flood, one can stand on the Susquehanna-Oswego River divide knee deep in water. This offers a satisfactory explanation for the entrance both of *O. immunis* and *O. p. propinquus* (figure 5) into the Susquehanna River system.

*O. p. propinquus* and *O. obscurus*

FIGURE 5

Ortmann (1906: 434-447) has discussed the distribution of these two species and a third form, *O. p. sanborni*, in detail. The distributions of *O. p. propinquus* and *O. obscurus* in New York present no contradictions.

Ortmann places the origin of these three crayfishes, each in one of three tributaries of the preglacial Old Erigan River which ran in a northeasterly direction. With the advance of the ice, three populations of the original stock were isolated and underwent differentiation — *O. p. propinquus*, most westerly in the Old Miami or Cincinnati River; *O. p. sanborni* in the center in the Old Kanawha; *O. obscurus* in the east in the Old Monongahela. The ice, melting and receding, formed lakes of the eastern and central areas which eventually drained southwest and united all three localities. The western area became the lower Ohio River, the central became the middle Ohio and the eastern became the upper Ohio, which also united with the Allegheny River.

However, the western region opened up first and *O. p. propinquus* was enabled to make its way to Lake Maumee, thus accounting for the distribution in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Data now made available for New York indicate that *O. p. propinquus* followed eastward the shores of Lake Maumee and its subsequent stages, Lake Lundy and Lake Iroquois, and was also able to enter the St. Lawrence when it was formed.

One is tempted to account for the presence of *O. obscurus* in the Genesee River by entry through the Olean outlet, a connection between the Genesee and Allegheny (stage 2 of Fairchild 1912: plate 10). However, it is a question whether or not *O. obscurus* entered the Susquehanna River system during a later connection between it and the Genesee (Fairchild, 1912: plate 11). It is possible, of course, that *O. obscurus* entered the Genesee before the Genesee-Susquehanna connection appeared and that it did not utilize this subsequent connection.

My two records of *O. obscurus* in the Susquehanna system are from isolated ponds (NYSM 1937: 2049 and 4517). The coverage of the area is poor and further collecting is needed before it can be said whether they more probably represent natural populations or introductions by man.

However, should the Susquehanna records be best explained as introductions by man, there is another means by which *O. obscurus* may have made the passage across the Allegheny-Genesee divide

after the closure of the Genesee-Susquehanna connection. This would therefore make it unnecessary to assume that, although the connection was available to *O. obscurus*, it was not utilized. Ortmann (1906: 443), unable to find *O. obscurus* in the Susquehanna drainage in Pennsylvania, accounts for its presence in the Genesee by known instances of the capture of morainic lakes, originally draining into the Allegheny system, by Genesee River tributaries (Fairchild, 1896: 447). These captures may have occurred after the closure of the Genesee-Susquehanna connection.

The populations of *O. obscurus* which occur in a restricted area of the Lake Erie drainage in Ohio and Pennsylvania are accounted for by cases of stream capture which are known in this area or by migration through canals (Ortmann, 1906; 441-442). This species has apparently been restricted from migration down the Ohio River by the presence there of its close relative *O. p. sanborni*.

*O. obscurus* may have moved eastward as early as Lake Whittlesey time, utilizing lakes at the edge of the ice, and may have entered the Mohawk River drainage as late as very early Lake Iroquois time, when a connection at what is now Rome would have permitted this (Fairchild, 1912: plate 16). Collection USNM 74,708 is an additional record for this species in the Mohawk River. At this same time there was also a union of the Mohawk and Black River drainages which would account for the records of *O. obscurus* in the Black River. However, its present distribution in the Mohawk and Black Rivers may also be accounted for by a following of the Erie barge canal eastward and an entrance into the Black River through the Trenton feeder. A single specimen is the basis for the record of *O. obscurus* at Long Lake in the town of Long Lake in the headwaters of the Raquette River drainage. Verbal testimony from bait dealers in this area indicates that large numbers of crayfishes are brought into the Adirondacks from numerous regions, particularly from the barge canal in the vicinity of Utica.

The species-locality of an old (1893) collection of *O. obscurus* in the United States National Museum (USNM 44,751), labeled as coming from Cattaraugus Creek in the Lake Erie drainage of New York (reported by Faxon, 1914: 374), has been substantiated by my collecting in 1952 (NYSM 7015). A connection between the Allegheny River and a glacial lake in the Cattaraugus Valley (Fairchild, 1912: plate 11) could account for the entrance of *O. obscurus* into this area.

