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Animal Fact Sheet

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Funnel-Web Spider

Atrax robustus

Australia's funnel-webs, and above all the Sydney funnel-web, are among the very few spiders with venom that can reliably kill an adult human, and the reason is a biochemical accident. The key toxin,…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Atracidae
Habitat: Moist forest floors, under logs, leaf litter, or in sheltered burrows
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-20 years
Weight: 1-3 grams
Scientific name: Atrax robustus

Did you know?

- Unlike most spiders, the male Funnel-Web Spider becomes more dangerous than the female due to the specific toxins present in his venom.
- A funnel-web that has fallen into a swimming pool can survive underwater for many hours by holding a bubble of air trapped in the hairs around its ab…

What I learned

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