

Indian Stick Insect

Stick around and try out some of the activities on this stick insect resource pack!

The Indian stick insect, also known as the laboratory stick insect, is a species of Phasmatodea (phasmid) often kept as pets by schools and individuals. Indian Stick insects are cylindrical with six legs, overall the body colour varies from yellowish – green to brown, and their forelegs have distinctive red patches at the base.

What's brown and sticky (and alive)?
A stick (insect)!

Scientific Name:
Carausius morosus

Class: Insect

Lifespan:
6 months - 1 year

Threats: Birds, small reptiles and rodents due to its small size

Distribution: Native to New Zealand but accidentally introduced around the world

Habitat: Forest floor

Length: 80-100 mm

Diet: Leaf litter

Housing: Terrarium

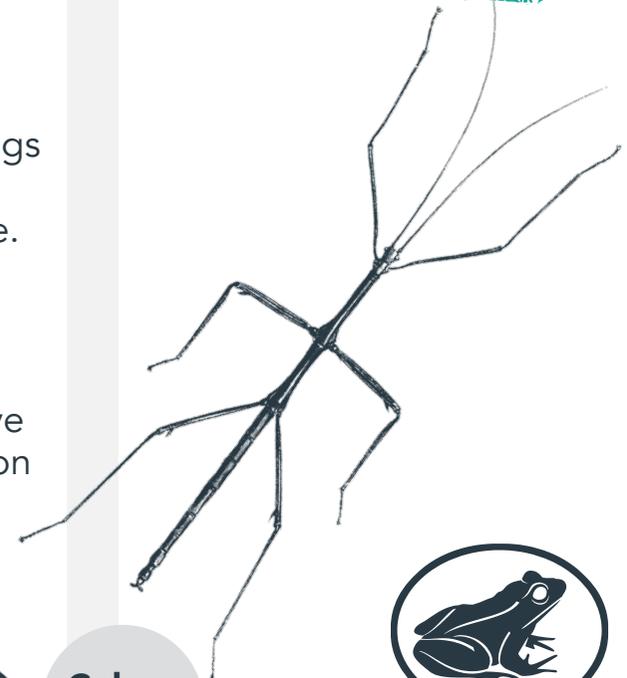
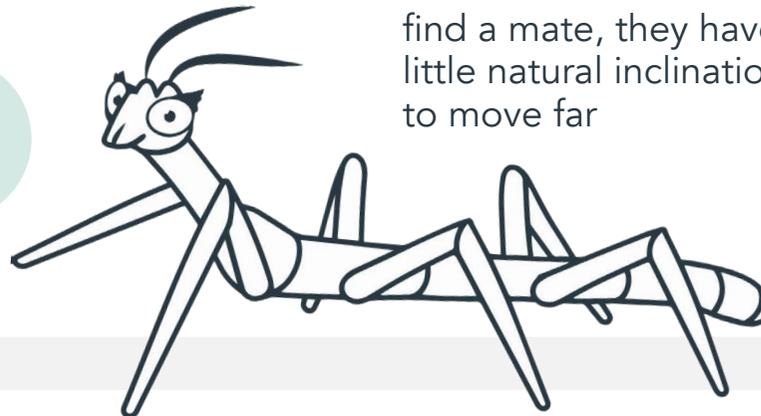
Social Behaviour:
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Things To Know:
They breed parthenogenetically, meaning that the young hatch from eggs produced without fertilization by a male.

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FACT FILE:
If a young stick insect loses a leg it is sometimes able to grow a new one in a process called regeneration.

Meet Nina!



Colour us in!



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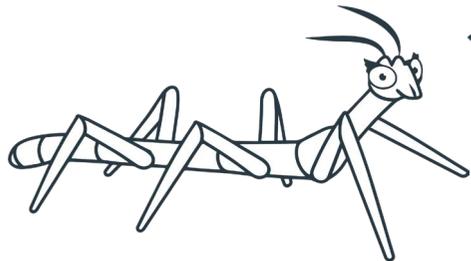
Activity Sheet!

Did you know!

Stick insects are named after their effective camouflage among the woody plants where they feed!

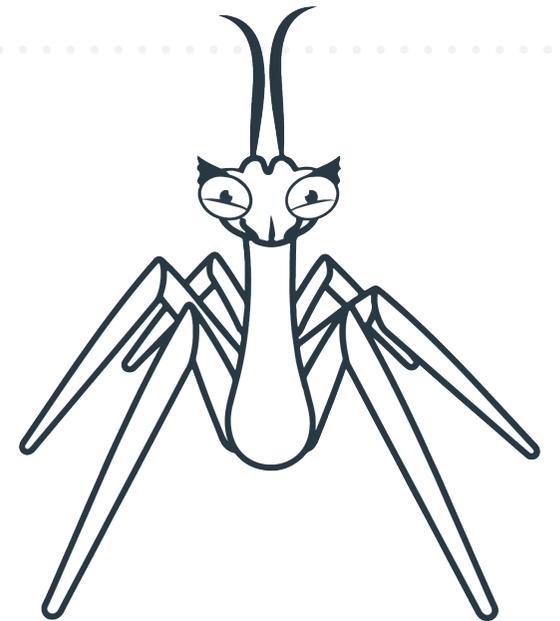
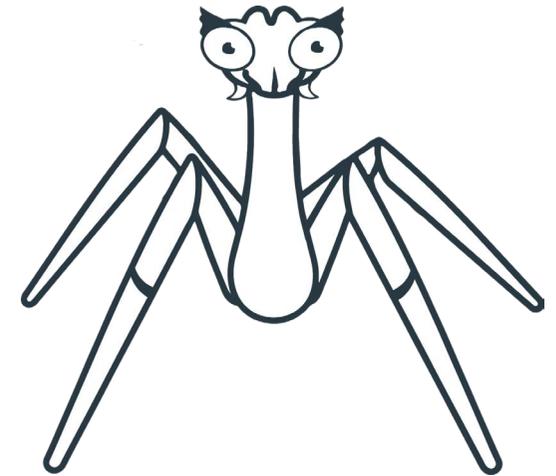
TASK

Help the hungry stick insect find its way through the maze to its dinner!



