



BUTTERFLY PAVILION

Red-back Jumping Spider (*Phidippus johnsoni*)



Countries: Mexico, United States, and Canada

Habitat: Western North America, including Colorado.

Diet: Feeds on a wide variety of insects- flies, caterpillars, and other spiders. Females occasionally eat males. Predators: Birds, reptiles, mammals, and wasps

Behavior: These spiders are diurnal, and their prey is hunted down and taken using excellent eyesight.

Lifespan: Up to three years in captivity

Growth and Development: A female can have between 26-67 eggs per egg sac and have approximately three egg sacs in her life. Eggs are likely to be laid in April and May.

Endangered Status: Not Listed

Fun Fact: In 2012, NASA sent an individual of this species into space.