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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
