

Pest Bio

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Black Widow



Black Widows got their name from their habit of eating the male after mating.

Male black widows are smaller than the female and are very reclusive and rarely seen by people. Female Black Widows can live from 1-3 years while the males only typically live for one or two months. The venom of a female Black Widow is 15 times stronger than a rattlesnakes venom. Black Widows venom is rarely fatal to humans however their bite can cause severe pain and nausea. There are three Species of Black Widows in North America.

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DIET

Black Widows are Carnivores and they eat insects trapped in their webs including, ants, caterpillars, grasshoppers, beetles, cockroaches and scorpions.

HABITAT

Black Widows like sheltered, dimly lit locations. Because of this you can typically find them low to the ground in garages, dark corners, closets, basements and wood piles.

BEHAVIOR

Male and Female Black Widows are solitary and spend much time alone except when mating. Females are not aggressive unless disturbed or attacked.

Black Widow Facts:

Size: 1.5"

Shape: Rounded

Color: Black with a red/orange hourglass

Legs: 8

Wings: No

Antenna: No

Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Arachnida

Order:

-Araneae

Family:

-Theridiidae

Genus:

-Lartodectus