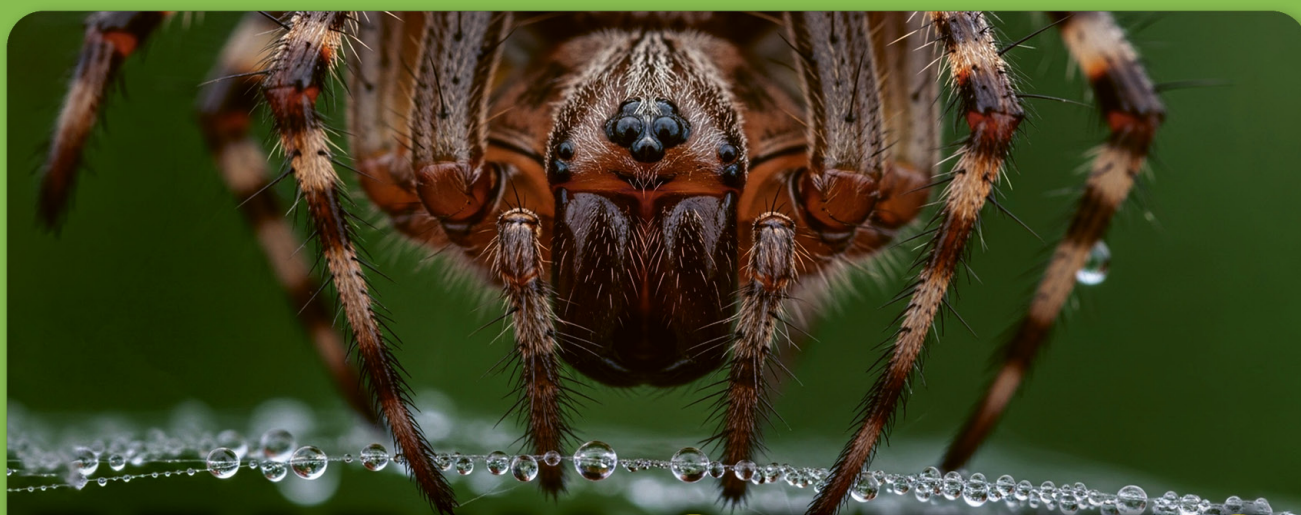




DEADLY SPIDERS

Spiders live on every continent except Antarctica. There are over 50,000 known species of spiders, but only a small number are dangerous to humans. Most spiders are harmless however, a few spiders have powerful venom that can make people very sick if they are bitten.

A spider uses its fangs to inject venom into its prey. The venom helps the spider catch insects and other small animals. Most spider venom is not dangerous to humans, but some species have venom that attacks the nervous system or damages body tissues. Thankfully, modern medicine and antivenoms have made serious spider bites much less dangerous than they once were.

It is important to remember that spiders do not usually attack people. Most bites happen when a spider feels trapped or threatened. If you see a spider, it is always safest to leave it alone and tell an adult if you think it may be dangerous.

Although spiders can be dangerous, they play an important role in nature by controlling insect populations. By respecting wildlife, wearing shoes outdoors, checking clothing and bedding in areas where spiders are common, and seeking medical help immediately after a serious bite, people can stay safe while protecting these fascinating creatures.

10 OF THE DEADLIEST SPIDERS IN THE WORLD

- 1 Brazilian Wandering Spider (South America)**
Often considered the world's most venomous spider.



- 2 Sydney Funnel-web Spider (Australia)**
Extremely venomous, with powerful fangs and aggressive defence.



- 3 Northern Funnel-web Spider (Australia)**
Closely related to the Sydney funnel-web and also highly dangerous.



- 4 Redback Spider (Australia)**
Responsible for many bites each year, but antivenom has reduced injuries.



- 5 Black Widow Spider (Found worldwide)**
Famous for its painful bite and distinctive red hourglass marking.



- 6 Brown Recluse Spider (United States)**
Its venom can damage skin and body tissue.



- 7 Six-eyed Sand Spider (Southern Africa)**
Rarely bites people, but its venom is extremely powerful.



- 8 Mouse Spider (Australia)**
Has venom similar to funnel-webs, but serious bites are uncommon.



- 9 Chilean Recluse Spider (South America)**
One of the most dangerous spiders due to its tissue-damaging venom.



- 10 Yellow Sac Spider (Found worldwide)**
Its bite can be painful, but serious injuries are uncommon.

