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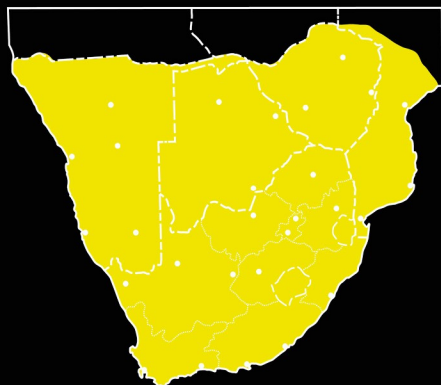
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Velvet Spider

(Family: *Eresidae*)



Maximum size
10 - 30 mm



A small spider that is usually black or dark brown. They have a smooth, velvety appearance.

They generally have a broad profile, with two legs facing forward and two facing backward. These spiders are usually found under rocks and logs where they build thick, messy webs with a funnel entrance.

They may be confused with Jumping Spiders and behave in a similar manner, often jumping.

These spiders are harmless to humans and pets and hunt small insects.



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