

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
