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Wetas are native to New Zealand and in evolutionary terms are insect "dinosaurs" within the Orthoptera. Related species occur in South Africa, Australia, North America and to a lesser extent, Europe. This book brings together all known information on these groups.
