

# Spiders

## Leaf Curling Spider

*Phonognatha graeffei*  
found in the mangroves

- Uses a leaf at the centre of its web to disguise its shelter
- The leaf is dragged up on a silk line from the ground
- The spider hides in the leaf during the day then rebuilds its web at night
- Eggs are laid in the folded leaf and hung some distance from the main web
- Food is mainly insects
- Grows to about the size of a 50 cent piece
- Brown body and a long sac-like abdomen
- Can bite causing mild local pain

