

Funnel Weaver Spiders

Typical Location When Observed: Outdoors in dense vegetation within a non-sticky web comprised of a densely spun silk platform and a hidden “retreat” where the spider normally rests. Indoors they are usually seen trapped in sinks and bathtubs.

Importance/Damage: Common, but harmless spiders that frequently enter buildings, particularly in late summer and fall. Funnel weaver spiders are often mistaken for recluse spiders and wolf spiders.

Distinguishing Features: Funnel weaver spiders are generally brownish or grayish spiders with a body typically ranging from 9-15 mm when full grown. They have four pairs of eyes which are roughly the same size. The legs and body are hairy and legs usually have some dark banding.

Look-Alikes: They are often mistaken for wolf spiders (Lycosidae family) but the size and pattern of eyes can most easily distinguish them. Like wolf spiders, the funnel weaver spiders are very fast runners.



Male, *Agelenopsis* sp.



Female, *Tegenaria* sp.

Because of their brown coloration and patterning on the back they are also mistaken frequently for recluse spiders. The characters distinguishing these different spiders are discussed in Extension Fact Sheet 5.607, *Brown Recluse Spiders in Colorado: Appearance and Spiders of Similar Appearance*.

Resources: These spiders are discussed in Extension Fact Sheet 5.512, *Spiders in the Home*.

Scientific Name: *Agelenopsis* spp., *Hololena* spp., *Tegenaria* spp.

Class: Arachnida

Order: Araneae (Spiders)

Family: Agelenidae (Funnel weaver spiders)

Body Length

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