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Animal Fact Sheet

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Scorpionfly

Panorpa communis

The scorpionfly is a distinctive insect recognized for its elongated face and the male's tail, which resembles a scorpion's stinger but is actually harmless. Found primarily in Europe and parts of As…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Panorpidae
Habitat: Woodlands and hedgerows
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 months (adult stage)
Weight: 20-30 mg
Scientific name: Panorpa communis

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance, scorpionflies are completely harmless to humans and do not possess any venom.
- Male scorpionflies have a bulbous tail that mimics a scorpion's stinger, but it is used only for mating, not defense. Scorpionflies are among the few…

What I learned

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