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Pine processionary caterpillar

Thaumetopea pityocampa

The pine processionary caterpillar is the larval stage of the pine processionary moth, notorious for its unique behavior of moving in long nose-to-tail processions. Native to southern Europe, North A...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Thaumetopoeidae

Habitat: Pine forests

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years (from egg to adult moth)

Weight: 0.1-0.2 grams (as caterpillar)

Scientific name: *Thaumetopea pityocampa*

Did you know?

- The caterpillar's hairs can become airborne and cause respiratory problems in humans and animals, even without direct contact.
- Pine processionary caterpillars are famous for their processional behavior, where hundreds may march in a single file line. Their urticating hairs ar...

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