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Australian Peacock Spider

Maratus volans

Peacock spiders are jumping spiders about 4 to 5 mm long — small enough to sit comfortably on a fingernail — that perform one of the most elaborate courtship displays of any animal. The male raises a…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Salticidae
Habitat: Woodland and heathland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 1-2 mg
Scientific name: Maratus volans

Did you know?

- The intricate dances of male peacock spiders are so complex that some scientists have compared them to bird-of-paradise displays.
- Many peacock spider species were discovered and named by Jurgen Otto, a mite biologist who found them as a hobby and whose videos turned an obscure g…

What I learned

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