



Private Life of Spiders

By Paul Hillyard,

Princeton University Press March 2008, 2008. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. With more than 100 different families and 40,000 individual species, spiders are among the most successful creatures on Earth. Highly adaptable, they live almost everywhere, from equatorial rainforest to Arctic tundra. And they come in a huge range of shapes and sizes, from the tiny 'Patu digua,' measuring less than half a millimeter, to the immense bird-eating tarantula, which can reach a span of eleven inches. In 'The Private Life of Spiders,' spider expert Paul Hillyard takes the reader on a fascinating and richly illustrated tour of the lives of some of the world's most remarkable spiders. 'The Private Life of Spiders' reveals the intriguing behaviors of these complex creatures, from their extraordinary web-spinning skills and hunting strategies to their courtship displays and devoted care for their young. The book also describes other surprising skills of some spiders, such as the ability to cross vast stretches of open water. Written in an engaging style, 'The Private Life of Spiders' also looks at why people are scared of spiders, explains why such fear is generally misplaced, and shows why more needs to be done to protect endangered spiders. Features spiders from a...



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Remember our story earlier this week about a literal rain of spiders in a Brazilian town? Oh, sorry you were just getting over the nightmares? Well, we're not gonna let you off that easy: we've got a follow-up! It seems the whole spider invasion thing is happening a little more often than you might imagine: according to an item from National Geographic, a similar incident happened last year in the Australian town of Wagga Wagga (stop giggling dammit, it's a real place and people live there), when millions of ground-dwelling spiders took to higher ground after an intense flood.

Review Paul Hillyard's *Private Life of Spiders* is enjoyable to read, very informative, and beautifully illustrated. The photographs are truly stunning and make a wonderful complement to the text's excellent information on spider life and biology for the general reader. This book will be a terrific addition to any naturalist's or spider lover's library. (Paula E. Cushing, president of the American Arachnological Society). [view at amazon.com](#) • login or register to post comments. Contributed by Jeffrey A. Heupel, WHN. on 11 January, 2009 - 7:05am.

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