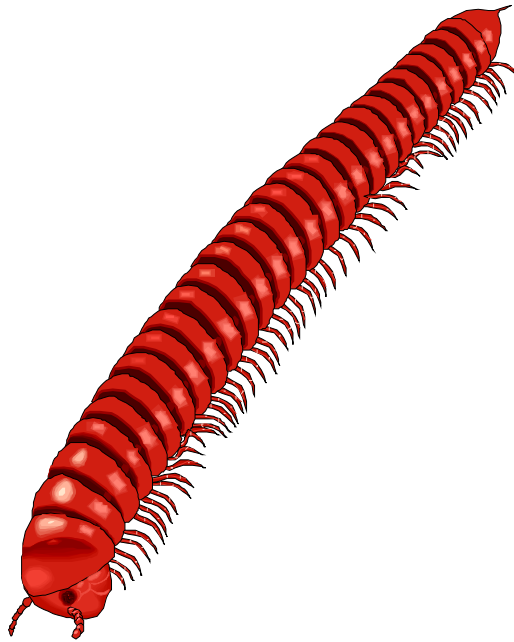


Millipede



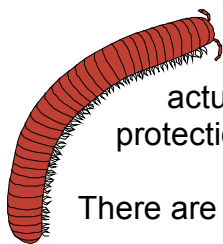
A millipede is not an insect.
It is a diplopoda.

My Home: I am found through North America and in other parts of the world that have moist environments. I live outdoors in moist, dark, protected areas like under bark, logs, leaves or rocks. I am most active at night.

What I eat: I lack the venomous front jaws of centipedes and primarily eat decaying plants.

What I look like: I am long, slow moving, and resemble a worm. I have two pairs of legs on each body segment. A centipede has only one pair of legs on each segment. My length can be from 1 to 12 inches.

How I am born: I go through two stages of development: egg and adult. My egg is laid in the ground during the springtime. After I hatch, I resemble a small adult. To grow, I molt and shed my skin, adding a segment and a set of legs each time my skin is shed.



Fun Facts: They are often called 'thousand leggers', but they actually only have from 40 to 200 pair of legs. They can coil in a ball for protection and some produce a poisonous gas.

There are around 10,000 species of Millipedes worldwide.