

In Ohio's Backyard: Spiders

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Spiders are a fascinating group of organisms familiar to everyone, both young and old. There are 3700 species of spiders known in North America north of Mexico, and about 600 of those species can be found in Ohio. Representatives of 38 families of spiders occur within Ohio, occupying all terrestrial (land) Ohio habitats. Spiders are very important in controlling the populations of other invertebrates, and serve as a food source for many vertebrates (e.g. birds, and small mammals). This book provides answers to many of the questions you might have about spiders, and will answer many others you never thought to ask.

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Published in *Spiders in Ohio*. The state of Ohio has a large number of spiders belonging to prominent families out of which the brown recluse and widow are considered dangerous or deadly. Common spiders: Marbled Orb-weaver (*Araneus marmoreus*), Yellow Garden (*Argiope aurantia*), Triangulate Cobweb (*Steatoda triangulosa*), Six-spotted Fishing (*Dolomedes triton*). Largest spiders: Dark Fishing (*Dolomedes tenebrosus*), Six-spotted Fishing (*Dolomedes triton*), Tiger Wolf (*Tigrosa aspersa*). Spiders in Ohio Identification Chart. Highly Venomous Spiders. Sicariidae. Brown Recluse (*Loxosceles reclusa*). In *Ohio's Backyard* book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. Covers major families and genera of spiders in the region, their anatom...

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