

An Introduction to...

Centipedes, Millipedes & Woodlice



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Introduction

The wisdom of Solomon is defined by his ability to teach biology: *"He was wiser than anyone on earth... He taught about many kinds of plants... He also taught about animals, birds, crawling things, and fish."*(1 Kings 4:31&33 New Century Bible). The aim of these three guides to natural history is to raise the profile of some of the "crawling things", teach a little biology and equip the reader to do the same.

These guides are intended as a resource to further propagate study of the important, but little noticed, Myriapods and Isopods (Centipedes, Millipedes and Woodlice). These groups are associated more by collecting technique than by taxonomy.

The three guides each stand alone and are intentionally varied in style as dictated by the different identification challenges. They are pitched as introductions that will draw students towards the more detailed AIDGAP and Synopsis publications which cover all British species in detail. They will also, hopefully, provide an image resource to sit alongside these other works, to offer confidence in

identifications and bring to life some challenging text descriptions. The guides also pay direct homage to the tremendous work of these authors who have provided such excellent reference. I hope that my efforts will complement theirs.

Hopefully, engaging with these guides will also lead to a growth in interest in the other species sharing the myriapod habitat and a new generation of naturalists will emerge that look to the ground as well as to the skies, carrying a hand lens alongside their binoculars.



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