

FACTS ABOUT SPIDERS

INTRODUCTION:

The most common fact to know is that spiders have 8 legs while insects have 6 and also, spiders have 48 knees- 6 knees on each leg. Spiders don't have antennae while insects do. Spiders are not insects, but arachnids. Other members of the arachnid family include scorpions, mites, ticks and harvestmen. Spiders are found on every continent of the world except Antarctica.



DELICIOUS DIET:

Spiders eat insects such as ants, flies, mosquitoes, bees, gnats, midges, grasshoppers, crickets, centipedes. Some eat birds, frogs, lizards, spiders and really anything they can find!

STUNNING SPIDER'S REMARKABLE RECORDS:

The world's largest known spider is a male goliath bird-eating spider (*Theraphosa blondi*). This particular spider had a record leg-span of 28 cm (11 in) - big enough to cover a dinner plate!



WONDERING WEBS:

The strongest web in the spider world is made by the DARWIN'S BARK SPIDER which made a web as heavy as 520 MJ/m³ (or 10.4kg). The biggest spider web also made by the DARWIN'S BARK SPIDER was 2.8 sq m (30 sq ft).

CONCLUSION:

Spiders are 8 legged and 48-kneed arachnids which eat various animals- which include insects, mammals and even themselves! Spiders have different sizes and silks and varying numbers of spinnerets. Spiders have different diets too.