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Saddleback Caterpillar

Acharia stimulea

The Saddleback Caterpillar is a striking larval form of the moth *Acharia stimulea*, recognized for its bright green body adorned with a distinctive brown 'saddle' marking edged in white. This small, s...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Limacodidae

Habitat: Deciduous forests, gardens, and woodland edges

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-4 weeks (larval stage)

Weight: 0.2–0.6 grams

Scientific name: *Acharia stimulea*

Did you know?

- A single touch from the Saddleback Caterpillar's spines can cause a burning, stinging sensation that may persist for hours in humans.
- The Saddleback Caterpillar's venomous spines are a defense mechanism against predators. Its vivid coloration is an example of aposematism, warning ot...

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