

The females are larger than the males

Did you know that spiders are a certain size and shape depending on whether they are male or female? The “mum” spider is always larger than the “dad” spider. Sometimes, the size difference is enormous! The female spider's abdomen is fat, rounded and sometimes has very pretty colors. On the other hand, the male spider has a tiny elongated abdomen with less attractive colors. The females live longer, while the males tend to live shorter lives. What a pity!





Webs 3: Types

There are many different types of spider's web, apart from my one. Some spiders build horizontal webs, to surprise the little bugs that fly upwards from the ground. Others live lying in wait inside tunnel shaped webs. Bugs such as ants and beetles can get trapped inside the tunnels as they walk about. Some spiders build messy looking webs, full of sticky threads where insects become trapped. An example of this is the typical house spider in the corners of rooms.



Hunters without webs

Some spiders don't sit motionless waiting for bugs to get trapped. Jumping spiders and wolf spiders chase their victims and when they are close enough, they jump on them and eat them. Crab spiders, wait among the flowers,

camouflaged in a color so similar to that of the petals that not even people can see them. When a little bee or butterfly approaches for the nectar, wham! They jump out quickly and catch it by the neck so that it can't escape.

