

cobweb spider *Phoroncidia Americana*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; coniferous forests; deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge

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