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Antlion

Myrmeleon formicarius

Antlions are fascinating insects best known for their predatory larvae, which create conical pits in sandy soils to trap unsuspecting ants and other small insects. The larvae are equipped with large,...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Myrmeleontidae

Habitat: Sandy soils, dry open forests, and grasslands

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-3 years (including larval stage)

Weight: 0.01-0.05 grams

Scientific name: *Myrmeleon formicarius*

Did you know?

- Despite their fearsome larval hunting strategies, adult antlions do not eat other insects and instead feed on nectar and pollen.
- Antlion larvae can survive for weeks without food by conserving energy. The conical pit traps are so efficient that very few prey escape once they fa...

What I learned
