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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Saharan Silver Ant

*Cataglyphis bombycina*

Cataglyphis bombycina is the fastest ant ever measured, clocked at 855 mm per second — about 108 times its own body length every second, which in relative terms beats a cheetah by a huge margin — and…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate
**Family:** Formicidae
**Habitat:** Desert
**Diet:** Scavenger (Primarily Carnivore)
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 6 months to 1 year
**Weight:** 2–5 mg
**Scientific name:** Cataglyphis bombycina

## Did you know?

- Unlike most ants, the Saharan Silver Ant forages almost exclusively during the hottest part of the day, when even its predators—like desert lizards—a…
- Researchers glued stilts made of pig bristles onto Cataglyphis ants and cut the legs of others short; the stilted ants overshot the nest and the stum…

## What I learned

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