

# Common House Spider

**Class:** Arachnida

**Order:** Araneae

**Family:** Theridiidae

**Common Names:** American House Spider, Cobweb Spider, Comb-footed Spider, House Spider

**Size:**

Body length (excluding legs) of adult female ranges from 5-9 mm; adult males range from 4-5 mm.

**Color and Description:**

Female color varies from yellowish brown to golden or silvery, with numerous darker markings, usually including a bell-shaped line across the middle of the abdomen. The carapace is yellowish brown. Males vary in color, but are usually darker shades of red, orange, or brown; and though the abdomen is much smaller than that of the female, it still has some of the same markings. Carapace of male is also darker than that of the female. The abdomen of female is spherical, much larger than the cephalothorax.

**Habitat:**

Found mostly in close proximity to buildings and other human structures. Usually more common outdoors, but are found inside garages and sheds, as well. Also can be found in tree holes, rock piles/walls, woodpiles, and other sheltered situations. Mature individuals may be found at nearly any time of year. Egg sacs may be more common in summer and fall.



Male Common American House Spider

