

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Redback Spider

*Latrodectus hasselti*

The Redback Spider is a venomous arachnid native to Australia, easily recognized by the distinctive red stripe on the female's rounded black abdomen. Females are notably larger than males and are res...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Theridiidae

**Habitat:** Urban areas, forests, deserts, woodlands, and grasslands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-3 years (females), 6-7 months (males)

**Weight:** 0.1-0.3 grams

**Scientific name:** *Latrodectus hasselti*

### Did you know?

- Female Redback Spiders sometimes practice sexual cannibalism, often consuming the male during or after mating.
- Redback Spiders exhibit extreme sexual dimorphism, with females far larger than males. Their webs are typically messy and feature a funnel-like retre...

### What I learned

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