

## Understand spiders

There are many types of spiders. They are related to insects but they have eight legs and have no wings. Very few spiders are dangerous; all are beneficial and feed on insects.

Spiders are active outside during spring and summer. They come into homes when the weather becomes too hot or cold. Some types live in basements or attics.

Many people are fearful of spiders. Very few spiders can bite people or cause serious injury.

Yellow sac spider, S. Jacobs, Penn State



## Spiders assorted

### Manage spiders

- Prevent spiders from entering the home by sealing openings.
- Physically remove or vacuum spiders and webs.
- Cut back vegetation and ground covers.
- Move mulch and debris away from the foundation.
- Sprays do not work well.
- Brown recluse and black widow spiders are not as dangerous or widespread as people fear.



Wolf spider, S. Jacobs, Penn State



Woodlouse spider, S. Jacobs, Penn State



Common house spider  
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Longbodied cellar spider, S. Jacobs, Penn State



Brown recluse spider, S. Jacobs, Penn State



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