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Spooky Spiders

Wolf **spiders** have hairy bodies.

They look spooky, but they are not dangerous to people.

A wolf spider's bite cannot kill a person.

Insects, however, need to watch out.

Wolf spiders are very good at catching and killing them!

Wolf spiders hunt alone. They may have gotten their name because people once thought they hunted in groups, like wolves.

Many Kinds, Many Places

There are more than 2,000 kinds of wolf spiders.

These little creatures live in almost every part of the world.

They are found in both hot and cold places.

They make their homes in forests and deserts, and on beaches and mountains.

Wolf spiders are also found in people's homes and yards.

Some wolf spiders are as small as .2 inches (.5 cm) long. Others can be as big as 2 inches (5 cm).

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Wolf spiders don't spin webs to catch their food. What do they do instead? They hunt insects by using their sharp eyesight—they have eight eyes—and incredible speed. Look inside to discover more fascinating facts about this spooky-looking creature.

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