


A Bug's Life Woodlouse hunter

Family: Dysderidae; Species: *Dysdera crocata*

Fun facts

- Feed on pillbugs and sowbugs, often referred to as 'roly-polies'
- Ground dwelling hunter
- Found in moist landscapes where prey hides under rocks, logs, mulch
- Reclusive and will cover cephalothorax with legs to hide

Identification

Eye arrangement (6): 2 eyes in front row spaced apart under 4 eyes close together in a row 

Spider: Small to medium (3/10" to 3/5" long), large jaws, visible long fangs, reddish-brown cephalothorax, oblong creamy-gray abdomen, orange legs

Management

- Get inside through gaps under doors
- Reduce moisture to minimize prey items and favorable conditions
- Not harmful or aggressive to humans, but may bite if pressed up against body
- Use glue boards to trap wanderers
- Frighten people due to size of jaws



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