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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
