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## Ant Lion

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### Latin name: Euroleon nostras

These extraordinary creatures, midway between a dragonfly and a giant lacewing, are so-named because the larvae build cunning pit-fall traps for ants - they dig a shallow cone-shaped pit and wait at the bottom for an ant or other insect to slip on the loose sand and fall in, to be immediately devoured. Adult Ant Lions resemble damselflies but they have longer prominent clubbed antennae. They are feeble flyers and are active only during the evening, during the day they rest motionless, camouflaged by their transparent wings and dusky body. You may see one on [Longis Common](#) and they are occasionally recorded coming to light.

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