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Animal Fact Sheet

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Springtail

Collembola

Springtails (Collembola) are among the most abundant animals on Earth, with populations that can exceed 100,000 individuals per square metre of temperate soil, yet they are not insects. They belong t…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Varies (e.g., Entomobryidae, Isotomidae, Sminthuridae)
Habitat: Moist soil and leaf litter
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.1–2 mg
Scientific name: Collembola

Did you know?

- Springtails are so numerous that a single square meter of soil can contain tens of thousands of individuals.
- Springtails are not insects, and their lineage split from insects hundreds of millions of years ago. A springtail's jump is powered by a latch and a …

What I learned

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