Collection USNM 74,712 consists of five male *O. obscurus*, collected by H. K. Townes, August 31, 1934, in Kinderhook Creek at Kinder-

hook (Columbia County). I am unable to account for this species-locality. It is 100 miles from the upper Mohawk where the main body of the Hudson drainage members of this species is located. Subsequent collecting in the Kinderhook-Valatie area (DWC 132) has produced only *O. limosus*.

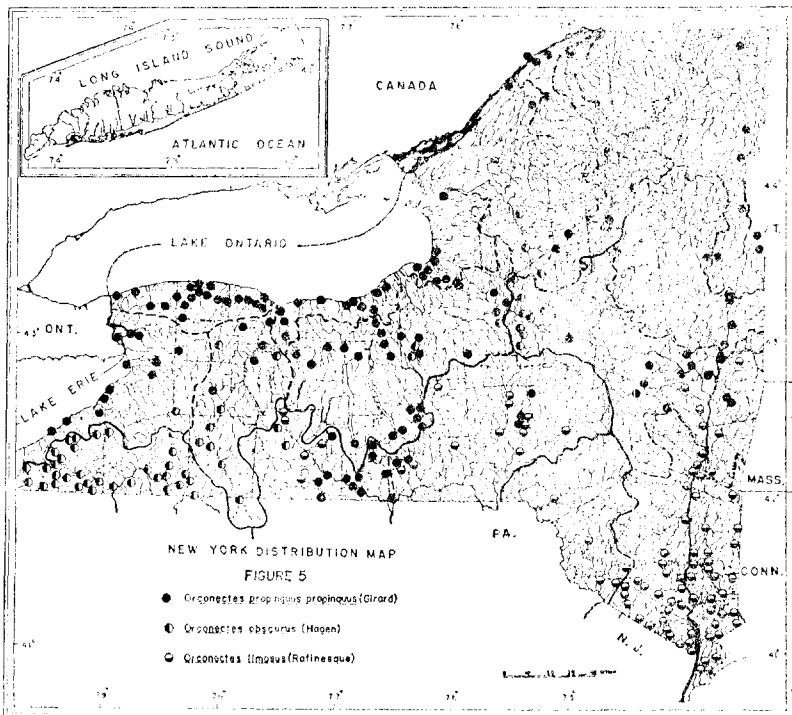
*O. p. propinquus* must not have entered the northern drainages of New York State before Lake Hall time, for previous to this time there were connections between the Genesee and Susquehanna and also direct drainages through what are now the Finger Lakes. I can not believe that the records for *O. p. propinquus* in the Susquehanna at the present time are due to an early entrance. In this system there are now, at least, no crayfishes which in present times are competitors with *O. p. propinquus*. *O. limosus* and *C. b. bartoni* have distinctly different habitat preferences. One wonders why it should not have achieved wider distribution had it entered early. It seems preferable to account for the localities near the confluence of the Chemung and Susquehanna proper by an entrance at Cayuta Lake, draining into Cayuta Creek (also known as Shephard's Creek). Under *O. immunis* it is pointed out that stream capture is taking place in the Cayuta Lake area at the present time. Figure 5 seems to indicate that in the restricted region involved, *O. p. propinquus*, the invader, is replacing *O. limosus* from the latter's home territory.

Three isolated localities for this species in the eastern Susquehanna (Unadilla River; NYSM 7006, 7009, 7011) shown in figure 5, might be accounted for by a southern outlet of glacial Lake Herkimer (in the Mohawk Valley) passing into the Susquehanna through the Unadilla Valley (Fairchild 1912: 39, plates 1 and 13). However, if this species is gaining territory in competition with *O. limosus* slightly further west, then one would expect it to have gained far greater territory here in the eastern Susquehanna if it arrived here at a much earlier time. I consider the three records to be a result of recent introductions.

The distributions of *O. p. propinquus* and *O. immunis* are similar, not only in the Susquehanna River system in New York, but throughout the State.

