

# Other Crabs

## Hermit Crab



The Hermit Crab is a scavenger and is often seen in shallow water pools. It is not the natural inhabitant of the shell in which it lives, as many people think. This crab does not possess a hard shell of its own, so it “borrows” an empty mollusc shell (eg. Mud Whelk) and, as it grows, discards its home in favour of a more spacious one. The mangrove species feed largely on surface detritus, unlike species elsewhere which feed on larger items.

