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Animal Fact Sheet

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House Centipede

Scutigera coleoptrata

Scutigera coleoptrata is the fast, leggy horror that sprints across bathroom floors, and it is worth appreciating rather than crushing: it is a specialist predator of exactly the things people do not…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Scutigeridae
Habitat: Human dwellings, basements, and other damp indoor environments
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-7 years
Weight: 1-2 grams
Scientific name: Scutigera coleoptrata

Did you know?

- Despite their alarming appearance, house centipedes are actually beneficial in homes because they prey on pests like cockroaches, termites, and spide…
- House centipedes can catch and hold several insects at once, pinning some with their legs while eating another. Their compound eyes are unlike those …

What I learned

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