

# ***Nursery Web Spider***

*Pisaurina mira*



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## Taxonomy

Species *Pisaurina mira*- Nursery Web Spider

Phylum Arthropoda

Class Arachnida

Order Araneae

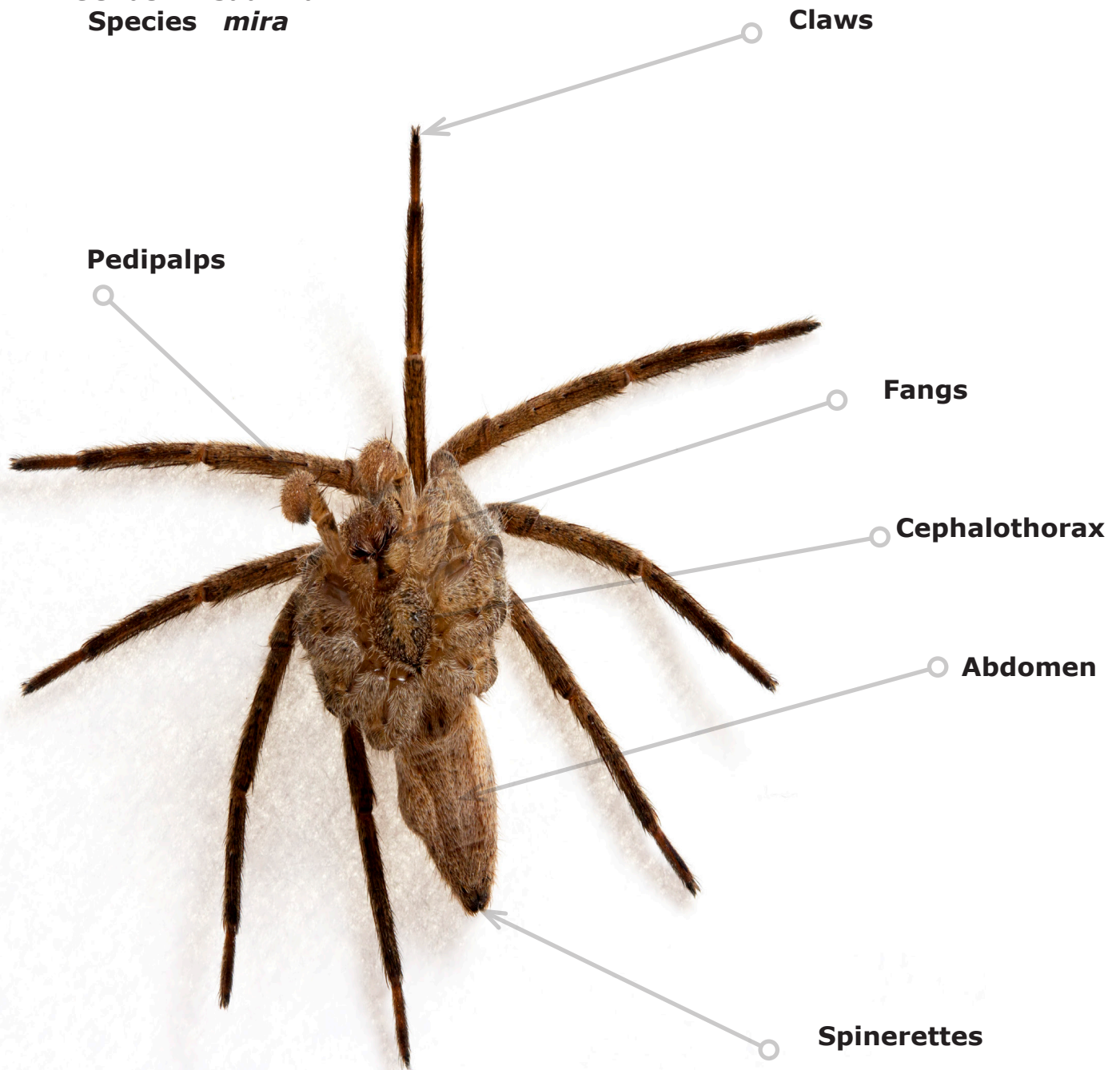
Infraorder Araneomorphae

No Taxon Entelegynes

Family Pisauridae

Genus *Pisaurina*

Species *mira*



Underside of Nursery Web Spider

The Nursery Web Spider is found world-wide. There are many species. The spider in this article was captured on my garage wall. The Nursery Web Spider is often mistaken for the Wolf Spider the main difference is the Nursery Web Spider carries her eggs with her fangs and two front pedipalps. When the eggs are ready to hatch she spins a web to hang the egg sac and form a nursery. The hatchlings look exactly like the adult Nursery Web spiders . They shed their skin once and leave the nest.



**Eyes**



**Fangs**

**Pedipalps**



**Camera used Canon 60D  
Canon 60mm Macro lens  
Leitz Flash  
Light diffuser box**

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