

Table 1. Some common species of leeches (Hirudinea)

Family/Species	Length (mm)	Main hosts/Habitat
Acanthobdellidae		
<i>Acanthobdella peledina</i>	35	Salmonid fish/Skin
Rhynchobdellidae		
<i>Piscicola geometra</i>	70	Freshwater fish/Skin
<i>Theromyzon tessulatum</i>	50	Waterbirds/Nose, pharynx, trachea
<i>Haementeria ghilianii</i>	500	Many vertebrates/Skin
<i>Glossiphonia</i> spp.	20	Snails, oligochaetes/Skin
Gnathobdellidae		
<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	170	Mammals, humans /Skin
<i>Haemadipsa</i> spp.	70	Humans, mammals, birds/Skin
<i>Xerobdella</i> spp.	50	Amphibia/Skin
<i>Limnatis nilotica</i>	120	Horses, mammals/Nose, pharynx
<i>Haemopsis sanguisuga</i>	100	Feeds on oligochaetes
Pharyngobdellidae		
<i>Erpobdella octuculuta</i>	20	Predacious leeches, feed on insect larvae