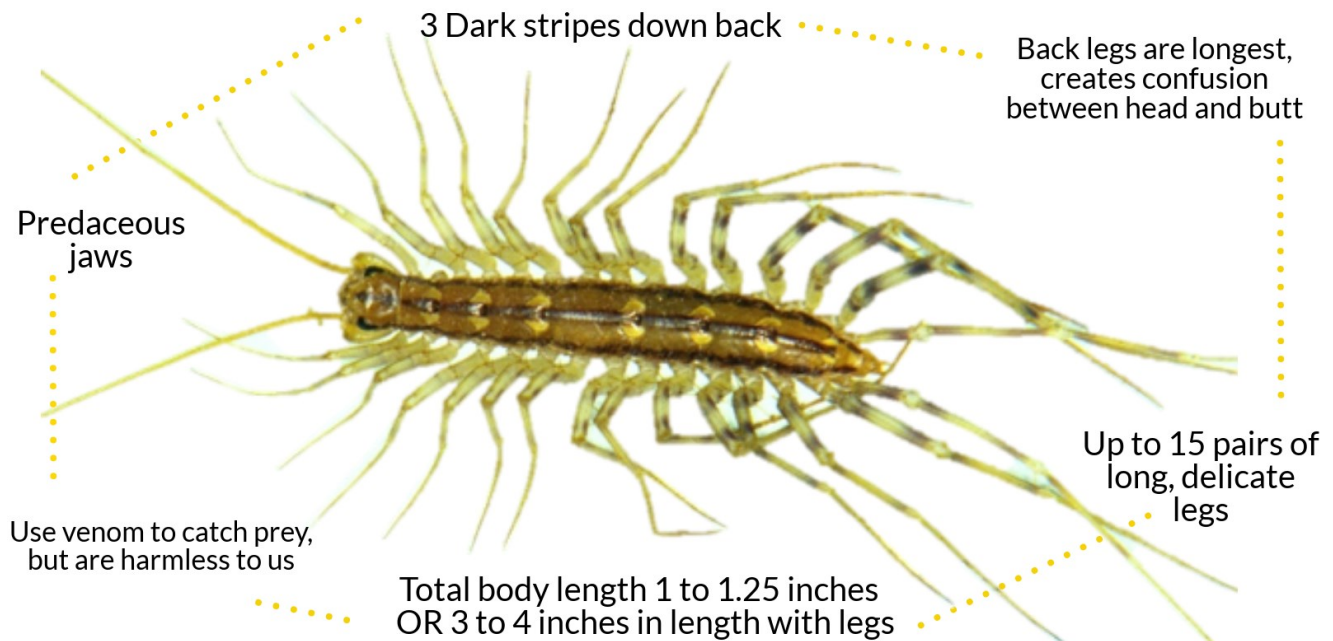


House Centipede: Your Leggy Housemate

People are often shocked to see a house centipede scurrying speedily across the floor, wall, or ceiling. What are these creatures and should you be concerned to find one in your home?



Outdoors, house centipedes live under rocks and vegetation, preferring cool, damp places



This means that indoors, they can be found in basements, bathrooms, and crawlspaces; all places with prey and sufficient moisture

Managing house centipedes

- Use glue board traps to snare hunting centipedes
- Eliminate prey items such as silverfish, cockroaches, spiders to starve them
- Reduce habitat by sealing entry points with caulk, sealant, weatherstripping, or screens and decrease moisture by fixing leaks, reducing condensation, or using dehumidifier
- Consider hiring a professional to treat hiding spots with labeled insecticide (pyrethroid, diatomaceous earth, silica dust)

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