Northern Crayfish Crayfishes of Missouri - by William Pflieger, publ Missouri January Department of Conservation US Army Corps of Engineers - US ACE -http://el.erdc. Oronectes virilis usace.army.mil/ansrp Arthropoda/Crustacea>Malacostraca>Decapoda>Cambaridae February Claws: blue-green Head: olive-green Thorax: reddish-brown Tail: olive-tan Or uniformly olive green Northern Crayfish breed in the summer but females don't produce eggs until the spring. Coloring Guide Mother crayfish carry the eggs on their March swimmerts (little legs under the abdomen) until they hatch, then they keep an eye on the babies for a few weeks. **Size** First year: 23-56 mm/1-2" Second year: 58 -84mm/2 to 3.3" April May There are at least 35 species of crayfish in MO. The Northern Crayfish is the most widely The Missouri State distributed. The Missouri Invertebrate is a crayfish. V **Human Connection** July What eats Northern Crayfish August Sport fish, raccoons, otters, other crayfish and up to 200 other kinds of animals including humnas) September October small fish, eggs of sunfish, bluegill, trout, and basically anything it can get in its mouth Large water plants, other crayfish, snails, Always put your crayfish back in the same stream you got it from! North America Native Missouri Distribution Map Habitat (home/food/water) Home November Distribution Map rocks, logs, organic debris What Northern Crayfish eat as cover fertile, warm, turbid streams December winter invasive in summer other states