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Animal Fact Sheet

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Desert Locust

Schistocerca gregaria

Schistocerca gregaria is not really one animal but two, and the switch between them is one of the most dramatic transformations in the insect world. In its solitarious phase it is a shy, green or san…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Acrididae
Habitat: Desert and arid grasslands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3 to 5 months
Weight: 2 to 3 grams
Scientific name: Schistocerca gregaria

Did you know?

- Desert Locust swarms have been reported to destroy enough crops in a day to feed 35,000 people.
- The serotonin trigger was pinned down in 2009, and injecting the chemical into a solitary locust makes it turn gregarious without any crowding at all…

What I learned

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