Five previously recorded New York localities are available for *O. obscurus*: Genesee River at Rochester (Hagen 1870: 70); Allegheny River drainage at Salamanca (Ortmann 1905c: 402-404); Cattaraugus Creek, Lake Erie drainage (Faxon 1914: 374); Mohawk-Hudson drainage (Nevin and Townes 1935); Lake Chautauqua, Allegheny drainage (Townes 1938).

New York localities for *O. p. propinquus* are given by Girard (1852: 88), Hagen (1870: 68-69), Faxon (1885*a*: 360; 1885*b*: 91; 1914: 373-374), Ortman (1906: 363), Goodnight (1940*a*: 171; 1940*b*: 34), Creaser (1934) and Nevin and Townes (1935). Creaser discusses distribution in the Raquette River system and Nevin and Townes do the same for the Mohawk-Hudson. The other references cited list a total of 41 localities. None of these forms an exception to the distributional pattern in New York as determined in the present study.



### *Orconectes limosus*

(FIGURE 5)

Outside of New York, the only locality records for this species which, up to the present time, have not been doubted by any students of crayfishes, lie in the States of Pennsylvania, Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland and New Jersey.

Four locality records lie in drainage systems entirely outside the major distributional area of this species at a distance from the area of at least 130 miles. These records are: Niagara (Hagen 1870: 62), Lake Erie (Hagen 1870: 61), Lake Superior (Faxon 1885*b*: 87),

and Ontario (Huntsman 1915: 160). Faxon (1885*b*: 87) retains the localities Lake Erie and Niagara, but (1890: 629) drops the Lake Erie record because the specimens "... are too small to determine with certainty." Ortman (1905*a*: 131-2) doubts the three older records and a year later (1906: 430) says, "No positive record from New York State is at hand (see DeKay, 1844, p. 23, and Paulmier, 1905, p. 117)."

I have seen the Niagara specimens (MCZ Crust. 179). As small as they are (the largest carapace length is 17.0 mm.) they are definitely *O. limosus*. Ortman (1905*a*: 132) explains this record by suggesting that these specimens were put by mistake into a bottle containing *O. p. propinquus*. Hagen (1870: 62, 69) does give the same locality and collector (L. Agassiz) for these two species.

The Lake Superior specimens are apparently lost. Faxon (1885*b*: 87) reports them as being in the collections of the Boston Society of Natural History. In the summer of 1955, I was not able to locate them at the Boston Museum of Science or at MCZ.

The Lake Erie specimens were reported by Faxon (1885*b*: 87) as being in the collections of the Peabody Academy of Science. I am informed through conversation and correspondence with Dorothy E. Snyder of the Peabody Museum (Salem, Mass.) that this collection is not now at the museum. Some materials were moved from the Peabody Museum to the MCZ in 1942, but this collection apparently was not one of them. However, there is a specimen at MCZ (Crust. 306; new catalog 3800) which the Crustacea catalog reports as being received from the Peabody Academy of Science in November, 1885. The old label in the jar reads, "*Cambarus affinis*?, Lake Erie, F. W. Putnam." It may be that this is one of the Peabody Academy specimens in question. It is a female, carapace length 17.2 mm., and is not *Cambarus affinis* (= *O. limosus*). It is most like *O. p. sanborni*, for it has a seminal receptacle like *O. p. propinquus*, yet it lacks a rostral carina. This subspecies occurs in the Lake Erie watersheds of Ohio and Pennsylvania (Ortman 1906: 439 and plate 42, figure 3).

The Ontario specimens were taken at Iroquois, a town on the St. Lawrence River about five miles west of Waddington, N. Y. The collector of these specimens, Dr. A. R. Cooper, wrote me on July 19, 1955, that he could not now remember the circumstances of collecting, in particular whether or not the crayfishes were local. On the basis of Huntsman's figures (1915: figures 8c, 9c, 10c and 12*d*) which are unquestionably *O. limosus*, the specimens were correctly identified, but Huntsman did not specifically state from which specimens



the figures were drawn. In August 1952, I collected at Iroquois and also directly across the river, but obtained only *O. p. propinquus* and *C. b. bartoni* (NYSM 6987, 6989).

