Orb Weaver Spider
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FAMILY: Araneidae
ORDER: Arachnida

IDENTIFICATION CLUES

- 1/4 inch (male); 3/8 - 3/4 inch (female)
- brown or orangish often with distinct and colorful patterns
- two body parts, abdomen (rounded) and head with 8 eyes
- 8 segmented legs
- webs are like a wagon wheel with spokes and concentric circles

Where to Look:
Orb Weavers are widespread and found just about anywhere including gardens, woods, fields and buildings.

Who Eats It?
The primary enemy of orb weaver spiders are birds and parasitic wasps.

What It Eats.
Orb Weavers eat live insects and other spiders which they catch in their sticky web.

Did You Know
Orb Weavers eat their web every night and build a new one. The old web provides the spider with protein.

Role in the Ecosystem
The primary role of orb weaver spiders is population control.