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Several common earthworm species are mostly parthenogenetic, meaning that growth and development of embryos happens without fertilization. Among lumbricid earthworms, parthenogenesis arose from sexual relatives many times. Parthenogenesis in some Aporetodea trapezoides lineages arose 6.4 to 1.1 million years ago from sexual ancestors.

Earthworms can contain up to 20 eggs which are sealed up to form a cocoon and which can survive extreme weathers, but usually only one worm emerges from it. If an earthworm loses one end of its body it may grow a replacement, however, if it is cut in half, it dies.

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Earthworms come in a seemingly infinite variety—around 6,000 species worldwide. One of the most familiar of them, the sort you may see in your garden, is commonly known as the night crawler (it typically surfaces after dark), the angleworm (its makes popular bait for fishing) or the rain worm (it leaves waterlogged soil after storms).

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One of the most interesting aspects of earthworms is their sexuality. Earthworms are simultaneous hermaphrodites, meaning worms have both male and female reproductive organs. During sexual intercourse among earthworms, both sets of sex organs are used by both worms. If all goes well, the eggs of

Typically only a few inches in length, some members of this species have been known to grow to a serpentine 14 inches. Earthworms' bodies are made up of ring-like segments called annuli.

Earthworms have no hearts, but have organs with a similar function. These are known as aortic arches, and earthworms have 5 of these. Studies have revealed that earthworms are an excellent source of protein. They are also high in Omega 3 essential oil, which helps in lowering the level of 'bad' cholesterol in the body.

Earthworms can reduce the understory in a woodland like this one. Without it, larger animals that feed on those plants can't thrive.

Earthworms can be found in the soil of backyards as well as near bodies of fresh and salt water. Many earthworms live in the topsoil, while others dwell deeper in the soil. In tropical regions, earthworms may even be found in the soil that is found in tree branches.

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