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# Gossamer Worm

*Tomopteris helgolandica*

The Gossamer Worm is a delicate and transparent marine polychaete worm found in the open ocean. Its ribbon-like body is almost entirely see-through, with graceful lateral appendages that enable it to…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate
**Family:** Tomopteridae
**Habitat:** Open ocean (pelagic zone)
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 1-2 years
**Weight:** 0.2-0.5 grams
**Scientific name:** Tomopteris helgolandica

## Did you know?

- The unique yellow glow of the Gossamer Worm has fascinated marine biologists, as most oceanic bioluminescent creatures produce blue or green light.
- Gossamer Worms are among the few marine animals that emit yellow bioluminescence. Their bodies are so transparent that most of their internal organs …

## What I learned

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