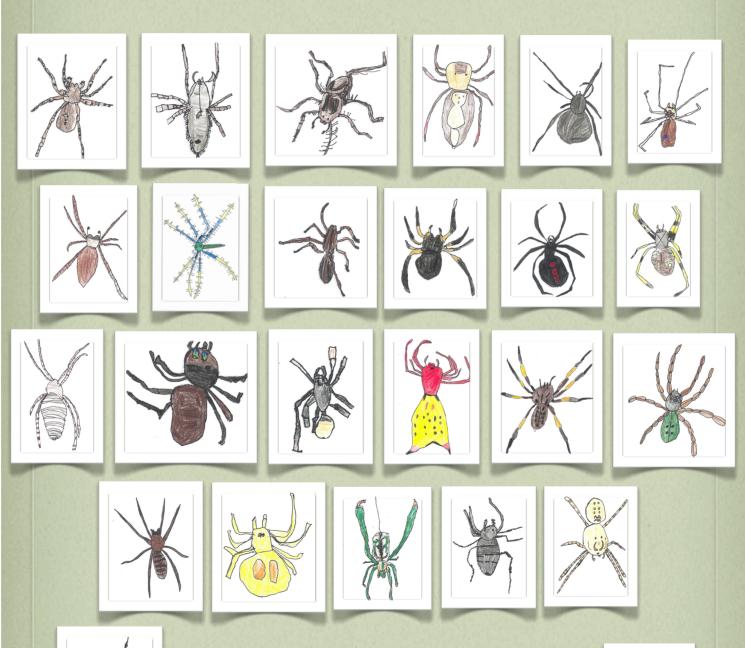
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ANT MIMIC SPIDER

I am the Ant Mimic Spider. I can be red or black. I am short like an ant. I am not hairy. If you want to find me look for me in the woods, in your gardens, under stones, near ant hills, and in trees! I'm almost everywhere outdoors. I do not make webs. I catch my prey by hunting! I pretend to be an ant so I can eat them and to keep myself from being eaten by other ants. I make myself look like an ant by waving my front legs on my head to look like antennae. I hope you enjoyed learning about me. Have a good day!





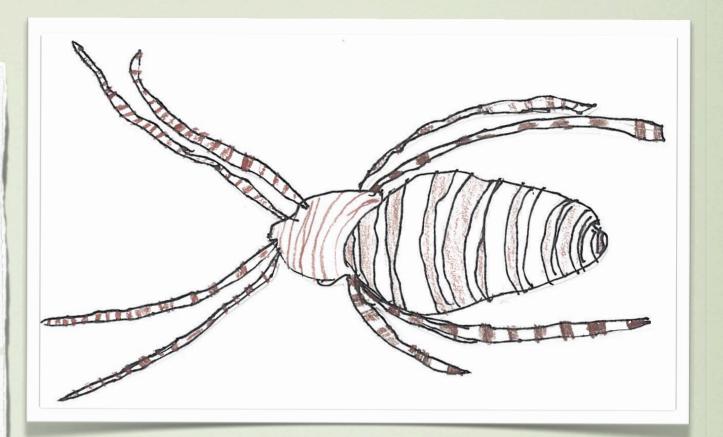
ARROW SHAPED MICRATHENA SPIDER

Hi! I am the Arrow Shaped Micrathena Spider. My abdomen is shaped like an arrow. You will know if I am a female because I am the primary colors: red, yellow and blue. The male is blackish yellow. If you are looking for me, I will not be in your house. You can find me in a forest. If not in a forest then in a bush or grass. I spin a web to catch my prey. I can eat flying or jumping insects like a fly and grasshopper. Once I catch my prey, I kill it by putting venom into it's body and then wrap it in silk to eat another time. See you later in the forest!



