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Animal Fact Sheet

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Stick Insect

Phasmatodea (order)

Stick insects (order Phasmatodea) are the most committed plant mimics among animals, and the mimicry extends far beyond shape. A disturbed stick insect will rock rhythmically back and forth, matching…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Phasmatidae
Habitat: Forests and woodlands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 1-15 grams
Scientific name: Phasmatodea (order)

Did you know?

- Stick insects can remain motionless for hours or gently sway to mimic the movement of twigs in the wind, making them nearly invisible to predators.
- Stick insect eggs mimic seeds so well that ants carry them underground and store them, and the nymphs later walk out of the ant nest. Eggs can surviv…

What I learned

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