

Did you know that the world's largest millipede is the length of a strand of spaghetti?



Or that one of the longest beetles on the planet can break a pencil with its powerful jaws?

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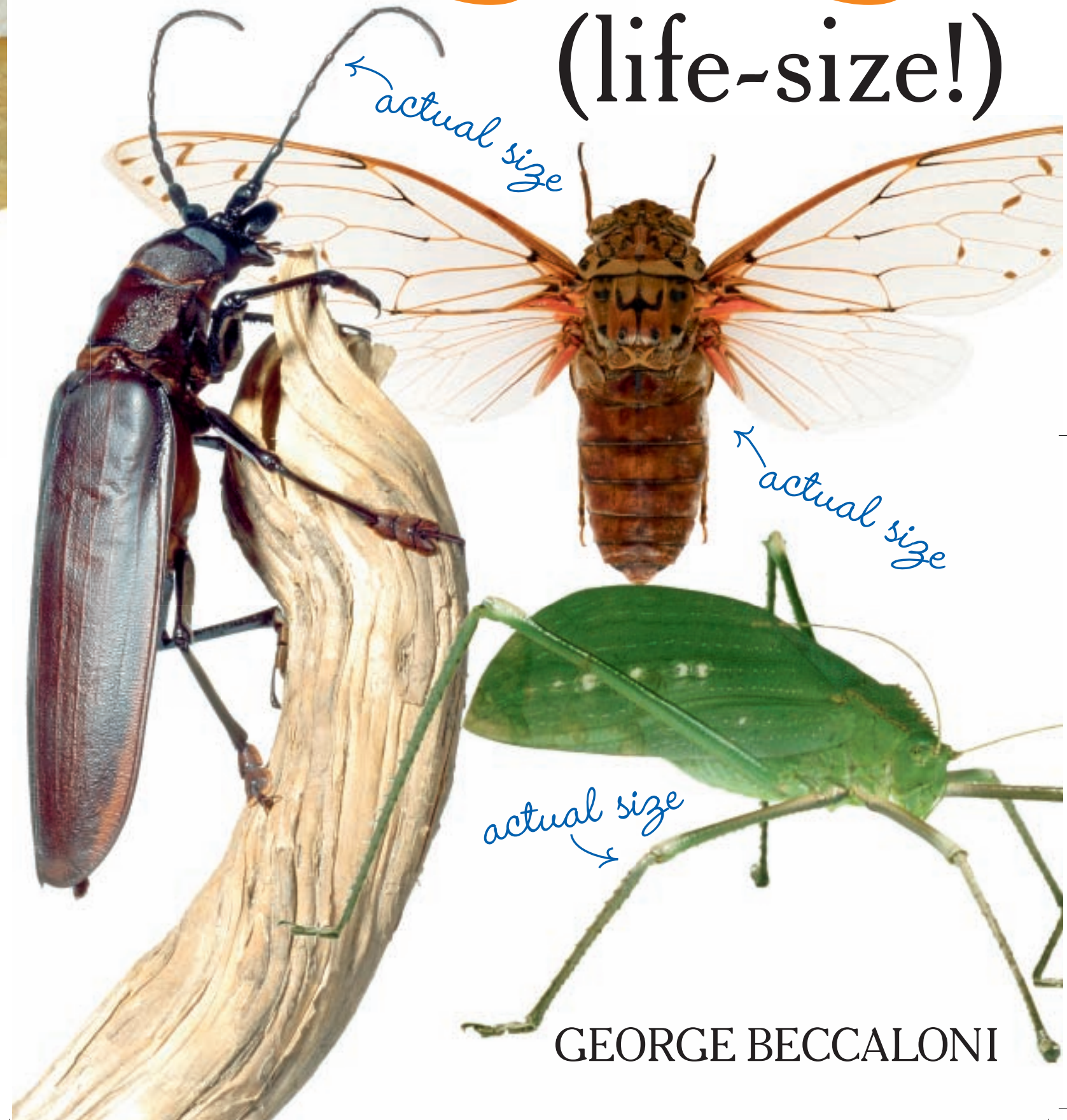
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Big Bugs (life-size!)



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Big Bugs Life-size



Enter a world of winged wonders, enormous earwigs and super-sized scorpions with *Big Bugs Life-size*. From the heaviest cockroach to the spider with the longest legs, Natural History Museum insect expert George Beccaloni gives all the essential facts about the world's 35 biggest minibeasts including where they live and what they eat.

These giant creepy crawlies are some of the most spectacular creatures on the planet, yet some of them are so rare that few specimens have ever been found. They have many fascinating stories associated with them too. How do war-like termite soldiers defend a nest when they are completely blind? What does the goliath bird-eating spider actually feed on? Stunningly illustrated throughout, including images of several bugs that have never been illustrated in a book before, *Big Bugs Life-size* shows just how huge these creatures really are.

The author

George started collecting and studying insects at the age of ten whilst he was living in Zimbabwe. During his PhD on South American butterflies, he spent almost a year doing fieldwork in the Ecuadorean rainforest where he encountered a lot of bugs, including a few of the giants featured in this book. George has worked in the Natural History Museum's Entomology Department since 1996 and as Curator of Orthopteroid Insects (grasshoppers, crickets, cockroaches, stick insects and their relatives) since 2003. He is the author of many popular and scientific articles, as well as four other books, and lives with his arachnophilic wife Jan and her huge menagerie of bugs and other animals near London.



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- ▶ **Packed with all the key facts and the latest big bug discoveries**



- ▶ **Includes a special fold-out spread of the world's longest insect**



- ▶ **Written by the Curator of Orthopteroid insects at the Natural History Museum in London**