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Giant Weta

Deinacrida spp.

The giant weta is a large, flightless insect endemic to New Zealand, renowned for its impressive size and weight. Belonging to the family Anostostomatidae, it is often considered one of the heaviest ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Anostostomatidae

Habitat: Forest, grassland, and shrubland, primarily on predator-free offshore islands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 20–71 grams

Scientific name: *Deinacrida spp.*

Did you know?

- The heaviest recorded giant weta weighed 71 grams—more than a common house sparrow.
- Giant weta can weigh more than a sparrow, making them among the heaviest insects globally. They are sometimes called 'living fossils' due to their an...

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