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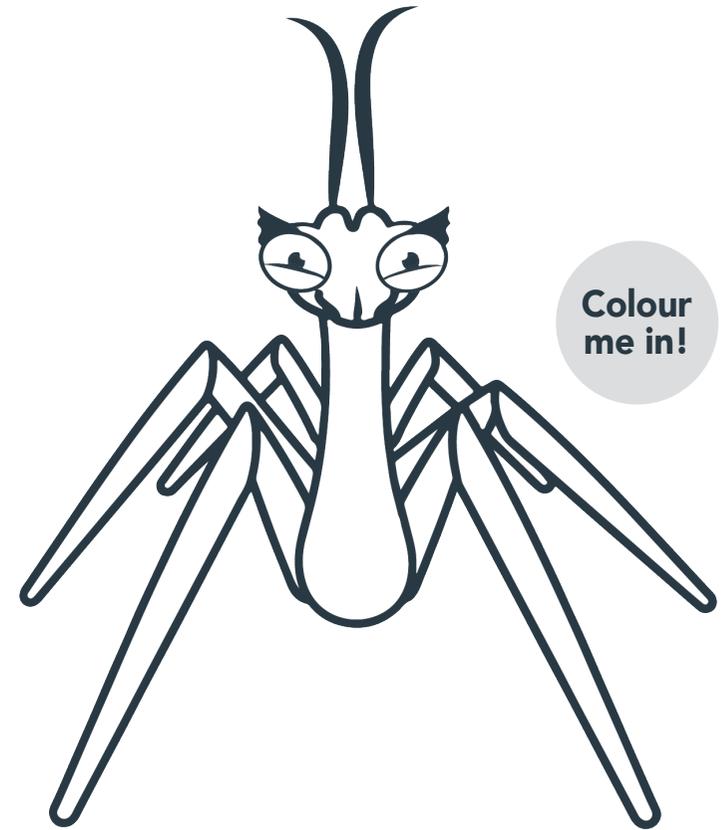
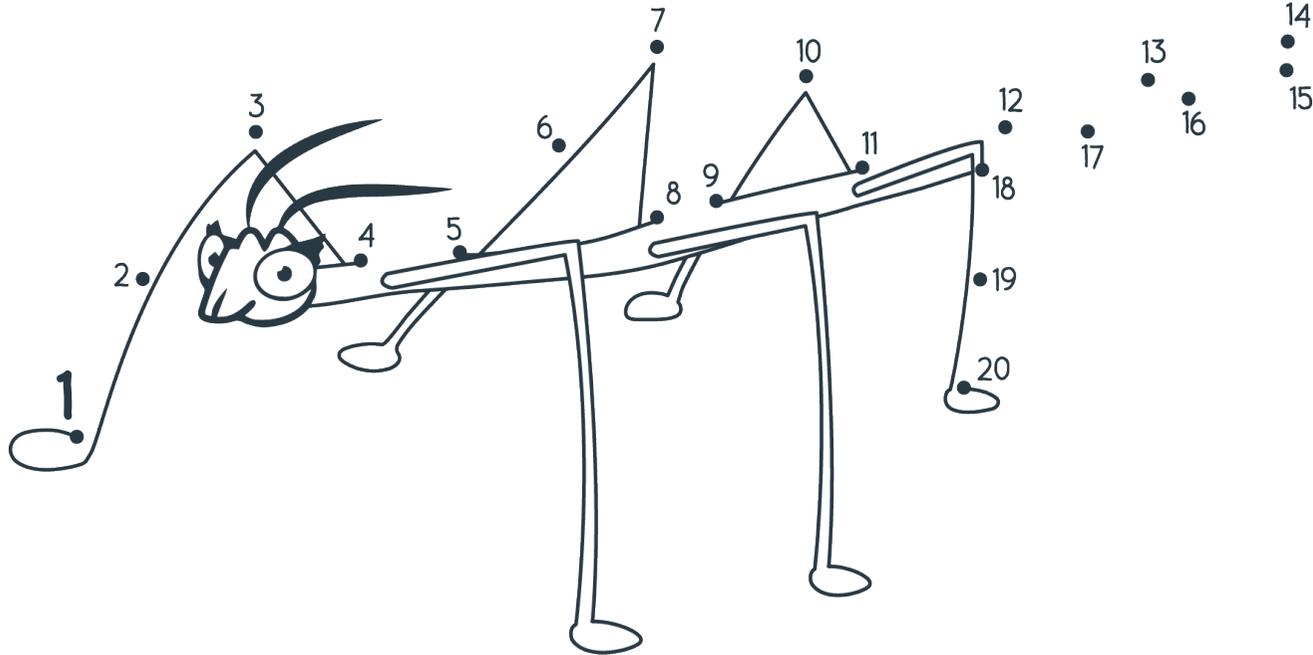
Circle five differences between them!



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TASK

Can you guess what it is?
Join the dots to find out!



TASK

Un-jumble the letters below to spell a stick insect related word.

CLUE: Indian stick insects are also known as _____ stick insects.

B A L O R T R O Y A

CLUE: Stick insects will do this if they lose a leg, it means to grow back.

E G R N E E R T A E

Did you know!

Stick insects are said to be the world's longest insects. The largest one ever found stretched 22 inches with its legs extended!