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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 milliped…

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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