

# The Pacific Land Crab

*(Tuerkayana hirtipes)*

Considered a species of terrestrial crab, it is widely distributed across the western Pacific, including southern Japan, Taiwan, southern China, Palau, Guam, eastern Australia, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Singapore.

The species has a breeding season lasting about seven months, during which females migrate to the sea to release their larvae.

An omnivorous scavenger, it feeds mainly on fallen fruits and leaves but eats carrion opportunistically.

