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European garden spider

Araneus diadematus

The European garden spider, also known as the cross orb-weaver, is a widespread orb-weaving arachnid native to Europe and parts of North America. It is easily recognized by the distinctive white cross...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Araneidae

Habitat: Gardens, woodlands, hedgerows, and meadows

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 0.5-2 grams

Scientific name: *Araneus diadematus*

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance, the bite of a European garden spider is generally no more harmful to humans than a bee sting.
- European garden spiders rebuild their webs daily, often consuming the old web to recycle proteins. The characteristic cross on their abdomen is made ...

What I learned
