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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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