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Animal Fact Sheet

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European garden spider

Araneus diadematus

Araneus diadematus is the orb-weaver with a cross of white spots on its abdomen, and it rebuilds its web with a frequency that would bankrupt most animals. The capture spiral is a costly protein, and…

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.
- Two garden spiders, Arabella and Anita, were flown on Skylab in 1973 to see whether webs could be spun in weightlessness. After some initial confusio…

What I learned

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