



giant prickly stick insect

NAME: *Extatosoma tiaratum*

FROM: Australia

EATS: Bramble etc.

SIZE: Up to 20cm in length

AGE: Up to 10 months

SEXING: Males are smaller and slimmer

HOUSING: Communal

When adult, the female "flicks" her eggs up to several feet to land on the forest floor.

Like many stick insects, the giant prickly sway back and forth or side to side when disturbed. They also move this way to blend with foliage rustling in the wind.

Males can release a defensive odour that smells of peanut butter or toffee.

Males have long wings and are good flyers who readily take to the air if disturbed or in search of females.

