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White-spotted Puffer Caterpillar

Phyllodes imperialis

The white-spotted puffer caterpillar is the larval stage of the Imperial Fruit-sucking Moth (*Phyllodes imperialis*), known for its unusual and striking appearance. This caterpillar is famous for its m...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Erebidae

Habitat: Forest

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-3 weeks (as caterpillar)

Weight: 2-4 grams

Scientific name: *Phyllodes imperialis*

Did you know?

- Despite its snake-like appearance, the white-spotted puffer caterpillar is completely harmless and survives solely by eating leaves.
- The white-spotted puffer caterpillar inflates its anterior body segments to mimic a snake, complete with false eyes and a defensive posture. Its colo...

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