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Animal Fact Sheet

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European Earwig

Forficula auricularia

The European earwig is a small, elongated insect known for its distinctive forceps-like pincers at the end of its abdomen. It is typically brown with lighter legs and measures about 12–15 mm in lengt…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Forficulidae
Habitat: Gardens, forests, and urban environments
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.05–0.1 grams
Scientific name: Forficula auricularia

Did you know?

- European earwigs can produce a foul-smelling liquid from glands near their rear as a defense mechanism against predators.
- European earwigs are one of the few insect species where mothers actively care for their eggs and young. Their pincers are used primarily for defense…

What I learned

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