BANDED GARDEN SPIDER

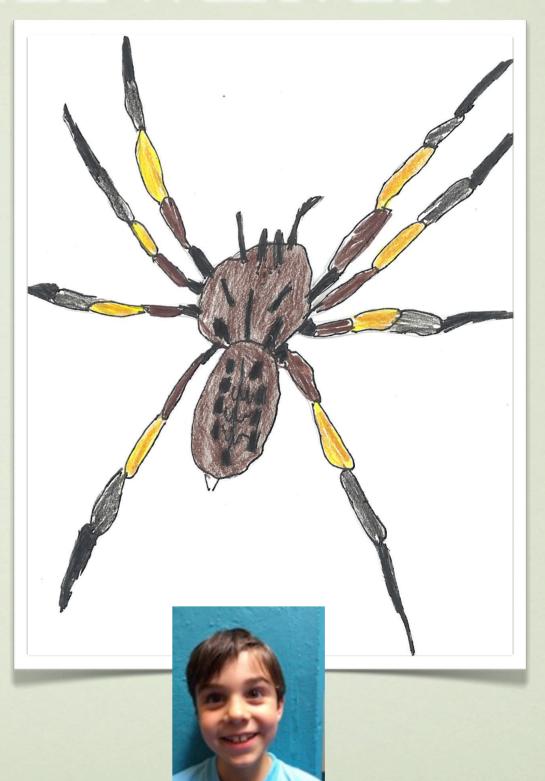
I am the Banded Garden Spider. My cephalothorax is small. My abdomen is big. I have long legs. I have stripes that are white, black, and brown. I can't see very well. I like to live in dry places. I like to live in a field. I don't like to live in a rainforest. I use my web to catch my prey. I make a zig-zag web. I build a new web everyday. My web is big and close to the ground. I eat insects that fly and jump because they get stuck on my web. See you next time!





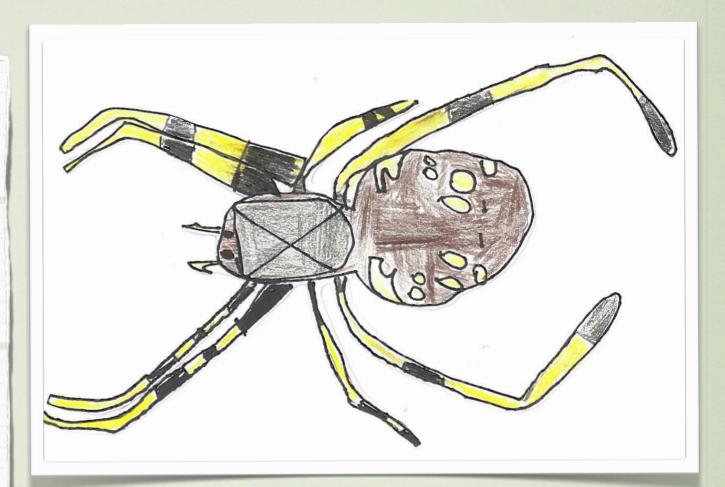
BARN FUNNEL WEAVER

I am a Barn Funnel Weaver. My legs are very long. I have black or gray banded legs. All my legs have three claws. I live in rotting barns and boards. I live all around the world. I live indoors and outdoors. I might live in your attic or in your basement! I spin a web to catch my prey. I eat bees, grasshoppers, and house flies! I make a funnel web. I sit in my funnel web and wait for my prey. My eyesight is really good so I can easily see my prey even if it is dark where I spin my web. I am a relative of the Hobo Spider and the Giant House Spider. So those are the facts about me!



BLACK AND YELLOW GARDEN SPIDER

I am a female Black and Yellow Garden Spider and I am bigger than the males. My abdomen is egg shaped with black and yellow coloring. My legs are black with red or yellow bands. I often build my webs near open spaces or sunny fields- not in a rainforest! I often build my web away from the wind. I also build my web in the eves of of your house or buildings. My web is zig-zag shaped in the middle. I sit upside down on my web. Because I am a female spider, I stay in one place for a very long time. I usually catch my prey in a web that I made. I will only eat flies, grasshoppers, bees, wasps, and crickets. After I catch them, I inject the juices. If someone is trying to hurt me, I drop to the ground very quickly. That is all the interesting facts about me! Bye, bye!





