

# African armored tail filament



## Overview

A study published in the journal *iScience* has revealed that African spiny mice possess spiny structures beneath the skin of their tails, similar to the bony or scaly armor found in armadillos. Previously, armadillos were considered the only living mammals with such. *Acanthopplus discoidalis* is a species in the Heterodinae, a subfamily of the bush cricket or katydid family. This feature. Mammals, for the most part, have ditched the armor-like bony plates and scales found in creatures such as crocodiles, turtles, lizards, dinosaurs, and fish. Instead, they've opted for an insulating coat of hair. African spiny. *Acanthopplus discoidalis*, also known as armoured katydid, armoured ground cricket, armoured bush cricket, corn cricket, setotojane, and koringkriek, is a flightless insect native to parts of Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.



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In Africa you've got Muti, which is also a form of traditional medicine, but it's on a smaller scale. In western central Africa people eat them; this

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Mammalian Anomaly: The Secret Armor of African Spiny

Scientists have found that spiny mice possess hidden bony plates under their tail skin. This feature, overlooked for decades, appears in all spiny

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This Small, Armored Creature is the Most Poached Animal in Africa More than 1 million pangolins have disappeared over the last decade. Lisa Hywood and her

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Pangolin armor: Overlapping, structure, and mechanical properties of ...

Abstract The pangolin has a flexible dermal armor consisting of overlapping keratinous scales. Although they show potential for bioinspired flexible armor, the design principles of pangolin

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EAST AFRICAN ARMOURED ELECTRICAL CABLE 4

EAST AFRICAN ARMOURED ELECTRICAL CABLE 4-CORE 70.0mm<sup>2</sup> Conductor: Solid or stranded copper Insulation: Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Filler: Polypropylene

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African fat tail gecko morphs are specially bred varieties that have different colors and patterns. These morphs are made by professional reptile breeders who try to

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"Bizarre" armored dinosaur, *Spicomellus atheri*, with meter

The world's most unusual dinosaur is even stranger than first realized. Research published in *Nature* reports that *Spicomellus atheri* had a tail

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African spiny mice have the same defense armor as armadillos

They've long been considered the only living mammals with these reptilian and fish-like suits of bony or scaly armor instead of hairy mammalian skin.

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Armadillo Lizard - coils up in its armored plating when danger approaches or else blends in with the sandy dunes while hunting bugs and spiders.

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The African heat means that you cannot wear your armour for prolonged periods of time on campaign; you need to put it on as the battle is

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A spiky armoured dinosaur from Africa causes a rethink

The body of *Spicomellus*, an armoured dinosaur (ankylosaur) from Morocco, was covered in extravagant spines, including spikes measuring nearly

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Meet the African Spiny Mouse: A Mouse with the

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Nature Nugget – Armored Mammals

Pangolins or Scaly Anteaters are native to forested parts of Africa and Asia. There are seven species, four in Africa and three in Asia, which range in length from three to six feet. They are

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Armoured bush crickets are native to parts of Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. They are known for their tough

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The ankylosaurian dinosaur Spicomellus afer possessed a tail weapon and uniquely elaborate dermal armour.

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Quite a Tail: A Mouse Has Been Hiding Its Armor All

Found in rock outcrops throughout Africa and Europe, its back is full of porcupine-like quills made of stiffened fur. It has soft, easily torn skin and a

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At the time of the Ratel's introduction, South African military officials were attempting to bring combined arms integration to the lowest tactical level, using brigade or

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Africa's Synthetic Filament Tow and Staple Fibers Market: Expected to ...

Explore the projected growth of the synthetic filament tow and staple fibers market in Africa over the next decade, driven by increasing demand. Market performance is expected to expand with a CAGR of

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Parabuthus liosoma (African black tail scorpion) -

Parabuthus liosoma, or also commonly known as the "African Black Tail Scorpion", is a species of scorpions belonging to the family Buthidae. This species is present

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Unravel the anatomy and defensive strategies of Ankylosauria. Learn how these Cretaceous herbivores were split between spiked armor and powerful tail clubs.

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Armadillo Lizard Care Sheet, Facts, Price, Lifespan & More

Armadillo lizards (ourobatus cataphractus) are tiny armored lizards that live in sub-saharan parts of Central and South Africa. They can make excellent

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Armoured Hero Shrew (Scutisorex somereni) · iNaturalist United

Its features are typical of a white-toothed shrew – short legs, slender snout, dense fur – except for a highly unusual spinal column. It has corrugated interlocking vertebrae that are unique among

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