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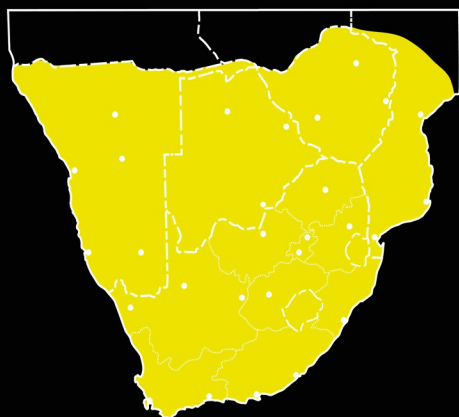
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Common Wall Spider

(Family Selenopidae)



Maximum size
20 - 50 mm



These strange-looking spiders are flattened in profile, giving them the common name of Flatties or Common Wall Spiders. They are often seen in houses, garages and around large boulders.

In the house they live on the walls or upside down on the ceiling. They are often territorial and will each have their own section of the wall or ceiling. They are a bit larger than a R5 coin, they are usually brownish to grey with stripes and bands making them camouflaged on rocks. They hunt insects such as mosquitoes, moths and flies and are completely harmless to humans and pets.



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