

cobweb spider

Phoroncidia americana

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Arachnida
Order: Araneae
Family: Theridiidae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

This tiny species varies from five one-hundredths to seven one-hundredths of an inch in length. The body is compact and hard. The abdomen is brown and lumpy and has dark-colored pits at the base of its hairs. Legs are pale with dark bands.

BEHAVIORS

Adults are active from May through September. The web is made of a single line of sticky silk. The spider hangs from the end of the line.

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; coniferous forests; deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge