



# 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 arthropods
- Yellow 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



*Joseph Berger, Bugwood.org*

**Common Name:** Grass Spider

**Scientific Name:** Agelenopsis

### Characteristics:

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

## Orb Weaver



*David Cappaert, Bugwood.org*

**Common Name:** Orb Weaver

**Scientific Name:** Araneidae

### Characteristics

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

## Wolf Spider



*Johnny N. Dell, Bugwood.org*

**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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