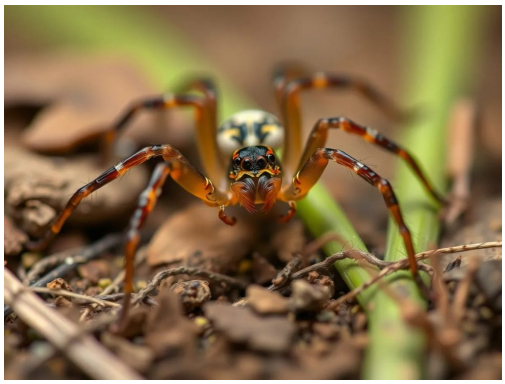
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Ant-mimicking Spider

Myrmarachne formicaria

The ant-mimicking spider is a remarkable arachnid known for its striking resemblance to ants, both in appearance and behavior. This mimicry helps protect the spider from predators that typically avoi…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Salticidae
Habitat: Forest edges, grasslands, and gardens
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 5-15 mg
Scientific name: Myrmarachne formicaria

Did you know?

- Despite looking and acting like ants, ant-mimicking spiders are skilled jumpers and belong to the jumping spider family (Salticidae).
- Ant-mimicking spiders wave their front legs to mimic ant antennae and can infiltrate ant colonies undetected. Their mimicry is not just visual; they …

What I learned

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