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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 length.

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...

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