



## BUTTERFLY PAVILION

### Fishing Spider (*Dolomedes tenebrosus*)



**Country:** United States of America

**Habitat:** These spiders are typically found near freshwater habitats such as ponds, streams, swamps, and marshes. They are commonly seen resting on vegetation near the water's edge or on the surface of the water itself.

**Diet:** Fishing Spiders primarily feed on various aquatic insects, small fish, tadpoles, and even small amphibians. They are opportunistic hunters and use their speed and agility to capture prey.

**Predators:** Birds, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles and Predatory Insects.

**Behavior:** They are well adapted to a semi-aquatic lifestyle. They are excellent swimmers and can move across the water's surface, using vibrations to detect the presence of prey items.

**Lifespan:** These spiders typically live for about one year or less.

**Growth and Development:** After successful courtship, the female lays her eggs in a silk sac, which she attaches to vegetation near the water. The female guards the eggs and may carry the egg sac if necessary.

**IUCN Endangered Status:** The status of this species is undocumented.

**Fun Fact:** When disturbed or threatened, they may choose to drop into the water and swim away from danger.



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