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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant huntsman spider

Heteropoda maxima

The giant huntsman spider is renowned for being the world's largest spider by leg span, which can reach up to 30 centimeters (12 inches). Discovered in Laos in 2001, this arachnid possesses long, cra…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Sparassidae
Habitat: Limestone caves
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Not Evaluated
Lifespan: 2-3 years
Weight: up to 70 grams
Scientific name: Heteropoda maxima

Did you know?

- The species was only formally described in 2001, making it a relatively recent discovery in the world of arachnology.
- The giant huntsman spider holds the record for the largest leg span of any spider. Unlike many spiders, it does not build webs to catch prey but acti…

What I learned

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