In summary, the present status of these four records is: (1) the Niagara specimens are accurately identified, but a mixup of specimens might have occurred; (2) the Lake Superior specimens are apparently lost; (3) the Lake Erie specimens have been either lost, or, if a specimen now at MCZ is one of them, it is not, and probably therefore the rest were not, *O. limosus*; (4) there is no reason to doubt the Ontario record except because of the isolated locality. None of these records has been substantiated in the last 50 years of collecting on the U. S. borders of Lake Superior (Wisconsin: Graenischer 1913, Creaser 1932; Michigan: Pearse 1910, Creaser 1931) and Lake Erie (Ohio: Turner 1926, Rhoades 1943 and 1944b; Pennsylvania: Ortmann 1906) or in the St. Lawrence River drainages in New York (present study).

An old record for New York without specific locality, given by Hagen (1870: 62) is omitted by Faxon (1885b: 87). No reason is given for the omission, but it is presumably because of the lack of specific locality data. I have examined the collection (MCZ Crustacea catalog 270), a single female, and I consider it definitely to be *O. limosus*.

Mayer (1911) says, "In the neighborhood of New York we find three common species." However, no specific localities are given. Furthermore, of the three species, the locality for the figured specimen of *Cambarus bartoni* is given as Orange Mountains, N. J. The discussion of *Cambarus blandingi* appears to be taken from Abbott (1873: 80), and *Cambarus affinis* is mentioned in connection with its being "... commonly sold in the New York markets." I would hesitate to assign any one of these three species to the State on the basis of these statements.

Two specific localities for *Orconectes limosus* in New York are given by Osborne (1912: 924): Central Park Lake, New York City, and Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn. His description and photograph of this species (Osborne 1912: 925) leave no doubt as to its identity. Townes (1937: 226) reports *O. limosus* at Coxsackie, Greene County, Hudson River drainage. Until the present study, these have been the only unquestioned specific New York localities.

Human agencies may have had something to do with the dispersal of *O. limosus*. Faxon (1885b: 89) says, "*C. affinis* is the common crayfish exposed to sale in the markets of New York and other eastern cities."

The entrance of *O. limosus* into New York State has probably been effected by separate entrances in the Delaware, Hudson and Susquehanna systems, perhaps following closely the recession of the ice.

Until the validity of northern records is ascertained it is hardly possible to discuss further the routes of dispersal of this species.

The nearest relatives of *O. limosus* are found in Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Missouri, and, as Ortman points out (1905a: 114), this geographical isolation of *O. limosus* accompanied by morphological isolation indicates the antiquity of the *Limosus* section.

### ***Cambarus robustus***

(FIGURE 6)

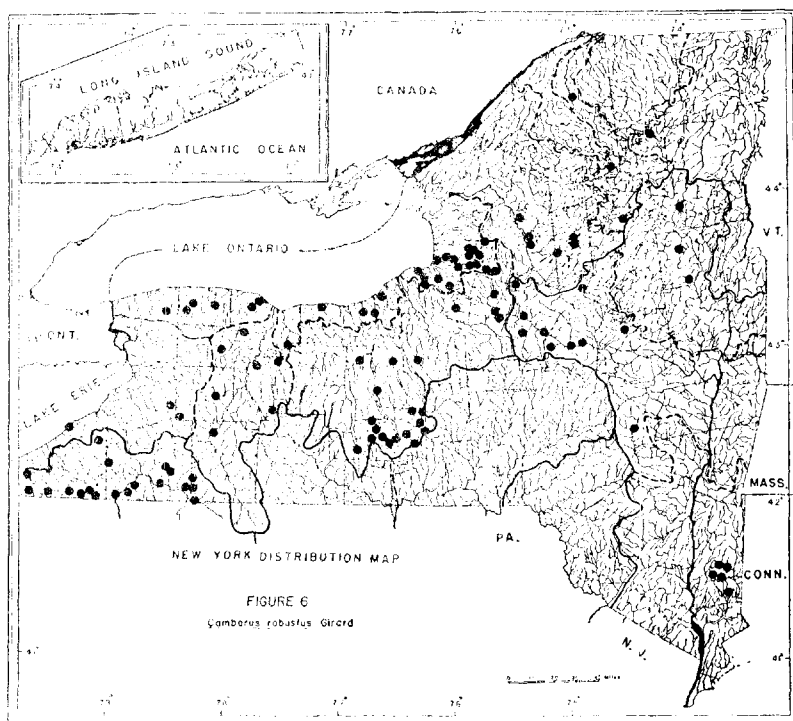
Ortman (1906: 449) was unable to find *C. robustus* in the Susquehanna or Delaware drainages in Pennsylvania and it is apparently restricted in that State to the watersheds of the Allegheny River and Lake Erie. The one exception is Ortman's record from Chartiers Creek, Allegheny County, and this stream enters the Ohio River opposite the entrance of the Allegheny.

