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Animal Fact Sheet

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Whip Spider

Damon diadema

The whip spider, also known as the tailless whip scorpion, is an unusual arachnid distinguished by its flat body, long whip-like front legs, and lack of a tail or venom. Despite their fearsome appear…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Phrynichidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 2-10 grams
Scientific name: Damon diadema

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'whip spiders' and 'tailless whip scorpions,' they are neither true spiders nor true scorpions, but belong to their own unique o…
- Whip spiders molt several times as they grow, and after molting, they are soft and vulnerable to predators until their exoskeleton hardens. They comm…

What I learned

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