

BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER INFO SHEET

FAST FACTS

- There are over 35,000 species of spiders.
- Spiders live all over the world and can be found all around the United States.

General Information

Brown recluse spiders get their name because of their tendency to hide in corners. They are identified by the dark brown violin shaped markings on their back. Native to Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi, they are **nocturnal** pests.

Size	5/8"	Common Name	Brown Recluse
Shape	Round	Kingdom	Animalia
Color	Light to dark brown, with a dark brown violin shaped marking on back	Phylum	Arthropoda
Legs	8	Class	Arachnida
Wings	No	Order	Araneae
Antenna	No	Family	Sicariidae
		Genus Species	Loxosceles reclusa

Diet

Brown Recluse spiders eat other bugs like cockroaches and crickets.

Habitat

Brown Recluse spiders live in cellars and in piles of wood or trash.

Impact

The brown recluse spider only bites to protect itself. Its bite is painful and can produce an open, ulcerating sore. The center of their bite becomes a blister surrounded by an angry-looking red ring, which is then surrounded by a white ring. A red, itchy rash usually appears in the first 24-48 hours of being bitten. Other symptoms include fever, chills, nausea, vomiting and muscle aches.

Preventing Brown Recluse spider bites

- * Don't leave clothing on the floor.
- * Store clothes and shoes inside plastic containers and shake them out before wearing them.

To learn more about this and other spiders, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/spiders.html>