In Ohio, which has been extensively surveyed for crayfishes, Turner (1926: 185, and map 5, p. 184) gives nine localities for *C. robustus* in the northeastern portion of the State in Lake Erie drainages. In addition he gives nine other localities in the Ohio River drainage. Seven are in the Scioto River system and have been referred by Rhoades (1944b: 96) to his *C. b. sciotensis*. Of the remaining two localities, one is Big Jelloway Creek, given by Turner (p. 185) as Knox County, but the record on his map 5 is in Licking County. The drainage here is apparently the Muskingum River. The other record is the Ohio River, Lawrence County, at the southern tip of the State. These last two localities may also be *C. b. sciotensis*.

Creaser (1931: 267-269, map 6) has plotted the range of this species in Michigan. It is apparently absent from Wisconsin (Creaser 1932: 336, table 1). The materials on which the records for this species at the periphery of its range are based should be reexamined wherever possible. This is particularly true to the south where there are records for the State of West Virginia (Faxon 1914: 388 and Newcombe 1929: 285). Records for Virginia, Maryland and Illinois, given by Faxon (1885b: 61 and 1890: 622) are subsequently dropped by him (Faxon 1914: 388).

Ortman (1906: 392-3, 450) points out that the records he gives for *C. robustus* in Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky may be a different form.

Fowler (1912) does not report *C. robustus* from New Jersey, but he gives no specific account of how extensive his collecting was.



Fowler's description of *C. b. bartoni* seems to exclude *C. robustus* except possibly for the statement concerning the areola: "... with about three to five rows of punctures irregularly." His figures (plates 100, 101) are distinctly *C. b. bartoni* in shape of hand and rostrum.

In addition to the type locality, the other reports of *C. robustus* in Canada are mostly from near Toronto, Province of Ontario (Faxon 1885b: 61). However, Huntsman (1915) reports it from western Ontario also. Information from both Ontario and Quebec is much needed in order to define the limits of this species as well as of *C. b. bartoni* and *O. virilis* in Canada.

Thus, there is left, of records from the literature which have not been doubted, and including the New York distribution here presented, the following picture of the distribution of this species. *C. robustus*, as known at the present time, inhabits an area extending eastward to the Hudson River drainage system, and in the west to Michigan. To the north it is reported from Canada and to the south its boundaries are poorly defined, probably not entering the Ohio River drainage in the State of Ohio, and restricted to the Allegheny River and Lake Erie drainages in Pennsylvania. It is

absent from the Susquehanna and Delaware drainages in New York State.

A total of 15 specific locality records for *C. robustus* in New York is given by Hagen (1870: 80), Faxon (1885*c*: 358; 1885*b*: 61; 1898: 649; 1914: plate 3) and Ellis (1920: 250). Creaser (1934) reports the distribution of this species in the Raquette River system. None of these records is in disagreement with the general pattern of distribution in New York as established by the present study.

*C. robustus* has apparently originated from a present member of, or a stock ancestral to, *C. montanus*, and its region of origin appears to be southeastern Ohio or western West Virginia. From here it has migrated to the north and then to the east and west.

One might easily postulate that *C. robustus* and *O. obscurus* originated together in the same area, of course from different stocks. If, in the distributional summary based on Ortmann, which I have given under the distribution of *O. obscurus* and *O. p. propinquus*, the name *C. robustus* be substituted for *O. obscurus*, there is no apparent contradiction to the line of reasoning.

It is here suggested then that *C. robustus* differentiated in one of the tributaries (the Old Monongahela) of the preglacial Frigan River along with *O. obscurus*. Its dispersal, subsequent to the recession of the ice, has been basically the same as for *O. obscurus*, but with the difference that it has extended itself further to the north, west and east. This has been possible because, on reaching the Great Lakes drainages, *O. obscurus* found a close relative, *O. p. propinquus*, already occupying these areas. *C. robustus*, on the other hand, although having habitat preferences similar to those of *O. p. propinquus*, is much more distantly related to it and has a distinctly different life history. It is apparently much less in competition with *O. p. propinquus* than is *O. obscurus*. To the north and east, *C. robustus* occupies nearly the same range as *O. p. propinquus*, but has not extended as far west, and this is explained by *O. p. propinquus* having a more direct and earlier start in that direction. *C. robustus* arriving later, at a time when the glacial lakes were smaller, would have access to fewer stream systems.

