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Leafcutter Ant

Atta cephalotes

Leafcutter ants are remarkable insects known for their ability to cut and transport pieces of leaves many times their own body weight. These ants do not eat the leaves themselves, but instead use the...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Formicidae

Habitat: Tropical rainforest

Diet: Herbivore (fungus farmer)

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: Several months to 2 years (workers); up to 7 years (queen)

Weight: 0.01–0.05 grams

Scientific name: *Atta cephalotes*

Did you know?

- Leafcutter ant colonies can contain more than 8 million individuals, making them one of the largest and most complex animal societies on Earth.
- Leafcutter ants are among the few animals that practice agriculture, cultivating their own fungal crops. Their underground nests can contain thousand...

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