

GARDEN SPIDER

The Latin name for the Garden spider is *Araneus diadematus*.

Spider is a common name for a species of arthropod animal having eight walking legs, head appendages bearing fangs and poison glands, and specialised reproductive organs on the second appendages of the male.

They commonly make extensive use of silk that they spin. Like other arachnid species, spiders are terrestrial, although a few have adapted to freshwater life by trapping air bubbles underwater and carrying the bubbles with them.

The Garden spider is one of the largest and most distinctive of spiders. It has a body length of over 1cm, with the female being slightly larger. They have a large round body, which is marked with a white-dotted cross.

The numerous large, near-circular, orb webs hang from vegetation and sheds.