

Spiders

Golden Orb Web Spider

Nephila

found in the mangroves

- are diurnal (day feeding), building their web during the day
- males are much smaller than the large female
- builds a large, strong web. In the Pacific Islands it is used to make fishing nets
- female wraps up tangled insects in silk, feeds on it then retires. Male then moves in and feeds.
- Female will eat male if given the chance
- Female spins the web
- The web also provides a home for Dew Drop Spiders which the Orb Spider will chase away if they get in their way especially while feeding
- Young are carried on the breeze after hatching. Upon landing they make their own tiny web

