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How Do Stick Insects Communicate?

Short Answer Key

1. Stick insects freeze still or sway like twigs to blend into their surroundings.
2. Swaying makes stick insects look like a twig moving in the wind, which helps them avoid predators.
3. When a stick insect releases a chemical scent, it scares predators away with the unpleasant smell.
4. Brightly colored wings are used to surprise and scare predators, giving the stick insect time to escape.
5. During the breeding season, stick insects use touch or recognize each other's movements to interact.

