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Saharan Silver Ant

Cataglyphis bombycina

The Saharan Silver Ant is renowned for being one of the most heat-tolerant terrestrial animals on Earth. It inhabits the scorching sand dunes of the Sahara Desert, where it forages during the hottest...

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...
- Saharan Silver Ants can withstand surface temperatures up to 70°C (158°F), making them the most heat-tolerant insects known. They use their long legs...

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