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**South Carolina State Parks**

at 16:24:01 on 8/21/2013 UTC · 🌐

Can you feel it crawling? Check out this large golden silk spider, commonly known as a banana spider that Park Ranger Paul McCormack just ran into!



**Jennifer A Raven** HOLY MOLY!!!!

at 16:27:54 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Brenda Hyatt Bennett** I loathe spiders and snakes!!!

at 16:28:16 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Suzanne Gall Butler** I have a similar looking spider. someone told me its also called a writing spider.

at 16:28:29 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Victoria Bishop** Are they poisonous? We used to have at least two on some of my dads old junk about this time every year when I was little. As big as my hand

at 16:30:34 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Beth Wicker** They are very GOOD spiders to have! Don't kill them!

at 16:31:30 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Denise Floyd Owens** I have been told that also since I was little. writing spiders.

at 16:33:58 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**William Douglas Stephens** We have signature spiders, lots of them. They are creepy. They make a scribbled signature in the center of the web and keep their legs together to form an X. Will take a pic in a sec.

at 16:34:01 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Lorrie Walters** John John Mckee I would have a heart attack

at 16:36:33 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Tricia Smith Summerfield** Creepy!

at 16:38:43 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Chelly Jones McCarthy** I would have had a heart attack and died on the spot....

at 16:41:32 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Sue Cramer** eeeeekkkkkkkk

at 16:41:54 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Kathy Hostetler Eicher** had one just like that for several weeks on our back porch Being a newer native of SC I was scared to death. Didn't know what it was so I googled it. LOL. He wove the prettiest web. He is gone now don't know where he went but hope he stays there.

at 16:44:54 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Vickie Phillips** The trails at Santee are loaded with those guys.

at 16:47:13 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Paula Breton** And there's plenty of them!!

at 16:51:39 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Terra Renée** We saw at least 30 of these in the woods at Cay Creek Wetlands in Midway, GA a couple of weeks ago.

at 16:53:23 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Mandy Sue Kaplan** Janet it's a SC Charlotte

at 16:57:15 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Mary M. Dawson** Is it deadly?

at 16:58:09 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Barbara Nebenfuhr Hoffer** They eat birds....seriously, google it! We have them all around the house.

at 16:58:54 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**John Salter** NOT poisonous!

at 17:14:57 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Diane Dugas** I ran into many of these when I was younger... Ugh! Makes my skin crawl..

at 17:15:47 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Mandi Ellis** Joanna look

at 17:15:48 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Jeremy Hanks** Not the same as a writing spider. Also much bigger! Super cool!

at 17:19:09 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Dana Smith** That one is a banana spider. Writing spiders have more of a black and gold center.

at 17:19:40 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Mary Thompson Hardwick** We have these every where here at the farm. I like them since they eat mosquitoes. And after I have to knock their webs down in the places we walk it is like the learn to build in other places that we don't walk. There is one that is probably 3 inches in the body. She has been in place for over 2 months.

at 17:26:27 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Joel Watson** <http://planetsave.com/2013/06/14/banana-spider-golden-silk-orb-weaver-facts-pictures-bite-effects-etc/>

at 18:00:08 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Sheri Smith Patrick** I would name her Chiquita.

at 18:12:53 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Heidi Charlton** I get these spiders every year on my rose bush and we've always called them banana spiders.

at 18:16:53 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Anna Hohnadel** Have several at the shady end of the house. The little boy next door pointed them out to me. Granted, the big one is as big as his hand.

at 18:32:42 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Manuela Barbour** Sweet

at 18:53:00 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** These spiders are harmless, Mary!

at 19:16:24 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Deborah Marcus** I got a nice shot of one at Woods Bay on Monday! I can share it if you like.

at 19:24:31 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Rosemary Tuite** Geez Deb, I wish you would go back to the awesome deserts, LOL, spiders are not my thing, well except for Charlotte's web ;-)

at 19:47:02 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Deborah Marcus** :D I hope to soon!

at 19:49:23 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Kassie Coykendall** I think they look so awesome! To see a full web in the sunlight is a great sight to see!

at 20:22:10 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Bill Berry** Yuk!!!

at 20:22:31 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Michael Williams** They're all over Horry County--stunning creatures!

at 21:56:48 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Kevin Sims** I don't like the way it's looking at me!: p

at 22:23:12 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Jane Goad Holland** That thing has a face!! I hope he killed it!! Hate spiders!!

at 22:28:18 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Carole King** I think it's beautiful!

at 22:53:37 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Deborah Marcus** Agreed!  
at 22:58:48 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Elaine Chartier** Beautiful!  
at 23:06:18 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Brandy Driggers** I told my husband this thing came straight off the banana boat...and now I see it is commonly called a banana spider!  
at 23:07:30 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Pat Bodiford Hubel** Yech.....  
at 23:08:12 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Rob Lamb** We have our own!



at 23:30:39 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Stacy Newton Holguin** What do you think about this banana spider Vicki Ferrell?  
at 23:55:27 on 8/21/2013 UTC



**Rick Bernhardt** You should see the tomato spider, very colorful & BIG!  
at 0:33:39 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Jettie Hannah** I Seen one between our yard, that big! Now I know what he was...  
at 1:08:38 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Andy Langston** There's tens of thousands of 'em around Huntington Beach  
at 1:17:08 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Jenny Lodes** They hang out at Santee State Park. Scares me to death  
at 1:32:08 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Linda Kaye Fulmer-Schnackenberg** We have wonderful state parks in SC.  
at 1:34:07 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Karen Magee** I think this is the same as the three that have hanging around my house all summer, getting larger by the day! Glad to know they're not dangerous (just huge and creepy)  
at 2:59:18 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Mary McSwain Burbage** We have one of these...The web goes from the tree to the house--about 6 feet.  
at 4:45:23 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Eric Steven Miller** I remember these from when I was a boy living in Charleston, SC.  
at 5:08:16 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Darlene Stabler** Watch buying Banannas at the store I found spiders in the Bannana I always look before I put them in my cart  
at 10:10:19 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Darlene Stabler** Not in the Bannana only on the outside:(  
at 10:12:06 on 8/22/2013 UTC



**Tina Timms Bigham** beautiful in its own way but OH how I hated those when I lived in Ladson.  
at 12:55:04 on 8/22/2013 UTC

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**Betty Holbrook McLeod** OMG!!!!!!!  
at 13:51:23 on 8/22/2013 UTC (*hidden*)



**Cathy Robbins** One of these buggers built a beautiful web on the side of our motor home when we pulled into Myrtle Beach State Park earlier this week. I told him he could stay until Friday- and then we were going home, with or without him. Got up this morning- and the spider and his web were gone!! Who says wildlife doesn't understand humans?!!  
at 0:43:28 on 8/24/2013 UTC