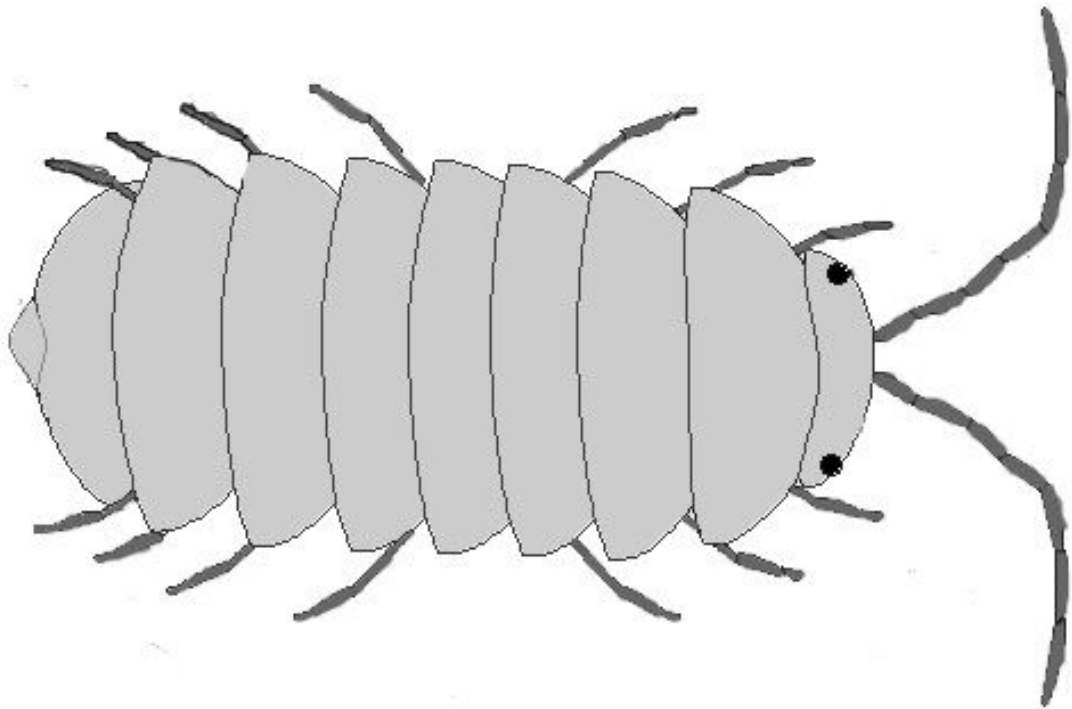


## PillBug, Roly-Poly: (Isopod)



The Pillbug is not an insect and in fact it is not a bug at all!  
It is a crustacean and related to crayfish and shrimp.

**My Home:** I am found in most regions of the world. I live in moist dark areas, under rocks, bark, leaves and logs.

**What I eat:** I eat decaying plants or other vegetation.

**What I look like:** I have three body parts, seven pairs of legs, two antennae and two eyes. I am 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch in length and vary in color from dark gray to white. I can roll myself into a ball when frightened and am commonly called 'Roly Poly.'

**How I am born:** I go through two stages of development: egg and adult. The female can lay up to 100 eggs, which are held in a pouch (like a kangaroo). After about two months as an egg, I hatch and emerge as a tiny adult. I grow by molting (shedding my skin). As an adult, I can live up to three years.



**Fun Facts:** The Pill bugs breathe with gills and need humidity or moisture to survive.