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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Honeybee

Apis dorsata

The Giant Honeybee is a large social bee native to South and Southeast Asia, renowned for building massive, exposed honeycombs on high tree branches and cliffs. These bees are larger than most other …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Apidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, open woodlands, cliffs, and human settlements
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Several weeks to a few months (workers), up to several years (queen)
Weight: 0.15–0.20 grams
Scientific name: Apis dorsata

Did you know?

- Giant Honeybees are the primary source of wild honey in many Asian cultures, and honey hunting from their massive combs is a dangerous traditional pr…
- Giant Honeybees are famous for their 'shimmering' behavior, where thousands of bees flip their abdomens in a coordinated wave to scare off predators.…

What I learned

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