

Animal Fact Sheet

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Velvet Worm

Peripatus juliformis

The velvet worm, known scientifically as *Peripatus juliformis*, is a soft-bodied invertebrate often found in moist, tropical environments. It is famous for its velvety texture and unique mode of locomotion.

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Peripatidae

Habitat: Tropical rainforest leaf litter and rotting logs

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Lifespan: 4-7 years

Weight: 2-5 grams

Scientific name: *Peripatus juliformis*

Did you know?

- *Peripatus* and other velvet worms are among the few animals that have changed very little since the Cambrian period, making them important for studying evolution.
- Velvet worms can shoot sticky slime up to 30 centimeters to capture prey. They have both arthropod-like and annelid-like features, blurring the lines between the two groups.

What I learned
