

## ARE SPIDERS INTELLIGENT? STUDIES **SAY YES!**

of the eight eyed, eight legged intruder in your house? Spiders, specifically jumping spiders have been noted to have a greater intelligence than what is usually though of for their species. They have the ability to think, and plan their actions based on what they observe. They also have a working memory which is a feature that is normally witnessed in larger animals. witnessed in larger animals.

the size of a poppy seed as "intelligent" but jumping spiders posess a more complex jumping spiders were given a lab test that thinking ability than we thought they had. involved finding their way to a delicious Consider letting them outside so they food source or a pile of leaves. The spiders can use their intelligence to hunt pesky were set atop a tower surrounded by moats mosquitos and other pests. where they could see two boxes, one with

food, the other with the leaves. Once the Have you ever considered the intelligence spiders climbed down the tower the boxes

expected the outcome they got, suggesting they had planned for a different outcome. It is hard to imagine anything with a brain This at the very least leads to the idea that



## OTHER WAYS **SPIDERS ARE SMART**

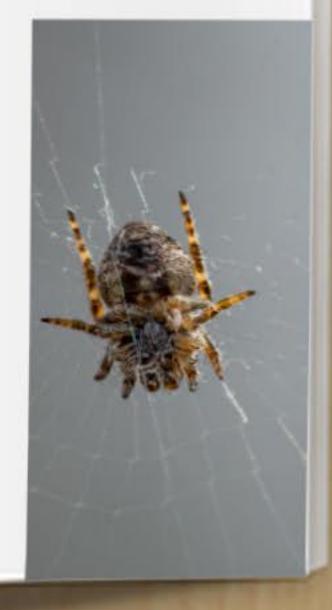
OTHER STUDIES HAVE ALSO SHOWN SUPRISING RESULTS REGARDING SPIDER INTELLIGENCE.

Jumping spiders have a few other tricks up their sleeves. A couple of other studies have also discovered that not only can spiders differntiate between biological and non biological movement, but they can even see the moon!

The ability to distingusih between living and non living movement is quite common in vertebraes so it is astonishing to discover a non-vertebrae capable of doing so. It

boggles the mind and makes it hard not to imagine what else these complex creatures are capable of.

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