

Pest Bio

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Millipede



Some Millipedes practice Chemical Warfare. They have stink glands from which they emit a foul-smelling and bad tasting liquid.

The body of most millipedes consist of a series of ring like, hard cylindrical segments. Some Idaho species have flattened bodies rather than cylindrical bodies. The outer body covering is hardened by calcium that millipedes accumulate when they eat decaying organic material. Each body segment of a millipede has 2 pairs of legs. Their legs are usually short and hairlike. Millipedes do in fact have antennae, they are just so short that they are hard to see with the naked eye.

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DIET

Millipedes eat algae and lichens off of trees. They also eat dead and decaying plant matter.

HABITAT

Millipedes normally live under loose bark on conifer and broadleaf trees.

BEHAVIOR

Millipedes are not dangerous and pose no harm to people. When disturbed they curl into a C Shape and remain motionless.

Millipede Facts:

Size: 1.4" - 3.6"

Shape: Long/
Cylindrical

Color: Black to
Reddish Brown

Legs:

Wings: No

Antenna: Yes

Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Diplopoda

Order:

-Spirobolida

Family:

-Spirobolidae

Genus:

-Tylobolus