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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Spiny Stick Insect

Extatosoma tiaratum

The Giant Spiny Stick Insect, also known as the Macleay's Spectre, is a large and remarkable insect native to Australia. Its body mimics dead leaves, complete with thorny spines and leaf-like project…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Phasmatidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-18 months
Weight: 15-30 grams
Scientific name: Extatosoma tiaratum

Did you know?

- When threatened, they can produce a clicking sound and release a defensive odor to deter predators.
- Giant Spiny Stick Insects can curl their tails like scorpions when threatened, though they are harmless. Females are flightless and can grow up to 20…

What I learned

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