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Animal Fact Sheet

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Goliath Birdeater

Theraphosa blondi

The goliath birdeater is the heaviest spider in the world, with a leg span that can cover a dinner plate, and the name is largely a slander: it very rarely eats birds. It was christened after an eigh…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Theraphosidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years (females), 3-6 years (males)
Weight: 100-175 grams
Scientific name: Theraphosa blondi

Did you know?

- The Goliath Birdeater's fangs can be up to 2.5 cm (1 in) long—strong enough to pierce a mouse's skull.
- It is the heaviest spider in the world — and it very rarely eats birds, despite the name. It kicks irritating hairs off its abdomen into an attacker'…

What I learned

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