



## BUTTERFLY PAVILION

### Prairie Ornamental Jumping Spider (*Habronattus cuspidatus*)



Countries: United States and Canada

Habitat: Found throughout Central and North America, including Colorado, these spiders can be found in a variety of habitats including mountain tops, deserts, and riparian areas. They are common and abundant in backyards, gardens, and agricultural areas.

Diet: Opportunistic and voracious generalist predators that eat mostly small insects, other arthropods, and many pest species.

Predators: Records have shown that individuals have been eaten by larger conspecifics, as well as larger species of spiders, and sometimes black and yellow mud dauber wasps.

Behavior: Jumping spiders are active during the day, and can often be seen jumping along the ground, across leaf litter, or through vegetation. They get their name because of the way they hunt- by stalking and jumping onto their prey.

Lifespan: Between six months and two years

Growth and Development: They only molt a couple of times in their short life.



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Endangered Status: Not Listed

Fun Fact: Because they are so efficient at their style of hunting, they are often compared to cats and have even been giving the nickname “flying tigers.”