

# Spiders and Why You Want Them Around

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## American House Spider



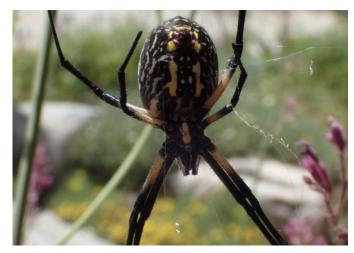
Joseph Berger, Bugwood.org

Common Name: American House Spider Scientific Name: Parasteatoda tepidariorum

# They Eat Pests in Your Home

- Mosquitoes that can carry viruses like West
   Nile and Zika virus
- Flies that can spread E. coli and Salmonella
- Termites, spiders or other arthropodsYellow
   Garden Spider

### Yellow Garden Spider



Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org

Common Name: Yellow Garden Spider Scientific Name: Argiope aurantia

# They Eat Pests in Your Garden

- Aphids and white flies that vector disease
- Caterpillars and beetles that feed on plants

### **Grass Spider**



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Common Name: Grass Spider Scientific Name: Agelenopsis

#### **Characteristics:**

- Cave-like web
- Fast speed
- Yellowish-brown color.

#### **Orb Weaver**



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Common Name: Orb Weaver Scientific Name: Araneidae

#### Characteristics

- The females are larger than males
- Feed on a variety of insects.

# Wolf Spider



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Common Name: Wolf Spider
Scientific Name: Lycosidae

#### Characteristics:

- Solitary spiders that do not spin webs
- Egg sacs or spiderlings are carried on their back

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