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Animal Fact Sheet

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Californian blackworm

Lumbriculus variegatus

The Californian blackworm is a slender, segmented freshwater worm known for its dark coloration and graceful, undulating movement. Found commonly in ponds, marshes, and slow-moving streams, it thrive…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Lumbriculidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, streams, and marshes
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.01-0.05 grams
Scientific name: Lumbriculus variegatus

Did you know?

- Despite their simple appearance, blackworms have been extensively used in scientific studies of regeneration and behavior.
- Californian blackworms are capable of regenerating most of their body segments if lost or damaged. They form tangled clusters called 'worm balls' whe…

What I learned

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