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Animal Fact Sheet

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Slow Worm

Anguis fragilis

The slow worm (Anguis fragilis) is neither slow nor a worm nor a snake: it is a legless lizard, and the giveaways are all visible up close. It has movable eyelids and blinks, which no snake can do; i…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Anguidae
Habitat: Grassland, woodland edges, gardens, heathland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-30 years
Weight: 15-40 grams
Scientific name: Anguis fragilis

Did you know?

- Some slow worms have been recorded living over 50 years in captivity, making them among the longest-lived lizards in the world.
- Slow worms blink, and snakes cannot, which is the quickest way to tell them apart. A slow worm can shed its tail to escape, and the regrown stub is s…

What I learned

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