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Animal Fact Sheet

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Redback Spider

Latrodectus hasselti

Latrodectus hasselti is Australia's black widow, and its males do something almost unique: during mating, the male somersaults his abdomen directly onto the female's fangs, presenting himself to be e…

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.
- The redback's web is not a neat orb but a messy tangle with sticky gumfoot lines running down to the ground, which snag walking insects and haul them…

What I learned

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