



戶外通識教室(點蟲蟲)：扮嘢高手竹節蟲

Nature's Classroom (Amazing Insect): Twig Insect-The master of mimicry

動物、昆蟲、爬蟲、鳥類和植物才是活在大自然裡的主人，我們都不過是過客而已。因此，請尊重這些小生命，不要騷擾、傷害或捕捉牠們！Please show your respect for all animals, insects, reptiles, birds & plants, try not to disturb, hurt or catch them, they are living there. After all, we are only a guest!



生物學上有所謂「擬態」(模仿其他生態)，即是「扮嘢」，竹節蟲(樹枝蟲)正是其中的表表者！牠們是熱帶昆蟲，吃葉，喜白天休憩，夜間出沒，再加上外表可扮作樹枝，故要見牠們乃可遇不可求，除非牠們在動或錯誤走到與牠們擬態不相稱的地方。香港有不少於14種竹節蟲，外形修長，不善飛，其蛹遇襲時甚至會像蟹般把在轉節和大腿之間的一個特別部位甩脫，其後各肢會再迅速重生呢！



Twig insects (Phasmatodea/ Phasmida), also known as stick-bugs or ghost insects in US, they are the talent of mimicry. They look and act like a twig, not good at flying and are nocturnal insect, thus it is difficult to spot them unless they are moving or in an unmatched environment.