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Animal Fact Sheet

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Water Scorpion

Nepa cinerea

The Water Scorpion is an aquatic insect that closely resembles a terrestrial scorpion due to its raptorial front legs and elongated body, though it is unrelated. Found in still or slow-moving freshwa…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Nepidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and slow-moving streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.3-0.5 grams
Scientific name: Nepa cinerea

Did you know?

- Water Scorpions can survive out of water for short periods and sometimes fly to new locations in search of better habitats.
- Despite their intimidating appearance, Water Scorpions are harmless to humans. Their 'tail' is not a stinger, but a breathing siphon. They capture an…

What I learned

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