Although *C. robustus* has progressed further to the north, east and west than has *O. obscurus*, it does not apparently extend as far south in the Allegheny River system. Ortmann (1906: 449) admits, however, that it may be in Forest, Venango and Armstrong Counties.

It should be noted further that the relationship between the present distributions of *C. robustus* and *C. b. sciotensis* is similar to the relationship between the present distributions of *O. obscurus*

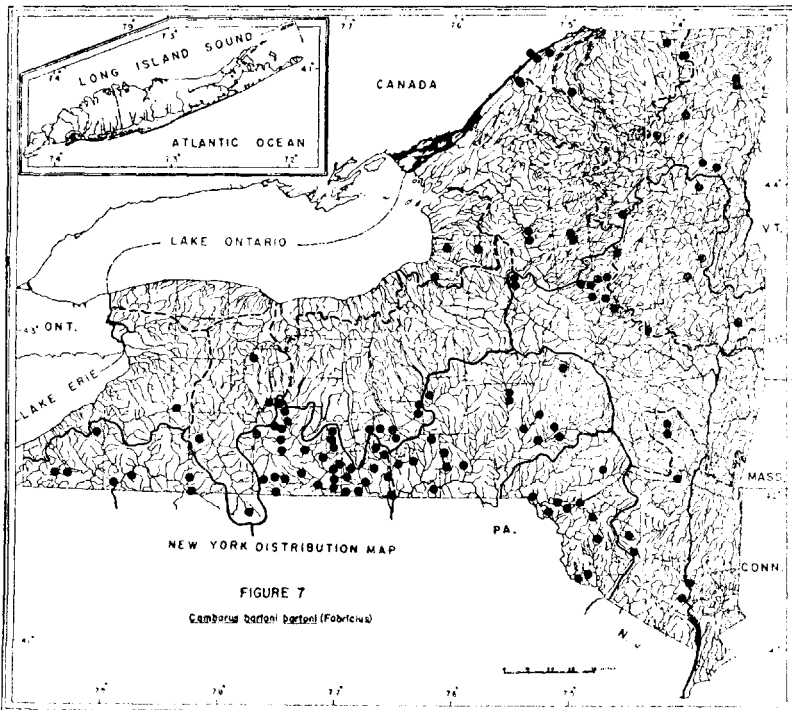
and *O. p. sanborni* (see Ortmann 1906: pl. 42, fig. 3). The line of reasoning applied by Ortmann (1906: 434-438) to the origins of *O. obscurus* and *O. p. sanborni* may equally well be applied to *C. robustus* and *C. b. sciotensis*. *C. robustus* is analogous to *O. obscurus* and *C. b. sciotensis* is analogous to *O. p. sanborni*. Here is evidence, in addition to morphological similarities, of the close relationship between *C. robustus* and *C. b. sciotensis*.

Ortmann (1905a: 121) places the origin of what is now the genus *Cambarus* at the southern extremity of the Appalachian system of mountains.

### *Cambarus bartoni bartoni*

(FIGURE 7)

Records of *C. b. bartoni* in New York are given by Rafinesque (1817: 42, as *Astacus pusillus* and *A. ciliaris*), DeKay (1843: 22-23), Hagen (1870: 79), Smith, S. I. (1874: 639), Faxon (1885b: 60; 1885c: 358; 1914: 383-4), Ortmann (1905a: 134; 1906: 384), Paulmier (1906: 134), Creaser (1934), Nevin and Townes (1935) and Goodnight (1940b: 34, 38). Creaser and Nevin and Townes discuss distributions in the Raquette and Mohawk-Hudson Rivers respec-



tively. DeKay's report gives no specific localities, but is interesting because of its age. The remaining authors give a total of 38 specific, at least somewhat restricted, localities. None of these is in disagreement with the general pattern of distribution in New York as established by the present study.

*C. b. bartoni* probably occurs throughout New York. The regions in which it is absent on the distribution map are the Erie-Niagara drainages and the miscellaneous tributaries along the southern shore of Lake Ontario.

