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Animal Fact Sheet

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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…

What I learned

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