BOLD JUMPING SPIDER

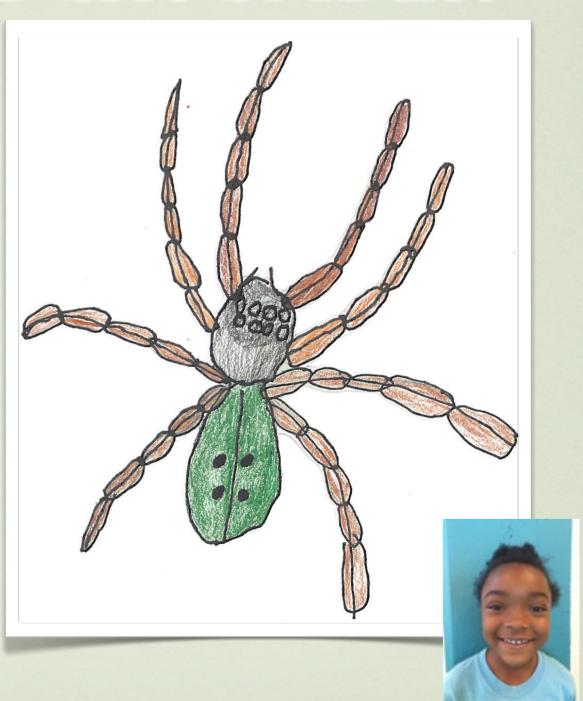
I am a Bold Jumping Spider. I can be very hairy. Because I am the Bold Jumping Spider I can jump and might scare you. I have 4 eyes. My body is black with a white spot on the abdomen. I have grey and white stripes. I have green jaws. I can live in the forest and in a house. I can even live in Alaska where it is very cold. I catch food by jumping on my prey. I eat bugs, caterpillars, and other spiders. I do not make webs to catch my food, but I use my silk as a safety line when I jump on my prey. I can see better than other spiders do. This helps me catch my prey. Now you know all about the Bold Jumping Spider!





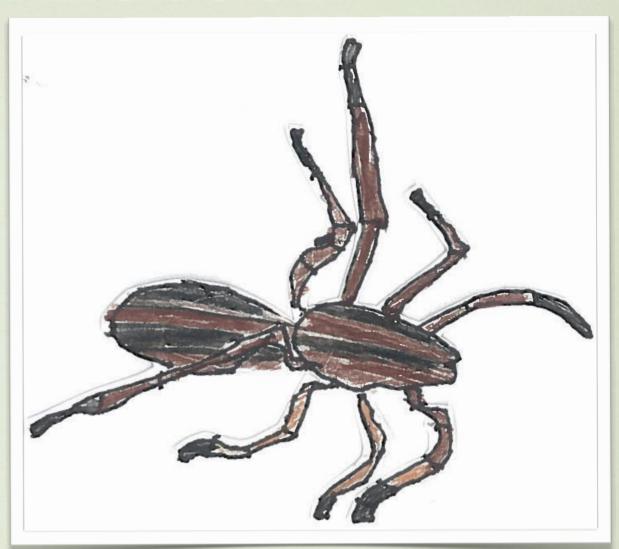
BROAD FACED SAC SPIDER

I am the Broad Faced Sac Spider. My abdomen is pale yellow or light gray. My front pair of legs is darker and thicker than my back legs. My abdomen has 4 dots. I live under leaves, litter, stones, or boards. I can also live on buildings and under the windowsills and ceilings. I make a hole out of my silk to hide in. I don't use a web to catch my prey. I am a hunter. I eat insects. I hunt at night. That's all about me!



