



## Classification Huntsman Spider

**Kingdom:** Animalia  
**Phylum:** Arthropoda  
**Class:** Arachnida  
**Order:** Araneae  
**Family:** Heteropodidae  
**Species:** *Holconia immanis*  
**Common Names:** Sydney Huntsman

## Body

**Body Parts:** 2, cephalothorax & abdomen  
**Legs:** 8 (on cephalothorax), third & fourth pair of legs much shorter than other legs.  
**Eyes:** 8, two rows of four eyes  
**Mouthparts:** Two pairs of mouthparts syphoning the body juices of prey. Spiders can only drink. Therefore they have to make their food liquid before sucking it up. Fangs are used to catch and kill the prey, to inject venom and to pulp the food.

## Life History

**Habitat:** During the day they live under loose bark of trees. At night they hunt insects on and around their home tree.

**Life Cycle:** Huntsman Spiders, like all spiders, lay eggs which they wrap in silk. The mother will guard and protect the egg sac until the young emerge. This may take around three to four weeks. The spiderlings soon leave the nest to fend for themselves and avoid being eaten by their siblings.

**Diet:** Huntsman Spiders are predators and catch insects.

**Social Spider:** Not all Huntsman Spiders are cannibals. The Australian Huntsman Spider *Delena cancerides* lives with siblings and relatives in large families under loose bark. They protect one



another and even share food.