

## Wolf Spider

**Size:** Females 1/2" to 1-1/2" long.  
Males 1/4" to 3/4" long.



**Description:**

- Colour usually dark brown with paler yellow to dark brown stripes.
- Very large spider with long-spiny legs and claws.
- Very hairy.
- Move extremely fast.

**Biology and Habits:** Wolf Spiders mainly hunt their prey at night and only build burrows and or web retreats for shelter and protection of young. Preferring under stones, timber, firewood, low ground level decks etc.

They may accidentally pursue prey inside structures, but prefer to be outside.

Adult females lay their 1<sup>st</sup> egg sac in May/June. These young emerge in July and overwinter to become adults in the following year.

Females normally live just over two seasons and overwinter to lay their second egg sac in May/June. Males mate with females in fall and die before winter. Egg sac contains approx. 130 eggs.

**Control:** Chemical Control for these spiders isn't warranted. Exclusion, removal of outdoor harborages and physical removal of spiders from property is best. If you experience an interior incident with a wolf spider and can't physically catch and release, the use of large Rodent Glue bonds along walls and travel ways where you have observed the spider(s), work well.