

WHAT'S INSIDE???

This amazing little, live bean, the size of your fingernail, has been entertaining and fascinating both young and old alike for more than 50 years, proof enough that they are harmless, yet entertaining natural wonders. It is a member of the TORTRICADAE family. This family is somewhat of a curiosity. A moth, of the Genus and Species Larva, TINEOIDEA/LASPEYRESIA SALTITANS lays its egg in the flower tree called EUPHORBIACEAE SEBASTIANA PAVONIANA, found only in Mexico. The flower then forms a seedpod around the moth egg. This seedpod serves as a temporary home for "JUMPING BEANDITO

The Mexican Jumping Bean

When the early May rains start, the seedpod matures, splits into three parts and falls to the ground.

Moth eggs laid inside the bean



The egg turns into a caterpillar which then consumes the seed inside. The jumping movements are the caterpillar's movements to get to the edible seed. Eventually, the caterpillar will spin a silk cocoon which causes

more jumping. It will then go dormant for a short time. It is not dead. Instead, it is going through metamorphosis. It will turn into a tiny, harmless moth that does not pose any danger to clothes, plants or humans. You can actually watch the small moth emerge. If you should be so lucky as to see a moth hatch, do not worry. It will not harm a thing and it hates the taste of clothes. The moth does not require food. Point it South and let it go, PLEASE!!!! A happy bean prefers to rest in a cool, dark place when it is not jumping. They also love to travel, so take them along in your shirt pocket. The warmth of your heart will make them bounce. Occasionally, they do like a little drink. So be kind and give them a light mist once a week. They are ideal pets since they don't need to be walked, fed or brushed. PS, They jump best to music!