BROWN RECLUSE

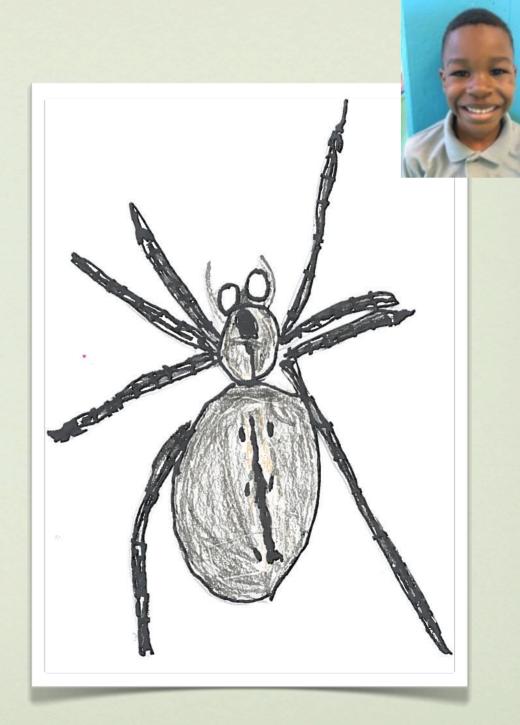
Hey there, come close. Don't be scared. I want to tell you about myself. I am a Brown Recluse. Also known as, Fiddler Back, Brown Fiddler, and Violin Spider. My abdomen is brown-gray. My cephalothorax is orange-yellow. My 6 eyes are in pairs with one in front and the other two pairs on the side. I am the size of a small peanut or pebble. I live in Southeast Nebraska through Southern Iowa. But I am also found in the Washington, D.C. area. I live under wood piles, closets, cellars, sheds or basements. I must warn you, be careful not to come too close because I can bite you! My bite can damage your skin. My webs include a shelter of silk thread so you will not find me in there. I hunt cockroaches, firebrats (silverfish), crickets, ants and other spiders. Oh it's noon! I would love to stay and chat, but I have to hunt for my next meal.





CAROLINA WOLF SPIDER

I am the Carolina Wolf Spider. I have hair on my body. I am brown. Because I am brown I can hide. This is called camouflage. I live in dry places like the desert and fields. I do not like wet places. I hunt for prey. I don't make webs. I eat flies, crickets, grasshoppers and cockroaches. I bite my prey with my fangs and put poison into the insect. The poison turns their body into goo. Then, when I am hungry, I will suck their goo. That's why I am the Carolina Wolf Spider. Good bye!



CROSS ORB WEAVER

I am a Cross Orb Weaver. I am tan like a Tan Jumping Spider. The male Cross Orb Weaver is twice as small as the female. I have a cross on my back. I have a little bit hairy. Guess where I live? In yards, gardens, farms, cities, forests, or fields. I can be up high on skyscrapers or low on the ground. So you will find me in Washington, DC. I first make a big web. Then I wait and wait until a flying insect comes by. Then I quickly run and inject it with poisonous fangs. Then I drink my prey. Bye, bye!





DARK FISHING SPIDER

Hello. My name is the Dark Fishing Spider. Did you know that my legs are the size of a thin pretzel stick? I have a black and brown line pattern on my legs. Although I am called the dark fishing spider, I live in forests. I am often found far away from water. I eat large insects such as crickets and grasshoppers. Even worms and vertebrates! Vertebrates are animals that have backbones like a fish. I am a hunting spider now you know. Well, that's all I have to say about myself. Oooh! I see a grasshopper near my den, dark fishing spider out!

