

Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant pill millipede

Sphaerotherium giganteum

The giant pill millipede is a striking invertebrate native to the forests of Madagascar and southern Africa. Known for their ability to roll into a tight ball as a defensive mechanism, these millipedes...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Sphaerotheriidae

Habitat: Moist forest floor, particularly in leaf litter of rainforests and woodlands

Diet: Detritivore

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 20-40 grams

Scientific name: *Sphaerotherium giganteum*

Did you know?

- Unlike most millipedes, giant pill millipedes have the remarkable ability to close themselves into a completely sealed ball, making them almost impen...
- Giant pill millipedes can roll into a perfect sphere as a defense against predators, a behavior known as volvation. They are much larger than common ...

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