

Pelican Pete's Backyard Adventures™

Nature Discoveries and Outdoor Fun

Shrimp Scamper



PELICAN PETE

DID YOU KNOW?

White shrimp (*Litopenaeus setiferus*) have three means of locomotion.

Five pairs of long, slender legs on the front part of their body are used for walking on the water's floor where they usually feed. Five pairs of shorter, wider swimming legs on the middle part of their body are used for swimming to new locations for spawning and migration.

An additional pair of legs joins the tail, which is flexed to quickly scamper away from danger—backwards!

GET OUTDOORS!

How do the animals in your yard and neighborhood move about? Do you see birds flying? Fish swimming? Frogs leaping? Insects crawling? In your journal, note what you see, how they move, and what they use.

Play Shrimp Scamper! Form two teams of shrimp. At the signal, the first players on each team race backwards from the start to finish lines. Continue to see which team finishes first.

*Legs to walk, and others to swim,
I've got both to use on a whim,
And if a predator comes my way,
I flex my tail and scamper away.*

