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Animal Fact Sheet

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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…

What I learned

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