



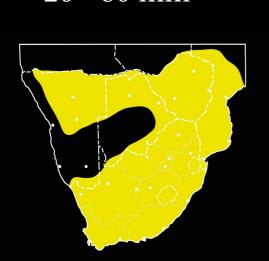
Harmless

Daddy Long-legs

(Family: Pholcidae)



Maximum size 20 - 80 mm



A common spider in the house, shed or garage. They are small spiders with very long thin legs spread out to about the size of a golf ball. They hide in dark, unused areas of human dwellings where they build a messy web with a couple of spiders in each web.

They walk awkwardly across the floor, with a rocking motion, and sometimes get trapped in baths and basins.

Despite the myths, these spiders are completely harmless to humans and pets and don't possess strong venom. They hunt insects in the house and are useful to have around.



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