

Titan Stick Insect

Acrophylla titan



Adaptation to environment

- Their stick-like appearance & still posture make them very difficult to spot amongst foliage
- When they move, they have a swaying motion that looks like a wind-blown twig
- Females constantly lay eggs, each egg is flicked & may travel several metres to increase distribution
- Eggs are hard & look like seeds, for protection & camouflage.

Feeding relationships

What do I eat?

- Leaves of many types of shrubs & trees.

What eats me?

- Birds, especially Pacific Baza
- Small mammals
- Ants & other insects prey on eggs & small nymphs.

- Length: 25 cm • Female is Australia's longest insect & is long, thin & resembles a stick • Male is much smaller & active flier • Egg is hard like a seed & dropped on ground.