

The woodlouse name trail

A key to common woodlice

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Can it roll into a ball and does it have spade-like uropods?



Yes



Does it roll into a perfect ball?

Yes



Perfect ball with no gap

No



Irregular ball with gap

Does it have a prominent snout between the eyes?

Yes

No



7. Common rough woodlouse
Porcellio scaber



Does it have two pairs of lungs and does the flagellum have two segments?

Yes

Two pairs of white lungs



Flagellum has two segments



Does the body have stepped edges?



Yes

Outline of edge of body stepped



8. Common striped woodlouse
Philoscia muscorum



Outline of edge of body smooth

No



Antennae of common shiny woodlouse showing flagellum with three segments



9. Common shiny woodlouse
Oniscus asellus



Underside of common shiny woodlouse showing absence of lungs



1. Common pill woodlouse
Armadillidium vulgare



2. Striped pill woodlouse
Armadillidium nasatum



3. Southern pill woodlouse
Armadillidium depressum

