

Other Crabs

Mud Lobster/ Mud Prawn

Thalassina anomala

Mud lobsters are shy creatures which inhabit mudflats in and adjacent to mangroves. They look like yabbies and grow to about twenty centimeters in length.

The obvious mud towers found among the mangrove roots belong to the Mud Lobster, or Mud Prawn.

Underneath the mound is a U-shaped burrow which extends up to 1.5m below the surface. Since it is beneath the water, there is always a pool of water at the bottom enabling the animal to live quite far up the shore.

Mud plugs block the entrance to its mound by day. The lobsters feed on surface mud by night.

This creature plays an important role in turning over and oxygenating mangrove mud. Its mounds are home to high numbers of polychaete worms.



Mud Lobster Mound

