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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
