







Did you know this caterpillar mimics a ?e?omo?? snake when  
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Ladies and gentlemen, the award for best invertebrate mimicry goes to Hemeroplanes triptolemus for its masterful impersonation of a?e?omo?? snake!



Photo: Andreas Kay

Native to the rainforests of the Amazon, the snake mimic caterpillar turns into a rather unimpressive moth in the family Sphingidae, but in its larval stage it incorporates an astonishing survival tactic. It needs one too, as without a good defe??e system in place, sphinx moth