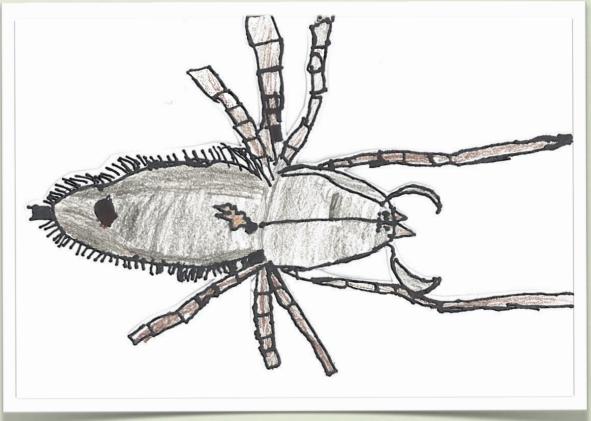




EASTERN PARSON SPIDER

I am an Eastern Parson Spider. My body may look a little brownish. I have white stripes on my abdomen. I have hairy legs. You might know that I am around buildings and I live everywhere from Texas to DC. I mostly live under stones and rocks and on mountains. I spin a web and I catch ants and flies and beetles and other insects. When an insect lands on my web I jump on the insect. That is mostly all you need to know about me!





FALSE BLACK WIDOW



My name is the False Black Widow. I have no colors but black. My abdomen is round like a circle. I do not have the red symbol like other Black Widows because I am not really a Black Widow. Usually, I live inside a building. You can find me in your house. But I sometimes live outside, like under a bridge. I make my web on the ground. I wait for an insect. Then an insect flies or walks into my web. Then I wrap it so it can't move. Then I walk away. When I am hungry, I will eat it. I often eat rolly pollies. Bye! Have a nice day. Maybe I will see you in your house one day!



GRASS SPIDER

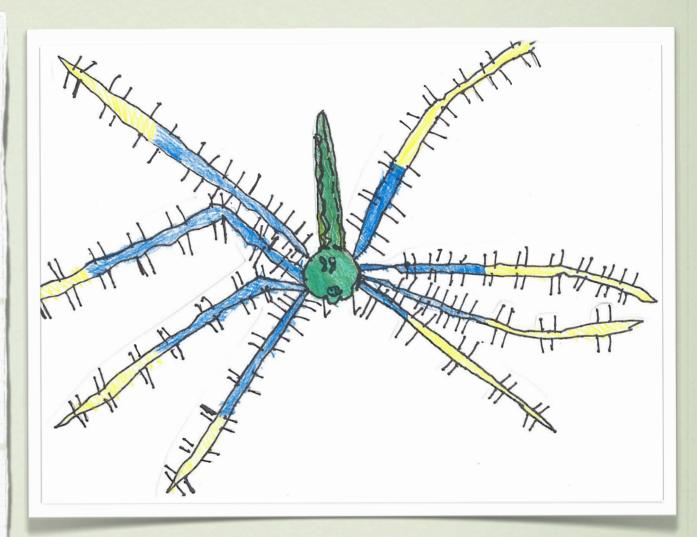


I am a Grass Spider. I don't have much hair on my legs. I have a large spinneret on the tip of my abdomen. The male is smaller than the female. And finally I am light brown. I live in the USA all around the country. You will often find me living in the woods in the grass. Usually, I am found in the basement. I eat grasshoppers. I catch my prey by making a web and I will wait for a grasshopper to come on my web. So if you try to look for me in the woods check me out in the grass!



GREEN LYNX SPIDER

I am a Green Lynx Spider. I have long legs. I often have a red patch between the eyes and I am 5/8 of an an inch. I am green or tan. Sometimes my body is red or pink. Sometimes I have some black spots. There are six eyes on a white area of my cephalothorax. I don't use a web to catch my prey. I am a hunting spider. Once I catch my prey, I put my fangs in my prey and inject it with poison. I eat flies and pests and even butterflies and bees. I lays eggs that are green or yellow. Remember my name the green lynx spider. Now you know all about me, tell your spiders friends!

