

# Spiders

## Six Spine Spider

*Gasteracantha minax*

found in the mangroves

- female is yellow/orange and black
- male is black and nocturnal
- size of a 20c piece
- six strong spikes protrude off its body
- spins a finely threaded orb web each night between low bushes (wheel pattern)
- removes web at daytime so that birds can't spot them and eat them (their bright colours make them an easy target)
- they eat their own web
- also called Jewelled Spiders
- bite can cause mild local pain

