

# Black Widow Spider

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Young Black Widow Spider



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They are the most venomous spiders in all of North America with a bite that is 15 times more potent than a rattlesnake!



They are commonly identified by a red hourglass symbol on their abdomen but not all widows have this symbol!



Black widow webs, by weight, are stronger than steel!



A black widow's egg case can contain 300-900 eggs that take three months to mature!