Tables 16, 17 and 18 show that material is poor for the Erie-Niagara system and furthermore, Faxon (1885*b*: 60) gives Niagara (Niagara Co.) and Forestville (Chautauqua Co.) as localities for this species. More collecting here will undoubtedly turn up at least a few more records.

There are no records in the literature for the occurrence of this species in the miscellaneous Lake Ontario tributaries where figure 7 shows it to be apparently lacking. The New York State Museum crayfish collection is particularly rich for this region, yet not one specimen of the present species has been collected. I think the reason for its absence here is the lack of suitable habitats. This is a lowland area with numerous slow, meandering streams, entirely different from habitat preferences of *C. b. bartoni* elsewhere. There is a record (Faxon 1885*b*: 60) for *C. b. bartoni* at Rochester in the Genesee River which is in the east-west center of the area in question. Certainly there are no physical barriers to its dispersal along the shore of Lake Ontario east and west from Rochester. One can most reasonably conclude that it is absent because there are very few suitable places for it to live.

The entrance of *C. b. bartoni* into New York was probably made at several points. It may have entered the Hudson directly, or through the Susquehanna into the Mohawk-Hudson by way of the Unadilla outlet (Fairchild 1912, plate 5). Its entrance into the Genesee could have been accomplished through a connection which persisted through stages three and four of Fairchild (1912, plates 11 and 12), or later (stage five) by way of what are now the Finger Lakes. The entrance of *C. b. bartoni* into the Allegheny River drainage probably took place outside of New York. From the Allegheny it may also have entered the Genesee through the Olcan outlet.

Any consideration of dispersal of this species must take into account its habitat. As a mountain stream form it is particularly susceptible to dispersal by stream capture and its dispersal along

TABLE 16  
Summary of crayfish collections in the New York State Museum taken during stream survey operations, 1926-1939

Drainage	Oswego R.		L. Erie Niagara R.		L. Champlain		Grass, St. Regis & Salmon R.		Oswegatchie & Black R.		Hudson River				Raquette R.		Delaware R.				Susquehanna River				Allegheny R.		Misc. L. Ontario tribs.		Total						
	Year*	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Upper—1932	Mohawk—1934	Lower—1936	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.							
<i>Cambarus b. bartoni</i> . . . . .				4	4	1						5	31	14	19	8	9	1	76	9	14	4	5	36	64	5	7	3	5	90	235				
<i>C. robustus</i> . . . . .		1	1			3	1					1	1	5	14	5	8	2	6						17	43	54	183	89	260					
<i>Cambarus sp.</i> . . . . .														2	2										2	2	1	1	5	5					
<i>Orconectes ummans</i> . . . . .												1	3	8	10	33															37	90	62	155	
<i>O. limosus</i> . . . . .													13	25	99	212																126	274		
<i>O. obscurus</i> . . . . .		1	2										10	18												2	6	46	192		59	218			
<i>O. p. propinquus</i> . . . . .		7	11	19	40	2	2	1	1			4	6	13	65																	83	199	140	357
<i>O. viridis</i> . . . . .														2	2																		5	13	
<i>Orconectes sp.</i> . . . . .																																			
<i>Procambarus b. blandingi</i> . . . . .																																			
Total . . . . .		3	14	22	56	10	10	2	2	1	1	13	46	59	174	115	238	2	82	14	28	7	11	57	142	33	246	150	484	513	1,334				

\* No crayfish were saved from the Genesee R. (1926) or Long Island (1938) surveys.

† Number of collections containing a given species.

‡ Number of crayfish—containing collections taken during a given year, not the sum of the columns of figures above.

TABLE 17  
 NYSM crayfishes collected by D. W. Crocker in August 1952

Drainage Species	Oswego R.		L. Erie-Niagara R.		L. Champlain		Grass, St. Regis & Salmon R.		Oswegatchie & Black R.		Hudson R.		Delaware R.		Susquehanna R.		Total	
	Coll. <sup>a</sup>	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.
<i>Cambarus b. bartoni</i> . . . . .			1	4	1	2	3	19			2	9	2	10	7	83	16	127
<i>C. robustus</i> . . . . .	5	35	1	6							5	18					11	59
<i>Orconectes immunis</i> . . . . .			1	13							4	6			1	3	6	22
<i>O. limosus</i> . . . . .											2	52	1	14	7	44	10	110
<i>O. obscurus</i> . . . . .	2	30 <sup>b</sup>	1	31							3	183 <sup>b</sup>					6	244
<i>O. p. propinquus</i> . . . . .	7	117 <sup>b</sup>	2	47	4	57	3	12	2	10	4	84 <sup>b</sup>			4	84	26	411
<i>O. virilis</i> . . . . .			1	13	1	8					1	44					3	65
<i>Procambarus b. blandingsi</i> . . . . .											1	6					1	6
Total . . . . .	8 <sup>c</sup>	182	3	114	5	67	3	31	2	10	11	402	3	24	11	214	46	1,044

