

# Animal Fact Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

---



## 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 thrives...

### 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' when...

### What I learned

-----

-----