



## BUTTERFLY PAVILION

### Tan Jumping Spider (*Platycryptus undatus*)



Country: United States

**Habitat:** Tan jumping spiders are found in the eastern United States, as well Colorado. They are commonly found on vertical surfaces like tree trunks, fence posts, and the peeling bark of shagbark hickories.

**Diet:** Tan jumping spiders use their keen vision to spot insects and spiders to eat. Foods include flies, aphids, moths, and other spiders. Once they've locked onto a target, they pounce on it, and start consuming their meal.

**Predators:** These spiders and their eggs are eaten by a variety of predators, including birds, reptiles, mammals, and wasps.

**Behavior:** Because jumping spiders have excellent vision, they are able to communicate with each other through movement. Male jumping spiders court females by waving their limbs and tapping on the ground. Females lay their eggs in silk cocoons under tree bark to protect them from predators and the elements. They don't have many defense mechanisms, but these capable jumpers may try leaping for a speedy getaway.

**Lifespan:** About one year.

**Growth and Development:** Young spiders hatch in the same summer, especially after three-four weeks of birth.

**Endangered Status:** Not Listed

**Fun Fact:** They have front facing eyes with the rest of their eyes wrapping around their head, giving them almost 360-degree vision.



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