

Ecological Observation



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Cycle of Life

In 2023 at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve, after a night of spectacular synchronous displays, we were looking for any firefly activity (eggs, dead fireflies, etc.) the next day. We found this female firefly that appeared dead, with ants consuming it. We were surprised to see that it was still reaching for its egg with its ovipositor. It's incredible it was still trying to care for its offspring when half of its body was gone. When the egg was too far, it stopped reaching for it.