

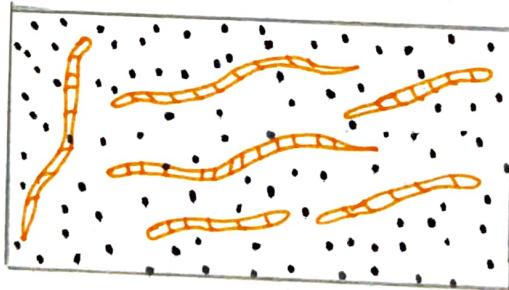
Types of Earthworms

* There are three categories that earthworms fall into and these can be defined by what part of the environment they are predominantly found in. These three main types of earthworm are:

- * Epigaeic worms.
- * Endogeic worms.
- * Anecic worms.

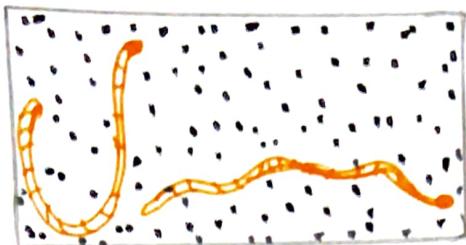
Epigaeic worms.

* Epigaeic is the Greek translation for on the earth because these worms do not build burrows, and instead reside amongst decaying organic matter on the soil surface. These are also sometimes called compost earthworms or surface dwelling earthworms.



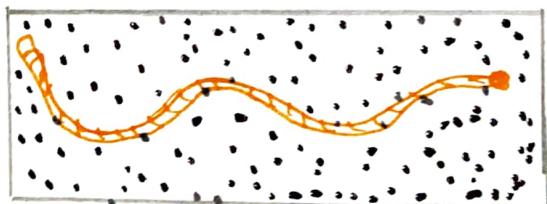
Endogeic worms.

* Endogeic translate from Greek to mean within the earth and accordingly these worms burrow within the top layers of soil and rarely come up to the surface preferring instead to literally live within the earth.



Anecic worms.

* Anelid is Greek for out of the earth because although these worms live below ground they come upto soil level their food these worms are those that burrow vertically burrows as deep as 30 feet below surface level.



Ecological classification.

Saprophages.

* Ecological land classification is a categorical delineation or regionalisation of a set of distinct ecological areas identified by their geography, soils, vegetation, climate, condition, living species, habitats, water resource and sometimes also anthropic factors. These factors can include biotic composition and ecological factors.

Gnophagus.

* It's a genus of clitics that mainly live in south america. As far south as cr. Grasslands & from panama they are found in a wide range of fresh water habitats. They are part of a group properly known as eartheaters and mostly feed by picking up mouthfuls of sediment to sieve out food. Items such as invertebrates plant materials and detritus.

Importance of vermicomposting.

* Vermicompost is the product of the compostion process using various species of worms usually red wiggler worms and other earthworms and other earth worms the create a mixture of decomposition vegetable of food waste bedding materials and vermicast this process called vermicomposting while the raising of worms of this process is called vermiculture.

* Vermicast also called worm castings worm humus worm nature of worm faeces is the end-product of the breakdown of organic matter by earthworms these casting shows to contain reduced level of contents and higher saturation of nutrients through materials before vermicomposting.

* Vermicomposting can also be applied for treatment sewage A variation of the process is vermicfiltration which is used to remove organic matter pathogens and oxygen demand from waste

Earthworm - General characters.

- * The earthworm are elongate and tubiform.
- * They exhibit oxygen level organization.
- * Their body is segmented.
- * They respire through their body surface nephridia are the excretory organs.
- * They have a well-developed circulatory and digestive system.
- * They body contains haemoglobin which give them a red colour.
- * Regeneration is a very common characteristic state help them in movement.
- * It have closed type of circulatory system.
- * Excretory system is nephridia.
- * It have seta used for locomotory organ.
- * Development is direct.
- * most of the Annelids are hermaphrodites.