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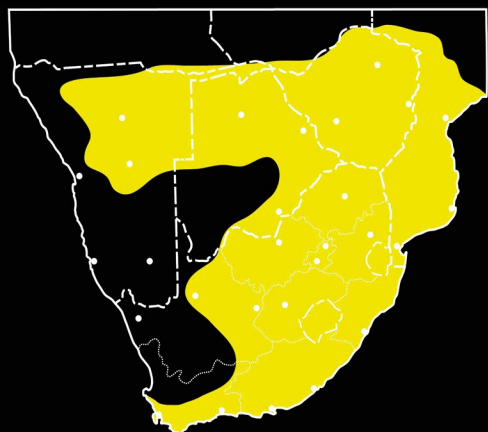


Golden Orb Spider

(Family: *Nephilidae*)

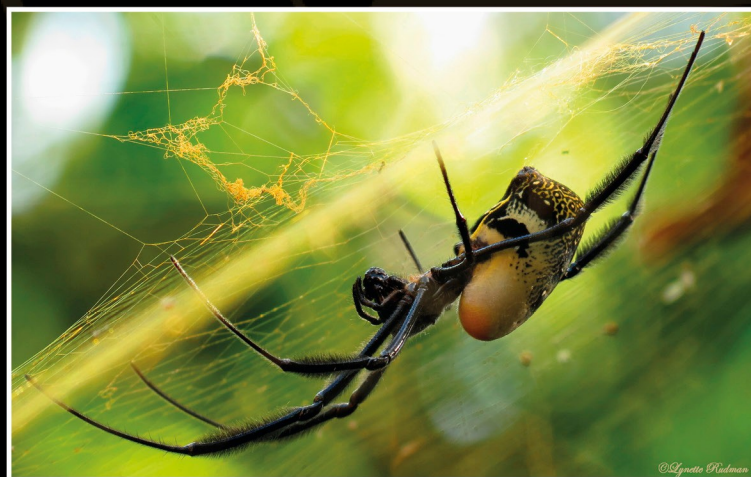


Maximum size
20 - 100 mm



These large spiders are well known in South Africa for their magnificent golden webs. The webs are huge, often spanning a couple of meters between bushes and are incredibly strong. We have even seen small birds trapped in the webs.

The female spiders are large, and the web often contains multiple spiders. The Golden Orb Spiders usually have black legs and a yellow to white abdomen. They are harmless to humans and pets.



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