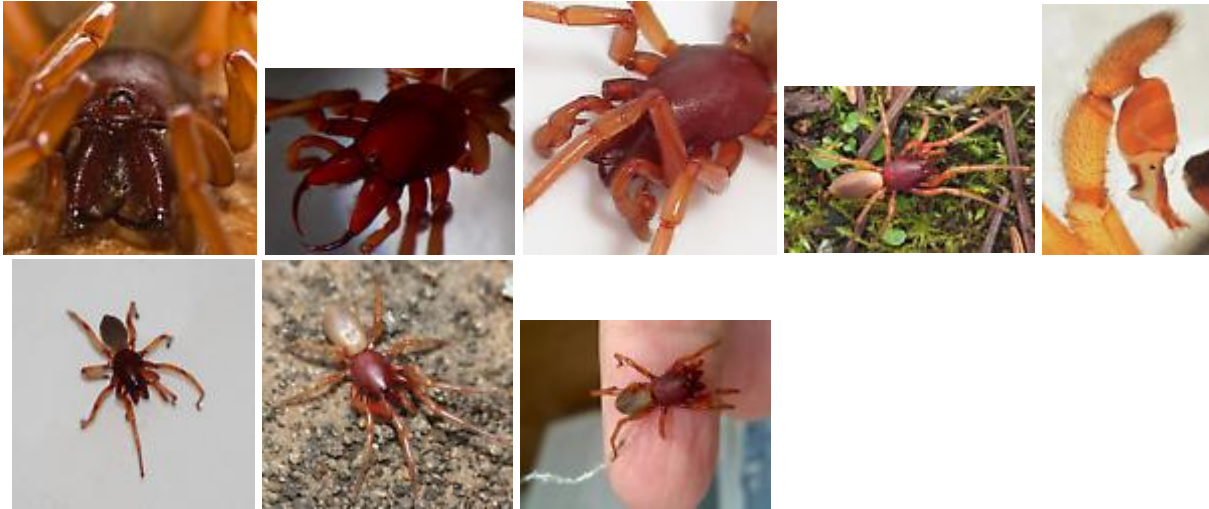


Species *Dysdera crocata* - Woodlouse Hunter

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Classification

Kingdom Animalia (Animals)
Phylum Arthropoda (Arthropods)
Subphylum Chelicerata (Chelicerates)
Class Arachnida (Arachnids)
Order Araneae (Spiders)
Infraorder Araneomorphae (True Spiders)
No Taxon (Synspermiata)
Family Dysderidae
Genus *Dysdera*
Species *crocata* (Woodlouse Hunter)

Other Common Names

Sow Bug Hunter, Pill Bug Hunter, Stiletto spider

Synonyms and other taxonomic changes

See the [World Spider Catalog](#).

Explanation of Names

The genus name originates from the 2nd century B.C. poet Nicander.

Greek adjective: 'hard to fight against'. Cameron(2005)([1](#))

Numbers

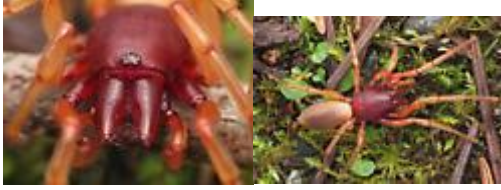
The only member of the family in NA.

Identification

Females



Males



Fighting pair



Eye Arrangement



Range

Introduced to North America and widely distributed in the Nearctic. [\(1\)](#). Originally from the Mediterranean area.

Food

Primary prey is isopods; hence the large chelicerae and fangs.



Life Cycle

This species is reported to take up to a year and half to mature, and live an additional two to three years in captivity. [\(1\)](#)

Remarks

A six-eyed spider.

Regarding the bite of this spider:

"Bites by the woodlouse spider, *Dysdera crocata*, are virtually innocuous. The main symptom is minor pain, typically lasting less than 1 hr, probably due mostly to the mechanical puncture of the skin."

- Vetter, R. & Isbister, G. 2006. *Verified bites by the woodlouse spider, Dysdera crocata*. *Toxicon* 47 (2006) 826-829.

See Also

Similar coloring to [genus Trachelas](#)

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