A Bug's Life

Orb weavers

These spiders spin flat, two-dimensional, wheel-shaped webs to catch prey.

Sticky silk allows flying insects to get caught in the web.

Arabesque orbweaver
*Neoscona arabesca*

Labrinth orbweaver
*Metepeira labyrinthea*

Marbled orbweaver
*Araneus marmoreus*

Spotted orbweaver
*Neoscona crucifera*

Black and yellow garden spider
*Argiope aurantia*

Banded garden spider
*Argiope trifasciata*

Long-jawed orbweaver
*Tetragnatha spp.*

Spined micrathena
*Micrathena gracilis*

Arrowhead orbweaver
*Verrucosa arenata*

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