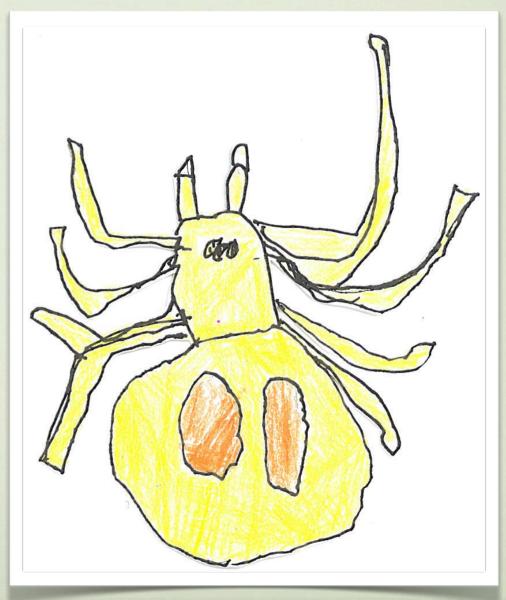




GOLDENROD CRAB SPIDER

I am a Goldenrod Crab Spider. You might see me on white or yellow flowers. I am not a hairy spider. My cephalothorax is small and my abdomen is big. I live in gardens and places with flowers. I like to sit on flowers and wait for food. I eat bees and butterflies because they fly on top of flowers. If you are wondering how I am on top of flowers and my prey doesn't see me, it is because I can blend in with the flowers. This is called camouflage. Sometimes, the male eats the pollen in flowers. This is surprising because spiders are carnivores. Carnivores are animals that eat meat. And that is how I live.





HACKLEMESH ORB WEAVER

Hello! I'm a Hacklemesh Orb Weaver Spider. I'm brown and it is very hard to see me because I'm as small as a penny. I mimic a Brown Recluse. That means I look like a Brown Recluse. I like to make messy webs. I'm not aggressive. I am a little venomous (venomous means poisonous), but not as venomous as the brown recluse or the black widow spider. It would be hard to see me because I'm brown and will often camouflage in wood logs and branches. I also like to live in tree bark. I wander into basements and cellars. I will eat any insect. I may eat my spider friends. A fly is one insect I eat. I catch the insect in my web. The fly sees my web and thinks it is a tunnel to hide in. When it gets caught in my web, it's lunch time!





LONG BODIED CELLAR SPIDER

Hello! My name is the Long Bodied Cellar Spider. I have long legs. They are two inches long. Sometimes I am mistaken for a Daddy Long Legs. I have a small body. My color is tan or gray. My length of fangs are too short! I live in basements, crawl spaces, cellars, attics, closets and out buildings. I like to live in quiet places. I like to live with other Cellar Spiders. I eat small moths, flies, mosquitoes, and other spiders. I trap my food in my web. My web does not have a pattern. I eat other spiders by turning the spider into a cocoon. I insert poison into the insect! The poison turns the insect's body into goo. Then I suck the goo up. I live for up to two years. Maybe you will pass my web in your basement!

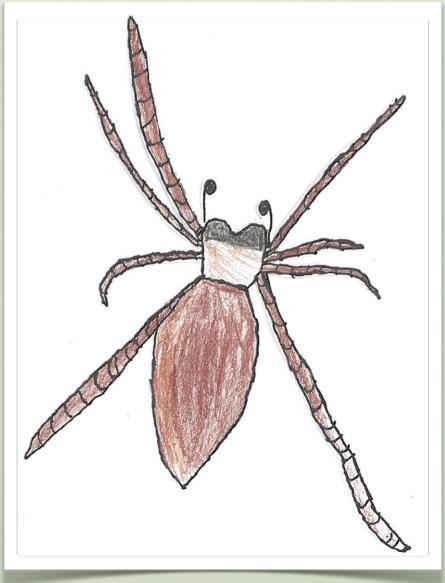




LONG LEGGED SAC SPIDER

Hello! I am a Long Legged Sac Spider! You can actually see through my body because my skin is soooo light. Also my front legs are very long and skinny. Oh, and don't forget about how my abdomen is darker than my cephalothorax. I live in an office or house. You can find me on a wall or ceiling. I have my own special hairs on my legs that help me hang onto the wall or other things. I will eat any type of insect that is weaker than me. I jump down on my prey to catch it because I do not make a web. You can find me at night near light. When the Long Legged Yellow Sac Spider bites you, it can be very painful, but it won't kill you. See you next time! Thank you for listening.

