



# Spiders



Our clock was laid briefly on the kitchen table while the wall was touched up. Disturbed, this little spider ventured forth to see what the fuss was about. As it paused and pondered, it was pictured.

"The evolution of spiders has been going on for at least 380 million years, since the first true spiders (thin-waisted arachnids) evolved from crab-like chelicerate ancestors. More than 45,000 extant species have been described, organized taxonomically in 3,958 genera and 114 families."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolution\\_of\\_spiders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolution_of_spiders)



Spider Web photographed near Lisa & Paul's  
**Ochre House Retreat**  
**Route 70, Ochre Pit Cove, NL A0E 3E0**

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"Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of Spiders?  
The Shadow knows!"



**Crab Spider** (*Misumena vatia*) having just captured a Green Bottle Fly. To continue its lunch in peace, the spider demonstrated its strength and agility by dragging the fly under the petal and out of sight.





**Yellow-legged sac spider**  
(*Cheiracanthium inclusum*)  
(Maybe)  
(Dinner unidentified)  
In Britannia Woods, Ottawa

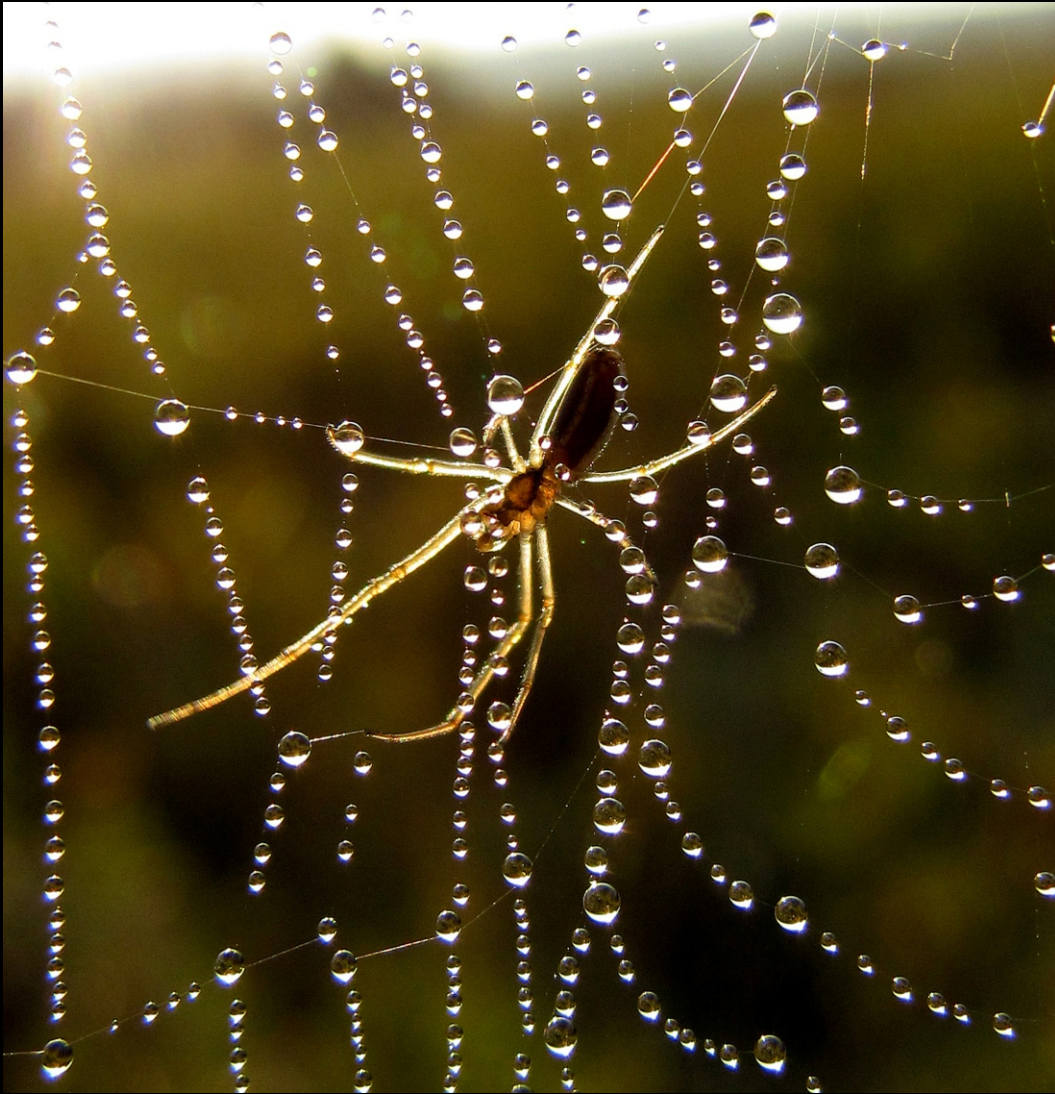


**Goldenrod Crab**  
Female  
(*Misumena vatia*)



Almonte meadow





**Brown Widow Spider** (*Latrodectus geometricus*)  
Ochre Pit Cove, Newfoundland



Spider, unidentified, camouflaged by rain  
drops resplendent on its web.  
Neighbourhood garden





**Argiope** (*Argiope aurantia*)  
In a neighbour's garden





**Spider**

might be an Orbweaver  
(*araneus diadematus*)

In any case, his - or her - pantry is well stocked.  
Britannia meadow



The Daddy Longlegs is not a spider; it is an arthropod.  
It is included here because, as children, we knew them as  
spiders because they looked like spiders. So there.  
Front flower bed.





**Cross Orbweaver**

(*araneus diadematus*) - maybe.

The web is invisible because it was constructed on the inside of the workshop window. The shot was overexposed so the spider could be examined in detail.



"Tetragnatha is a genus of spiders containing hundreds of species. They are found all over the world, although most occur in the tropics and subtropics. They are commonly called stretch spiders, referring to their elongated body form."  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetragnatha>

Britannia Park







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