Spiders Investigated in Room 12

A selection of ‘Spider Facts’ that you might not have known.

Ask most people their opinion of spiders, and they’ll tell you that the arachnids are super creepy. And that might be kinda true, but the fact of the matter is, we need them as much as we need bees: Spiders are the dominant non-vertebrate predators in most ecosystems, and without them, insect numbers would skyrocket.

There are approximately 38,000 known species of spiders. Scientists believe there are probably as many more to be discovered.

Spiders are found on every continent except Antarctica. An estimated 1 million spiders live in one acre of land. The number might be closer to 3 million in the tropics.
Some species of Orb-web spiders will weave fancy looking webs.

Most tarantula species pose no threat to humans.

Spider blood is light blue in colour.