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Common woodlouse

Oniscus asellus

The common woodlouse is a small, terrestrial crustacean known for its segmented, armored exoskeleton and ability to thrive in damp, dark environments. Measuring up to 17 mm in length, it is typically...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Oniscidae

Habitat: Moist woodlands, gardens, and under logs or stones

Diet: Detritivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-4 years

Weight: 40-70 mg

Scientific name: *Oniscus asellus*

Did you know?

- Unlike most crustaceans, common woodlice live entirely on land and have adapted specialized structures to breathe air.
- Woodlice are crustaceans, not insects, and breathe through gill-like structures that require moisture. They can aggregate in large groups to conserve...

What I learned
