

Spider Identification Chart



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DANGER LEVEL HIGH

Sydney Funnel Web

- Found in forests and urban areas in NSW
- 3.5 to 5 cm in size, shiny, and blue-black to black in colour
- Venom is highly toxic and attacks the nervous system



Other Funnel Webs

- Common throughout southern QLD and northern NSW
- 1 to 5 cm in size, shiny head, and can range in colour from blue-black to brown
- Venom is highly toxic and fast acting



Redback Spider

- Found in urban areas across Australia
- Female Redbacks are black in colour with a red stripe on the top of their abdomen
- Venom is neurotoxic



DANGER LEVEL MEDIUM

Trapdoor Spider

- Common in gardens across eastern and southern Australia
- 3 to 5 cm in length, dark earthy colour, live in burrows
- Venom generally only causes pain and swelling



Australian Tarantula

- Habitat ranges from rainforests to deserts
- Large, hairy body with a silvery sheen
- Bite can be painful, but venom has low toxicity



White Tail Spider

- Common in clothing, bedding, and towels
- Dark-reddish body, white spot at tip of abdomen
- Bite can cause localised pain, swelling, and discolouration



DANGER LEVEL LOW

Huntsman Spider

- Known to weasel into homes and cars when humid
- Flat, dark coloured body and hairy legs that bend forward
- Bite generally only causes localised pain and swelling



Common Garden Orb Weaver Spider

- Common throughout eastern and southern Australia
- 15 to 30 mm long, stout, reddish-brown or grey in colour
- Bite generally only causes localised pain and swelling



Daddy Long Legs Spider

- Like to build their homes in dark, damp areas e.g., attics
- 8 mm long, cream to pale brown, extremely long legs
- Bite generally only causes short lived burning sensation

