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House Centipede

Scutigera coleoptrata

The house centipede is a fast-moving invertebrate known for its long, delicate legs and segmented yellow-grey body adorned with dark stripes. Native to the Mediterranean region, it has spread worldwi...

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 spider...
- House centipedes can run up to 0.4 meters per second, making them one of the fastest arthropods relative to body size. Unlike many centipedes, they h...

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