

FLOYD'S SANDHILL MILLIPEDE

Floridobolus floydi

Order: Spirobolida
Family: Floridobolidae
FNAI Ranks: G1/S1
U.S. Status: none
FL Status: none



Description: This is a large, ca. 5 cm, gray millipede with a dark yellow head.

Similar Species: Other species in the genus are very similar and could not be told apart except by a specialist examining specimens.

Habitat: This species is known from sandhill habitat.

Seasonal Occurrence: Adults have been collected from early June through early October.

Florida Distribution: This species is known from Citrus and Hernando counties.

Range-wide Distribution: This species is endemic to the Brooksville Ridge area in Citrus and Hernando counties.

Conservation Status: This species is only known from six unprotected occurrences in a small geographic area, with almost all known localities being partially developed. It appears to require sandhill habitat. Species that have small ranges and narrow habitat specializations have a greater chance of extinction than similar species with larger ranges and/or that are not habitat specialists (Chichorro et al. 2019).

Protection and Management: There is not enough information about the biology of the species to give management recommendations except to not develop the two occurrences.

References: Shelley et al. 2014, Chichorro et al. 2019



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