



BUTTERFLY PAVILION

Cat Face Spider (*Araneus gemmoides*)



Countries: United States and Canada

Habitat: Found in gardens and low bush cover

Diet: Captures prey using a sticky web a few feet above the ground.

Predators: Black and yellow mud dauber.

Behavior: Emerges at night to hunt from their web.

Lifespan: One year

Growth and Development: Females spin only one egg sac with hundreds of eggs in late autumn and will die within days of laying the egg sac.

Endangered Status: Not Listed

Fun Fact: Their name comes from a combination of the projections, dimples, and markings on the abdomen. As their web is damaged, it may be torn down, consumed, and reconstructed regularly.