

What Actually Bugs Us?

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I am glad for the topic favorite insects. Seems to me their contribution to the planet we share far out does ours. According to a university extension service in Washington, spiders, not really insects, but arthropods. Spider silk cannot be dissolved in water, is the strongest natural fibre known and was used to help clean and protect skin cuts.

These 8 legged critters serve by munching down on many insects that annoy us. They hide in cracks and crannies out of our view and protect us from multitudes pests like: house flyies, locusts which destroy crops, and mosquitoes which carry diseases, silverfish, clothes moths, rootweevils and blowflies. They eat bees, wasps, ants, crickets, grasshoppers, beetles, and even other spiders. For you allergy sufferers, baby spiders also feed on nectar and pollen caught in the webs. They don't want to eat us. They move quickly, not to get us but to get away from us. We are thousands of times bigger and much more murderous. Many spiders mouths are too small to bite human skin. When they bite us it is to defend from invading hands and feet or pinching clothing. Eating other smaller insects offers far more efficiency. Little bodies in webby pantries provide plenty of later meals Without them we might be overrun with bad bugs. Without sticky webs traps we would be breathing more little bugs.

Two Colorado spiders can hurt us, Black Widows and Brown Recluses. Encountering spiders could happen when spiders ride a bundle of fire wood inside, or when we clean the garage, or do really deep spring cleaning., Wearing shoes, socks and gloves will protect us if we disturb spiders. Spraying your fire would put pesticide on your hands when you carry it in and breathing burning pesticides can't be recommended.

Chemical bug weapon corporations make a lot of money on the hysteria they promote. Scary numbers of irrational spider phobes who fill shopping bags and their home with spider killer. They say "I hate them spiders, I ain't gonna have even one spider or any bugs in my house. No way"!

I want to ask what will protect their lungs in the museum of toxic chemicals they call a bug-less home.

Meanwhile my faithful favorite, the ever so graceful Daddy Long Legs keeps working. The arthropod, just hides and eats bugs. Bigger spiders eat smaller spiders. So a big creepy Wolfe could eat a Black Widow and a Daddy Long Legs could eat a Brown Recluse. I hope a Daddy Long Legs ate the Brown Recluse that bit my foot when I took my boot off in a newly remodeled house. In truth we need spiders. If a spider in your tub or sink freaks you out, and you call me. I'll gently escort all 8 legs outside and offer the drop of water it may have been seeking. I wish I could help all spiders keep protecting us from what actually bugs us.