

Millipedes don't bite or sting, but they do carry secret chemical weapons. Some millipedes, for example, have stink glands that emit a foul-smelling and awful tasting compound to repel predators.

MILLIPEDE



ROLLIE POLLIES OR PILL BUGS



Sowbugs and pillbugs are more closely related to lobsters and crayfish than they are to insects!

ANTS



Ants can lift over 50x their body weight! That's like a kid lifting 2,500 lbs! Woah!



SPRINGTAILS

Springtails are super small insects in the soil. They have a forked tail under the abdomen held in place with a clasp-like structure that when released, enables them to spring up to 8 in. into the air!



DADDY LONG LEGS

Contrary to popular belief, daddy long legs are not spiders and do not have venom! They are harmless and important decomposers!

INVERTEBRATES AND FUN FACTS ABOUT THEM

GROUND BEETLE

The largest beetle is close to 8 inches long, that's longer than a brand new pencil!!

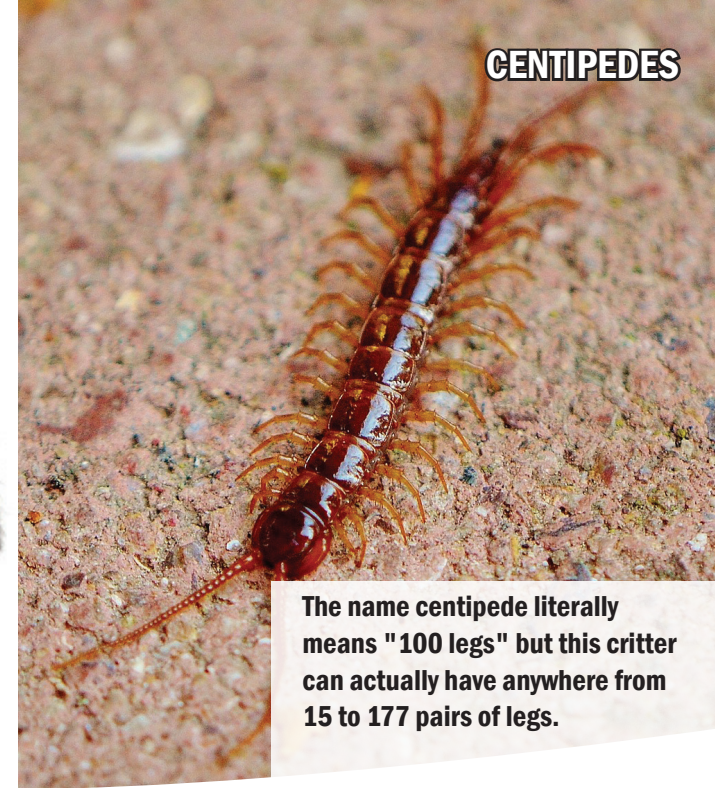


SPIDERS



The silk that comes out of the spider's spinneret is liquid, but it hardens as soon as it comes in contact with air. The silk in a spider's web is 5x stronger than a strand of steel that is the same thickness.

CENTIPEDES



The name centipede literally means "100 legs" but this critter can actually have anywhere from 15 to 177 pairs of legs.

WHAT ARE INVERTEBRATES?

Invertebrates are animals without a backbone or bony skeleton. They range in size from microscopic mites and almost invisible flies to giant squid with soccer-ball-size eyes!



WORMS

Worms don't have lungs, but breathe through their skin!



BEETLE LARVAE

Did you know that humans eat over 300 species of beetles, mostly at the larval stage? Beetles are eaten by humans more than any other insect.