# Fallen Log Field Guide

These plants and animals commonly are found in a rotten log. They are not to scale.



# carpenter ant

- largest common ant
- · eats other insects
- nests in rotten wood

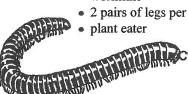


#### mushroom

- · various kinds
- · feeds off host

### millipede

- wormlike
- 2 pairs of legs per segment



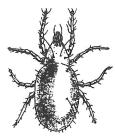


- 1 pair of legs per segment
- meat eater



# spider

- 8 legs
- sizes vary
- predator



#### mite

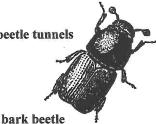
- 8 legs
- minute
- eats insect eggs



#### sowbug

- · flattened body
- 7 pairs of legs
- scavenger
- $\frac{3}{8} \frac{1}{2}$  inch





- mines under bark
- eats inner bark
- to 1/4 inch



## springtail

- moves by jumping
- lives on decaying plant matter
- to  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch



# earthworm

fungus

- segmented
- eats decaying plants and animals



- eats plant material
- detects food by smell
- leaves mucous trail



### snail

- eats plant material
- · leaves mucous trail



# worker termite

- · eats wood
- found in Southern Iowa
- to  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch



# wood roach

- · eats decaying plants & animals
- $\bullet > \frac{5}{8}$  inch



- many kinds of beetles live in a rotten log
- 3 pairs of legs
- 2 antennae
- 1 or 2 pair wings



#### beetle larva

many kinds of larvae live in a rotten log