



Spiders and Why You Want Them Around

American House Spider



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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



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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:

- They are solitary spiders
- They do not spin webs
- They carry egg sacs or spiderlings on their back