



Black Wido

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You are opening your garage and getting your bike when you see a cool spider web. You go over to it and you see a black spider with a red mark on it. It may be a black widow. Black widows have shiny black bodies. Females have red markings on their body. Females are also 1.5 inches long. Female black widows are poisonous. Males have bright markings such as yellow, white, and orange. Black widows like warm places for. Black widows like dark places for spinning their web such as garages and basements. They stay near their web most of the time. They range everywhere but Antarctica. Black widows eat insects in their web. They use sharp fangs or use venom to kill their prey. One of the most dangerous black widows is the southern black widow, which ranges in southern U.S.A. Female black widows lay eggs. Then they wrap it in a cocoon. Soon, it hatches. They live about 1 and a half years. Baby spiders are called spiderlings. The red mark on their bodies warns predators not to eat it. Next time you go to a zoo, check out the black widow section.



This is a picture of a male black widow.

Glossary

Web- spiders home, catch bugs with it.

Cocoon- protective case made of silk.

Poisonous- an animal that kills prey



This is what it looks like when you get bitten.



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