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Animal Fact Sheet

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Brazilian Wandering Spider

Phoneutria fera

The name is the important part: it wanders. Phoneutria spiders do not build capture webs and do not sit in one place — they hunt across the forest floor at night, and by day they cram into any dark c…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Ctenidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 15-45 grams
Scientific name: Phoneutria fera

Did you know?

- A bite from the Brazilian Wandering Spider can sometimes cause priapism, a painful and prolonged erection in humans.
- Many spiders found in banana shipments and reported as Phoneutria are actually Cupiennius, a harmless look-alike genus that is often misidentified ev…

What I learned

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