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## Slow Worm

*Anguis fragilis*

The slow worm is a legless lizard commonly mistaken for a snake due to its elongated, smooth, and shiny body. Unlike snakes, it has eyelids and can shed its tail as a defense mechanism when threatene...

### 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 are actually legless lizards, not snakes, and can blink their eyes. They are capable of shedding their tails to escape predators, a proces...

### What I learned

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