

Stick insects

Stick insect facts

- Stick insects are amazing at camouflage! They are usually VERY hard to see on a tree because they look just like a stick or branch
- There are more than 20 types (species) of stick insects in New Zealand
- Stick insects can grow to be up to 20cm long.



Stick insect classification

Animal

Invertebrate

Phasmatodea

Stick insect

- Named after the Greek word 'phasm' meaning phantom, stick insects belong to the **Phasmatodea** group of invertebrates.

Habitat

- Stick insects live on trees. Most like 'tea trees': manuka and kanuka trees.
- Different species prefer certain types of trees.

Diet

- Stick insects eat the leaves of some native trees and plants.