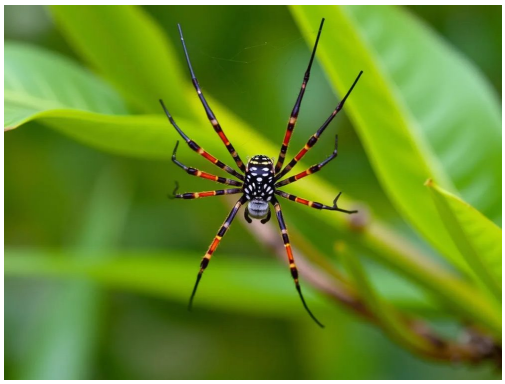
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Spiny Orb-Weaver

Gasteracantha cancriformis

The Spiny Orb-Weaver is a small, brightly colored spider known for its distinctively spiny, crab-like body. Its hard, flattened abdomen is often adorned with six prominent spines and features strikin…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Araneidae
Habitat: Forests, gardens, shrublands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 0.2-0.4 grams
Scientific name: Gasteracantha cancriformis

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating looks, Spiny Orb-Weavers are completely harmless to humans and rarely bite.
- Spiny Orb-Weavers are sometimes called 'crab spiders' due to their sideways movement and spiny, crab-like appearance. Females are much larger and mor…

What I learned

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