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Hint
Often a dark purplish head, the rear end of the body is much paler

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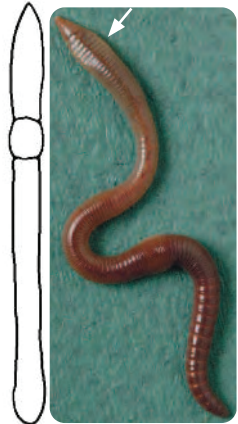
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Hint
Sometimes slightly flattens its tail into a paddle shape



4. Redhead worm
Lumbricus rubellus

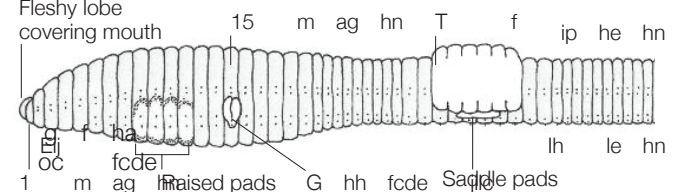
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Fleshy lobe covering mouth

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1 m ag raised pads G hh fcde Saddle pads

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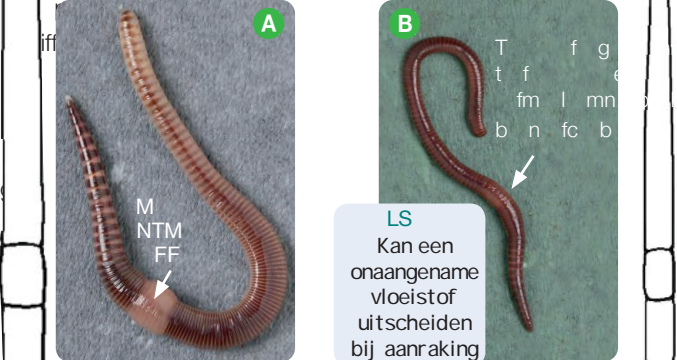
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Kan een onaangename vloeistof uitscheiden bij aanraking

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Krult op bij aanraking
Gele ring rond ring 13
Op zadel 3 zuignapvormige bobbel
Kan een gelige vloeistof afscheiden

Key continues on the other side

EPSNDSEON
OOS
PEPSNO

No

Is the body from the first segment to the saddle partly or entirely pale in colour (whitish, pink or grey)? It may have some reddish or dark segments



Pale earthworms
Key continues on the other side

EPOLOD
NONOP
OENEPOLS
LSEEPOLSSPPE
SSPPERLOSO



Yes
Key continues on the other side

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10. Rosy-tipped worm *Aporrectodea rosea*

Hints
 The head is usually rosy pink or pale pink up to the male pores
 Often has 2 or more whitish raised pads before the male pores. The saddle is usually orange, and can be wider towards the rear end

8. Chestnut worm *Lumbricus castaneus*

7. Octagonal-tailed worm *Dendrobaena octaedra*

Is there a raised whitish gland visible on the underside between the saddle and the head?

Yes → [Chestnut worm]
No → [Next question]

Is the swelling around the male pore only covering one segment?

Yes → [Octagonal-tailed worm]
No → [Next question]

Are the male pores visible?

Visible → [Next question]
Not visible → [Red earthworms]

9. Little tree worm *Satchellius mammalis*

You have probably found a rare worm which is not in this key. Record it as unidentified

Is the swelling around the male pores broad, covering the entire width of adjacent segments?

Yes → [Little tree worm]
No → [Next question]

Does the worm have this colour combination?

No → [Next question]
Yes → [Next question]

13. Green worm (pale form) *Allolobophora chlorotica*

Hints
 Has 3 pairs of sucker-like discs on the underside of alternate segments of the saddle, **not always easy to see**. The yellow ring can be faint
 Often curls up in the hand
 Can exude a yellow fluid when handled

Does it have a yellow ring towards the head?

Yes → [Green worm]
No → [Next question]

11. Grey worm *Aporrectodea caliginosa*

Hints
 The front end up to the saddle is usually in three distinct shades: pink or pale grey, then whitish, and then darker grey
 The saddle pads usually form a two-humped ridge across three segments, but these can be difficult to see

Tail not yellow or only slightly yellow

Are the last four or five segments distinctly yellow?

Yes → [Next question]
No → [Next question]

12. Blue-grey worm *Octolasion cyaneum*

Hints
 Distinct yellow tail
 Can vary from faint blue-grey to a pale rosy pink colour
 May have a lilac-blue line on the upper surface

Red earthworms

Pale earthworms

