

Stick Insect

Invertebrate - has no backbone

Insect - has 6 legs, 3 parts to its body, one pair of antennae and an exoskeleton



Habitat

Lives in forests and grasslands in tropics and sub-tropics.



Where



Diet

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They eat most leaves of plants in its habitat.

Protection from predators

They are incredibly well camouflaged as they are a similar colour to the plants that they live on. When threatened they also pretend to be dead and tuck in their legs to mimic (look like) a stick.

Behaviour

They are mainly active at night.

Nocturnal

Female stick insects can produce offspring (reproduce) without needing a male stick insect. This is called parthenogenesis. Most of the nymphs that hatch out of the eggs are female and some can be clones!

Interesting facts

They are great climbers using special hooks at the end of their legs to give them a good grip.



They can regrow a lost limb whilst they are growing because they moult their exoskeleton. They can do this until they are fully grown (an

When feeding on leaves, they sway their body to mimic (look like) a leaf blowing in the wind. This is another way that they protect themselves from predators.

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