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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Leopard Moth

Hypercompe scribonia

The Giant Leopard Moth is a strikingly patterned moth known for its large size and distinctive white wings adorned with black, leopard-like spots. Native to eastern North America, this nocturnal inve…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Erebidae
Habitat: Forests and woodlands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years (including larval stage)
Weight: 1-3 grams
Scientific name: Hypercompe scribonia

Did you know?

- Despite their bold appearance, adult Giant Leopard Moths do not feed at all—they rely on energy stored from their caterpillar stage.
- The adult Giant Leopard Moth can produce a vivid blue liquid as a defense mechanism when threatened. Its caterpillar is sometimes called a 'woolly be…

What I learned

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