<sup>a</sup> Number of collections containing a given species.  
<sup>b</sup> In these collections it was difficult to distinguish between *O. obscurus* and *O. p. propinquus* and therefore the number of specimens assigned to these species may not be correct.  
<sup>c</sup> Number of collections made in a given drainage, not the sum of the column of figures above.



**TABLE 18**  
**Summary of New York State crayfishes in the personal collection of the author through July 12, 1951**

Species	Genesee R.		Oswego R.		L. Champlain		Cress & Salmon R.		Oswego, Genesee & Black R.		Hudson R.		Raquette R.		Susquehanna R.		Allegheny R.		Misc. I., Ontario tribs.		Total	
	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.	Coll.	Spec.
<i>Cambarus b. bartoni</i> .....	5	25	13	86	4	12	1	6	4	7			1	2	10	55	3	14			41	207
<i>C. robustus</i> .....	8	37	42	550	1	8			7	87	1	1	1	6			8	69	3	31	71	789
<i>Cambarus sp.</i> .....																	1	1			1	1
<i>Orconectes immutis</i> .....	3	7	14	491			1	1													18	459
<i>O. limosus</i> .....												4	23				4	104			8	127
<i>O. obscurus</i> .....	9	117							3	9	1	19	1	1			8	122			22	268
<i>O. p. propinquus</i> .....	7	119	34	393	2	2	1	8	3	19			2	18	4	99			4	75	57	1,233
<i>O. viridis</i> .....					1	1	1	5													2	6
<i>Orconectes sp.</i> .....																	2	4			2	4
Total.....	20 <sup>b</sup>	305	69	2,020	8	23	3	20	10	122	6	43	4	27	17	262	9	206	5	106	151	3,134

<sup>a</sup> Number of collections containing a given species.

<sup>b</sup> Number of collections made in a given drainage, not the sum of the column of figures above.

the Appalachian system, independent of drainages, is evidence that this has actually occurred.

Of the general distribution of *C. b. bartoni*, Ortmann (1905a: 122) states, "This species has followed, in its dispersal, chiefly in the direction of the strike of this mountain chain [Appalachian] and reaches now from Tennessee to Maine and New Brunswick [it is also in Ontario (Huntsman 1915)]. Eastward it hardly descends to the Atlantic plain, at any rate it does not spread over it, and westward it goes as far as Indiana, always preferring smaller streams in mountainous or hilly regions."

The origin of the genus *Cambarus*, as already noted under *C. robustus*, has been placed by Ortmann at the southern extremity of the Appalachian system of mountains.

## OTHER NEW YORK SPECIES

Three crayfish species, *Cambarus fodiens* (Cottle), *C. d. diogenes* Girard and *C. uhleri* Faxon, may occur in New York in addition to the eight forms already discussed. All three are members of the Diogenes section of the genus and are burrowing species.

*C. fodiens* (= *C. argillicola* Faxon) is known from Ontario through Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois (Hobbs, 1948: 229). It should be searched for in western and northern New York in marshes and temporary ponds.

*C. uhleri* is known from Maryland where it inhabits salt marshes and brackish or fresh-water ditches. Similar habitats in New York may possibly support populations of this species.

*C. d. diogenes* has been reported 75 miles from the New York border in Ohio (Turner, 1926: 187, map 6), 60 miles from the New York border in Pennsylvania (Ortmann, 1906: 405) and 30 miles from the New York border in New Jersey (Fowler, 1912: 352).

Synonymies for these three species and descriptions and figures of *C. fodiens* (as *C. argillicola*) and *C. uhleri* are given in Faxon (1885*b*). Ortmann (1906) describes *C. d. diogenes* in Pennsylvania.

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