

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 invertebrate is a common sight in forested areas.

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 bear'.

What I learned

