

## Species of the Month 11/2023 || Copper Heavy Jumper

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Like other jumping spiders, the Copper Heavy Jumper is able to leap great lengths. It derives its common name from its heavy body, which is adorned with golden-brown scales.

Find out more fascinating facts about the arachnid 🕷️!  
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### COPPER HEAVY JUMPER

*Hyllus semicupreus*

#### APPEARANCE

- This species is sexually dimorphic, with the male being more colourful and smaller compared to the female.
- The female can be easily distinguished from other *Hyllus* species by the patterns on its abdomen.

#### HABITAT

- The Copper Heavy Jumper can be found across a broad range of habitats, from parks and gardens to disturbed forests.
- We actually came across it while searching along the shrubs surrounding the NUS Central Library Building!

#### DIET

- The dexterous pedipalps of the spider help to manipulate food to its chelicerae, where it will nom the bom (eat the food).
- The Copper Heavy Jumper primarily preys on small invertebrates.

#### FUN FACT

- Not only is the Copper Heavy Jumper hairy, they also possess "scales", something that can be observed in other jumping spiders too. Nope it's not a mammal, nope it's not a reptile either, it's an arachnid!

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