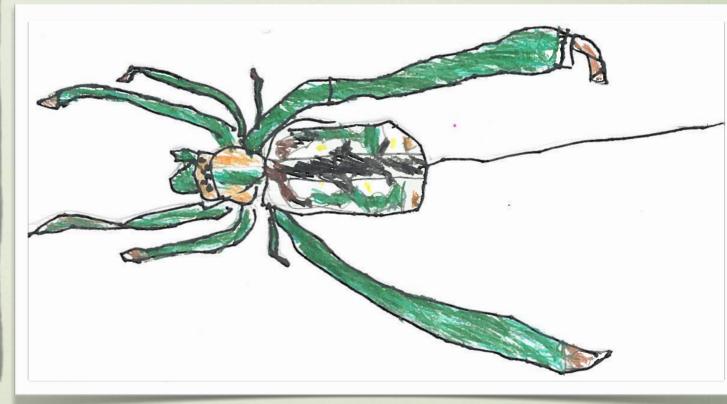




ORCHARD ORB WEAVER

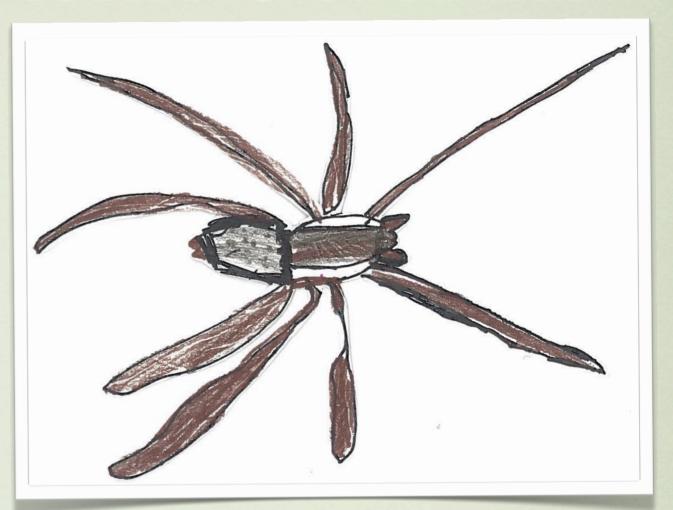
I am an Orchard Orbweaver. I am small. I am black, yellow, green and white. I am very delicate. You would not find me in trees. You would find me in low bushes. I live near moist areas. You would not find me in the city. You would find me in the woods. I spin my web in low bushes. I eat leafhoppers and flies. I can't chew so I drink the juices up of my prey! I like to spin my web at sunrise. I only make webs that are one inch in the diameter from one side to the other. My fangs are large to drink up the juices of my prey.





SIX SPOTTED FISHING SPIDER

I am a Six Spotted Fishing Spider. I have white lines around my abdomen and cephalothorax. I have six spots that look like circles. You can find me by lakes or rivers and on top of a pool. I do not make a web to catch my prey. I am a hunter. I eat insects, tadpoles, and small frogs. Yum. I see a fish. Bye. See you later!





