







Did you know this caterpillar mimics a yellow and brown snake when it moves?

Ladies and gentlemen, the award for best invertebrate mimicry goes to *Hemeroplanes triptolemus* for its masterful impersonation of a 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 defense system in place, sphinx moth

