

A Bug's Life

Jumping spiders

Family: Salticidae - 315 species in US and Canada

Fun facts

- Charismatic spider
- Move in a jerky fashion, orating in various directions
- Can jump up to 40x their body length
- Active hunters during the day
- Do not build webs to catch prey
- Found in all outdoor environments, on trees, in vegetation, on buildings
- Can be brilliant bright colors

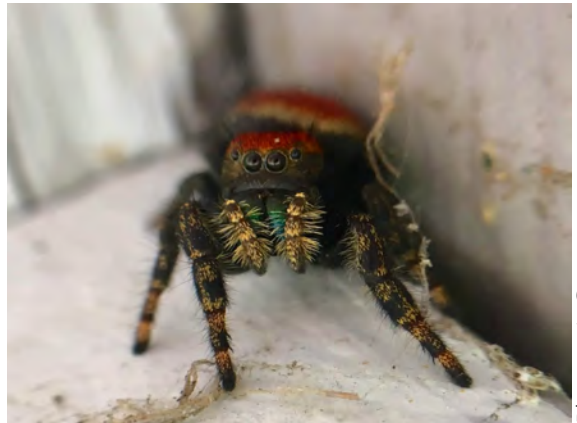
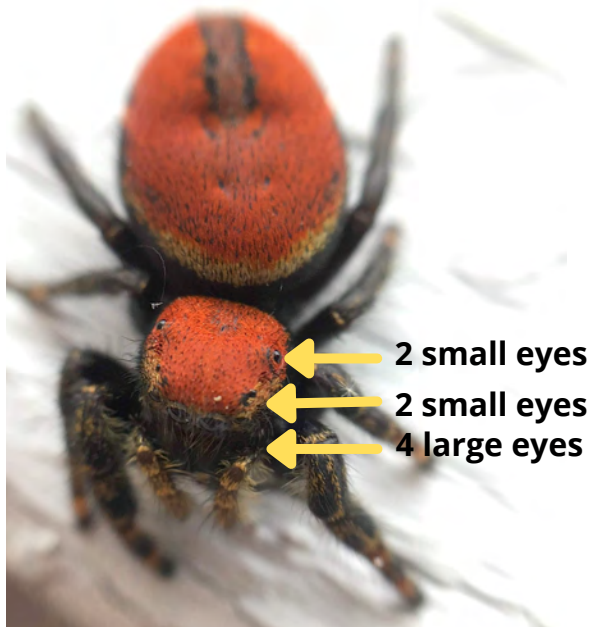
Identification

Eye arrangement (8): 4 large eyes in front row, 2 eyes in middle row (far apart), 2 small eyes in last row

Spider: Small to medium body length (1/10" to 3/5" long), stocky body, fuzzy, tapered abdomen, various colors and markings on abdomen, some have metallic green jaws

Management

- Occasionally get inside under exterior doors or small gaps around structure
- Natural enemy of many garden pests
- Not harmful or aggressive to humans



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