SOUTHERN BLACK WIDOW

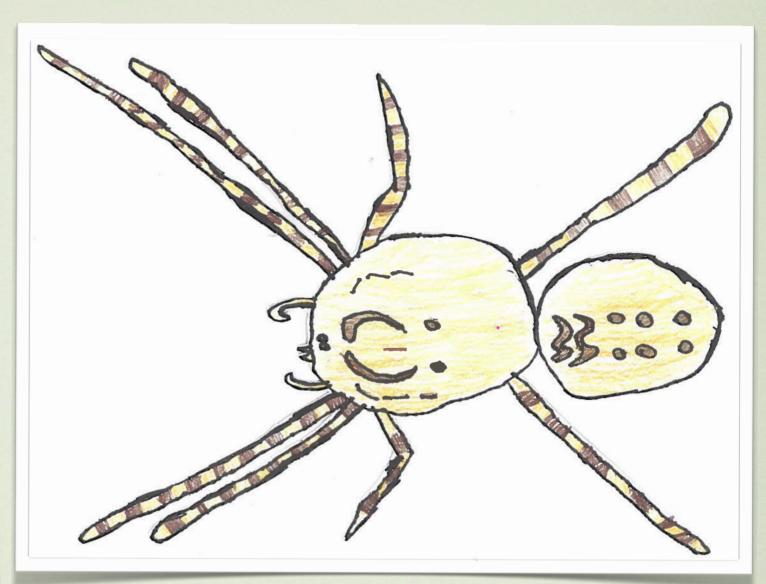
I am a Black Widow. My body has a red hourglass and I look like a black and red spider. I like to hide at the morning and go out at night. Wait, there is more. I lie down on buildings and I also sleep next to buildings. Okay, there is more. I even hide in your stuff you leave outside. I hunt to catch my prey and I eat grasshoppers, flies, and bugs. I also eat wasps and bees. People say I am very scary. It might be because I eat the male. He is very small. It also might because I can be harmful to people. If I bite you, it could be deadly. If people bother me, I will bother them back. But if you don't bother me, I will leave you alone. So that's all about me!





SPITTING SPIDER

I am a Spitting Spider. I am not big. I am the size of a small pea. I have six eyes unlike other spiders. They are in three groups of two. I can be light yellow or dark brown and I am covered with small black dots. My legs are bigger than my abdomen and cephalothorax. The cephalothorax is like the head and the abdomen is like the body. I can be found in caves and buildings, such as sheds, bridges, and window ledges all of those I can be found in. I can be all over the world but a lot of my friends live in Southwestern United States. I also do not spin a web. I will catch my prey by spitting a poisonous sticky web at them. I will eat small fish and moths and other insects larger than me like a praying mantis. Those are good! I do not hurt people. Bye bye! Maybe I will see you around your house or maybe you will see me.





TAN JUMPING SPIDER

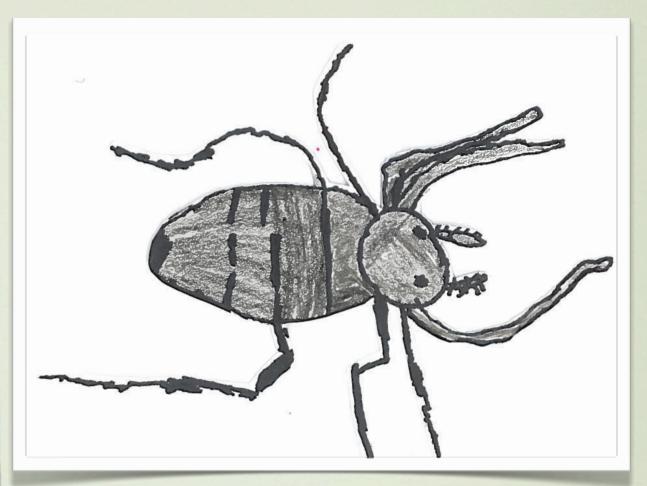
I'm a Tan Jumping Spider. I have two big eyes! And I am gray and brown. I'm not too hairy! I live in vertical things! I live in bookshelves, fences, shelves, tables, walls, columns... every vertical thing inside and outside! I have really good vision to hunt. Speaking of hunting, I am starving. Do you have any insects? Grasshoppers? This is how I hunt my prey. If an insect is on a leaf and I'm on a different one, I jump on it and I also shoot silk at it. Tada! Now I have caught my prey. Now you know a lot about me!





ZEBRAJUMPING SPIDER

My name is the Zebra Jumping Spider. I am hairy. I am small. I am like a zebra because I have white and black stripes and I am furry. I live in cities like Washington, DC. I can be found on walls of buildings and on fences. I hunt for my prey. I can take food with my jaws. I eat worms, mosquitoes, ants and other insects. I have good eyesight to hunt my prey. I inject the insect with my poison and I drink the goo. Now you know all about me! Bye, bye!





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