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Animal Fact Sheet

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Leaf Insect

Phyllium philippinicum

Leaf insects (family Phylliidae) of South and Southeast Asia are the most complete plant mimics among animals: the body is flattened into a leaf blade with a false midrib and lateral veins, the legs …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Phylliidae
Habitat: Tropical forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-12 months
Weight: 0.5-2 grams
Scientific name: Phyllium philippinicum

Did you know?

- Despite their leaf-like appearance, leaf insects can sometimes change their shade of green or brown depending on their environment and age.
- A leaf insect's eggs are so seed-like that they can be identified to species from the egg alone, and the shells have been used as a taxonomic charact…

What I learned

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