Common Garden Spiders

Today on Gardening in a Minute: common garden spiders.

Florida has plenty of spiders, and you’ve probably seen them around your landscape. Most aren’t harmful to people, and in fact are considered beneficial, because they eat many insects.

One common Florida spider is the jumping spider. These are small arachnids that don’t construct webs, instead hunting their prey. Many are brightly colored.

The green lynx spider doesn’t spin a web, either. It tends to hang out on shrubs, weeds, and foliage. This spider is a vivid, almost transparent green, with red spots and white markings.

Other spiders commonly seen in the Florida garden include the crab spider, the spiny orb-weaver, and zipper spider. None of these spiders are venomous to humans, but can bite, so leave them alone to hunt insects!

For more information on spiders and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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