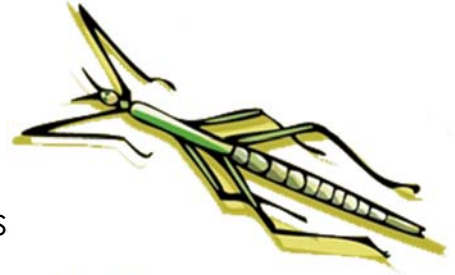


Stick Bugs



The stick bug is an insect that looks like a stick. This is a form of camouflage which makes it hard for would-be predators to see. Others look like tree branches. They often rock back and forth, mimicking twigs being blown by a breeze.

Stick bugs can be as small as half an inch long or as long as over a foot. They can be different colors, and some stick bugs change colors to blend into their surroundings. Some also have wings.

If a predator does see past its disguise, some stick bugs fight back by using their long legs to swipe at predators. Some play dead, and some can detach their limbs as a way to escape if they've been caught. Others can let out a stinky smell that makes them seem unappetizing to eat.

1. How did the stick bug get its name?
2. How big are stick bugs?
3. How do stick bugs defend themselves from predators?