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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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