

SPIDERS: ALIEN CREATURES



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The aim of this display exhibit is to impart information about the lives, activities and diversity of spiders. I think negative attitudes, especially fear, toward an organism, stems from the lack of knowledge of the organism. The exhibit presents general information about anatomy compared to the a more familiar group, insects; continuing with life cycle, mating and reproduction of spiders, and the importance of silk, a variety of prey capture techniques, with and without the use of silk. Some of the spiders included are relatively well known, but many lesser known spiders are presented.

Unfortunately, spiders have not received the same philatelic treatment that other animal groups have. 'Non-philatelic' material, by necessity, is used to fill in when needed.