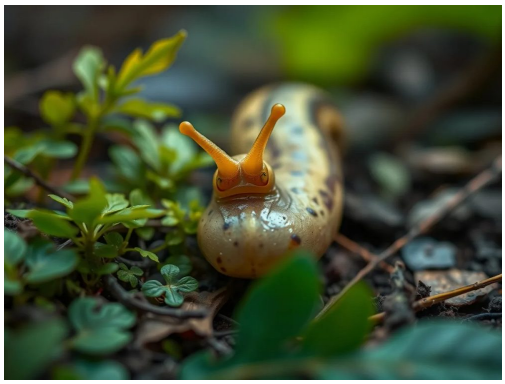
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Banana Slug

Ariolimax dolichophallus

The banana slug is the second-largest terrestrial slug on Earth, reaching about 25 cm, and it is essentially a walking chemistry experiment. Its slime is not merely lubricant: it contains a compound …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Ariolimaxidae
Habitat: Temperate rainforest
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-7 years
Weight: 25-115 grams
Scientific name: Ariolimax dolichophallus

Did you know?

- Banana slug slime contains chemicals that can numb the tongues of predators, making them think twice before taking another bite!
- Banana slugs sometimes practise apophallation: if the mating pair become stuck, one will gnaw off the other's penis to separate, and the amputee simp…

What I learned

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