

# Cellar Spider



## **Appearance:**

Up to 3/4-inch in body length, with an extremely thin shape. Pale yellowish, light brown or grey. Their extremely long legs make these spiders appear much larger and give them their nickname of “daddy long legs”.

## **Habitat:**

Cellar spiders prefer dark, damp areas such as crawl spaces, basements and shed, although they may be found around doorways, in warehouses and sometimes in garages of homes. They hang upside down in their webs. When disturbed, they shake their web violently. They are not dangerous and are actually quite helpful in that they have been known to capture and eat other spiders, including black widows and brown recluses.

## **Diet:**

Like all spiders, cellar spiders are predators that will kill and eat almost any insect.

## **Solutions:**

**What you can do:** The likelihood of introducing spiders within structures and encountering them in and around buildings can be reduced by: (1) eliminating tall and dense vegetation close to the foundation which serve as harborage for spiders and their prey (e.g., vines, groundcover, juniper, uncut grass and weeds), (2) excluding gaps under doors (by replacing or adding door sweeps), lower courses of siding, around utility penetrations and weep holes in brick veneer, (3) capturing wandering spiders on ground level, in basements and in attached garages by placing sticky traps indoors along walls behind furniture, washer, dryer, sump pump, water heater, furnace, commode, and storage (out of reach of children and pets), and (4) removal using a shop vacuum cleaner or household vacuum fitted with a hose attachment; this is useful for removing spider webs as well.

**Professional Solution:** A Quik-Kill service technician will apply an exterior barrier treatment around the foundation perimeter, beneath lower siding, under eaves and porticos, along exterior molding/trim, thresholds, patio, deck and chimney attachments, as well as inside and around sheds and other outbuildings. A regular pest management service program may be required in cases where large populations of spiders are present and where landscaping conditions and locality are conducive to their propagation. Indoors, basement sillplates and perimeters, as well as the corners and edges of spider-infested rooms, can be treated.



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