



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

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Though they are only insects, stick insects seem to have an amazing knowledge of their surroundings. They are geniuses at using their

predators' weaknesses for their own protection.

Stick insects are leaf eaters. Many of them look like little twigs. The longest insect in the world is a walking stick from Borneo that reaches a length of 13 inches. A tropical stick is as thick as a finger and the same color as the bamboo on which it is often found. It also has swollen ridges that make it look even more like bamboo. Other types have leafy flaps that match the leaves of the plants they frequent. Some stick insects go even further. They lay eggs that look exactly like the seeds of the plant they feed on. A stick found in New Mexico glues its eggs to grass stems. The position and shape of the long-pointed eggs exactly mimic the seeds of that species of grass.

Some sticks have brightly colored wings that they can rapidly unfurl to startle away birds investigating them for lunch. Sticks will often sway with the breeze to make their illusion more effective. Some sticks sit motionless for hours and will often refuse to move even when being carried away by a bird. This tactic has fooled many birds into thinking it really was a twig and releasing it. Stick insects are clearly not the result of mindless chance. Their intelligence was created by the Creator of all things.

Image: A stick insect in New Zealand, Envato.



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