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Scarlet caterpillar club

Cordyceps militaris

The scarlet caterpillar club is a striking parasitic fungus known for its vivid orange-red, club-shaped fruiting bodies. It primarily infects the pupae or larvae of moths and butterflies, emerging fr...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Cordycipitaceae

Habitat: Deciduous and mixed forests

Diet: Parasitic

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-3 months (fruiting body stage)

Weight: Less than 1 gram

Scientific name: *Cordyceps militaris*

Did you know?

- Despite being a fungus, the scarlet caterpillar club spends much of its lifecycle hidden inside insect larvae or pupae before bursting forth as a bri...
- This fungus is famous for its parasitic relationship with insects, often dramatically emerging from the mummified bodies of its hosts. It has been us...

What I learned
