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WANTED

Onychophoran

Also known as 'Butch' the Velvet Worm

- Description:**
- Length: 20-100mm
 - Small multi-segmented and worm-like with flattened, cylindrical bodies
 - 14-16 pairs of legs. Each leg has a simple "stub" foot, with two retractable claws
 - The head possesses a slender pair of antennae and a pair of simple eyes
 - Typically blue-grey to brown in colour, some specimens intricately patterned
 - Overlapping scales provide a velvety appearance

Likely to be found: In dark humid environments, including leaf-litter, rotting wood, under rocks and in moss mats. Locally inhabit moist forests or woodlands. Tends to emerge at night, in warm wet weather.

Last seen: In low-lying moist native scrub areas of the Hills (eg. Picaddilly, Mylor).

Beware: Will defend himself by squirting slime



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