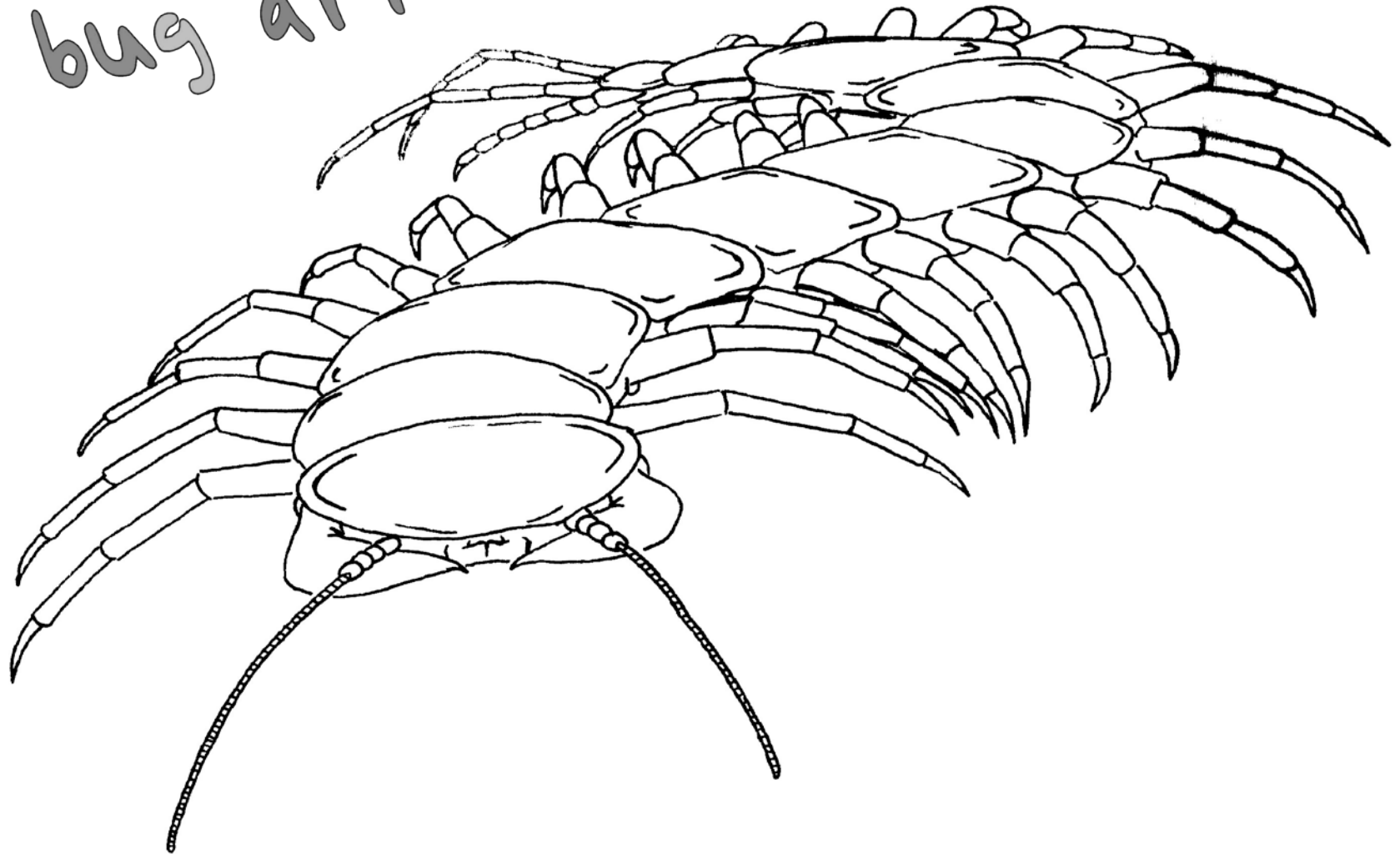


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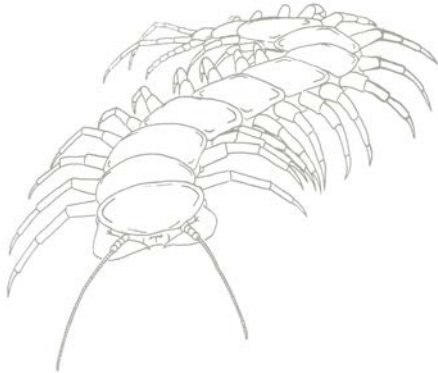
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Cooper Can Outsmart Centipedes

Who Am I?



Centipede

I am light brown to yellow in color and my two antennae are long. I also have many long thin legs that make me look very hairy and I run really really fast. If you find me in New Jersey or Pennsylvania I will be around 2 inches long. I am a centipede. I love moist damp places and some of my favorite hiding spots are under rocks, in fallen trees, or you could find me in your basement. My name, Centipede, means "hundred feet", but I do not always have that many. I may have as few as 15 pair of legs (that's 30 total legs) or more than 170 pairs (can you figure out how many that is?). Most people think I am an insect, but I am not, I belong to the Chilopods, which is closely related to insects but is different because we have more than 3 pairs of legs and many more body parts than insects do. I am a predator, which means I hunt for my food and when I am hungry, the insects and spiders should watch out since they are my favorite meal.

How Does Cooper Outsmart Centipedes?

Centipedes originate from the outside but will enter and breed within structures. Vegetation, such as ivy, pachysandra, or thick bushes that is in very close contact to the foundation will promote centipede activity. Leaf litter, wood piles and rock piles will also promote centipede activity. Centipedes will readily leave these areas and enter the structure if the conditions within the home are favorable. Centipedes are common in areas where humidity is high and are most commonly associated with damp basements and crawlspaces. They depend on high relative humidity to survive.

Things that Cooper Pest Solutions can do:

- Evaluate the property and make recommendations to help reduce the type of conditions that favor and promote centipedes.
- Exterior perimeter treatments are very helpful in reducing centipede populations. Centipedes will routinely leave the structure during the nighttime hours to hunt for prey. When they do this, they will become exposed to the treatment zone.
- Interior treatments should be made in areas where high humidity exists such as basements and crawlspaces. It is typically not necessary to treat other parts of the home.

About Cooper

Cooper Pest Solutions is a family-owned business that residents and businesses have trusted since 1955. With our team of two entomologists, numerous environmental specialists and a licensed sanitarian, we develop unique programs that separate us from the rest of the pest control industry. From maintenance and prevention services to environmentally-conscious programs, call Cooper and find out why....

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