



# Common Tree WETA

*Hemideina thoracica*

The Common tree weta is found throughout much of the North Island of New Zealand. It is capable of biting when having to defend itself. Tuatara and native birds such as kiwi and saddle-back are native predators. The weta is easy prey for introduced rodents like the kiore - the Pacific rat (*Rattus exulans*) - and common ship rats (*Rattus rattus*).

One TREE WETA male often LIVES with up to TEN females !