

# A Bug's Life

## Harvestmen

Order: Opiliones - 45 families in North America

### Fun facts

- Also called daddy long-legs spiders
- Not a spider, but a spider-like arachnid (produces no silk or venom)
- Common in outdoor landscapes, garages, basements and crawlspaces
- When attacked can deliberately detach leg, but it will not grow back
- Secrete milky offensive fluid
- Crawls slowly on vegetation

### Identification

Eyes (2): Unlike spiders that have 6 or 8 eyes, harvestmen only have 2 on either side of a raised bump

Harvestmen: Small 1/4" long globular body, 8 long and thin legs that suspend them above the ground, various colors and patterns

### Management

- Natural enemy of many small insects and spiders, dead and alive
- Does not bite
- Not harmful or aggressive

