

Bold Jumper

Typical Location When Observed: Indoors, crawling on walls; outdoors on plants.

Importance/Damage: Common, but harmless spiders that occur outdoors and sometimes enter buildings in late summer and fall. Their bright patterning and active habits attract attention.

Distinguishing Features: The bold jumper is a spider of moderate size (6-12 mm) and somewhat fuzzy. General coloration of the bold jumper is often is black or gray but there may be areas of yellow, white, brown, blue or green and there is a light spot on the back of the abdomen. Metallic blue green coloration is also present on the chelicerae that support the jaws. There are 8 eyes with the front pair being very large and directed forward.



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The bold jumper is an active hunter that can make short jumps.

Look-Alikes: The bold jumper is one of over 45 species of jumping spiders that occur in Colorado. Some other species that attract attention are marked with red or orange. All jumping spiders are active hunters with large eyes.

Resources: Jumping spiders are included in Extension Fact Sheet 5.512, *Spiders in the Home*.

Scientific Name: *Phidippus audax*

Class: Arachnida

Order: Aranae (Spiders)

Family: Salticidae (Jumping Spiders)



Face of the bold jumper

Actual Length

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