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Giant cave cockroach, *Blaberus giganteus*



on Tepeu 1 bowls

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The presentation today is on wild giant cave cockroach, *Blaberus giganteus*, of Livingston area and Peten. In the mountains of Izabal we have experienced these actual insects flying into the dining room while we were having dinner (in a camp site, no walls on the camp buildings). It is frankly wonderful to have seen these giant cockroaches up-close and in-person.



Close-up of the large insects. Many Tepeu 1 bowls have a row of these large insects around the bowl.



Black-and-white cockroaches; the next rollout shows same insect in color. Digital rollout by Nicholas Hellmuth circa 1999-2004.



Digital rollout by Nicholas Hellmuth with Better Light digital rollout camera over 20 years ago. This camera does not work with modern Apple firmware nor can the cables so old be connected.



This insect has the most detail, on the head and body. I estimate that all are giant cave cockroaches but there could be others.



As most Maya insects, there are "arms and legs" like a human not six like an actual insect.



Digital rollout by Nicholas Hellmuth with BetterLight digital rollout system.



The two insects here are a challenge to see. The other design is a 4-petalled flower (visible twice but best at the right).