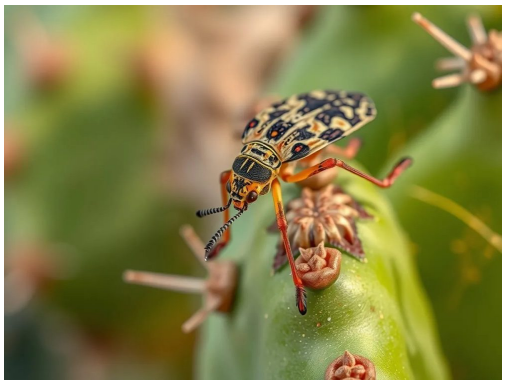
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Prickly Pear Lace Bug

Corythucha cactaceae

The prickly pear lace bug is a small, intricately patterned insect known for feeding on the pads of prickly pear cacti. Measuring only a few millimeters in length, this bug displays a delicate, lace-…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Tingidae
Habitat: Deserts and arid regions with prickly pear cacti
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 months
Weight: 0.005-0.01 g
Scientific name: Corythucha cactaceae

Did you know?

- Prickly pear lace bugs are so small and well-camouflaged that their presence is often only noticed after visible damage to cactus pads appears.
- The prickly pear lace bug is named for the ornate, lace-like veins on its wings and thorax. It has piercing-sucking mouthparts used to extract plant …

What I learned

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