



Record: Most legs

Range:

Animal name: Millipede

Scientific Name: *Eumillipes persephone*

Type of animal: Arthropod

Habitat: Australia, deep underground

Size: 1/16 in (1 mm) wide, 4 in (10 cm) long

Status: Unknown

Facts: The word millipede comes from the Latin words for thousand (mille) and foot (ped). But no one had ever found a millipede that had over 750 legs. Most only have between 40 and 400 legs. That changed when scientists in Western Australia were looking for creatures that might be affected by mining. They dropped traps down narrow holes 260 feet deep (80 meters) to see what lived that far into the Earth. They found eight unusual millipedes that had antennae but no eyes. But more amazing was one had 1306 legs! It is now the record holder for having more legs than anything else on Earth.



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