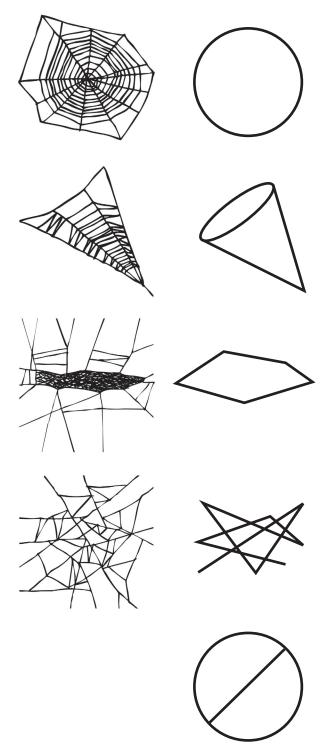
Connect these spiders with the different types of webs they make.



Orb Webs are the type of web you probably envision when you think of spider webs. These wheel-shaped webs are often found in open areas where insects are likely to fly; between trees, tall grasses, or buildings. Orb weavers often wait for their prey in the center of the web.

Funnel Webs may be found in short grasses, shrubs, wood piles, and around buildings often close to the ground. With this type of web, the spider waits for prey at the narrow end of the funnel. When an insect touches the web, the spider shakes the strands to trap it.

Sheet Webs are hammock-like. They are often found between branches of shrubs or trees. Above the web, sheet-web makers string horizontal threads for knocking down prey. When a flying insect hits these threads, it falls onto the sheet section below. The spider, which hangs under the sheet, quickly pulls it through.

Tangle Webs are a shapeless jumble of threads attached to a support. Cobwebs are tangle webs that have collected dust and dirt. Many types of garden and house spiders make tangle webs, often in corner areas and small spaces.

No Web Not all spiders make webs. Some species ambush their prey, while others actively hunt and chase down their prey.

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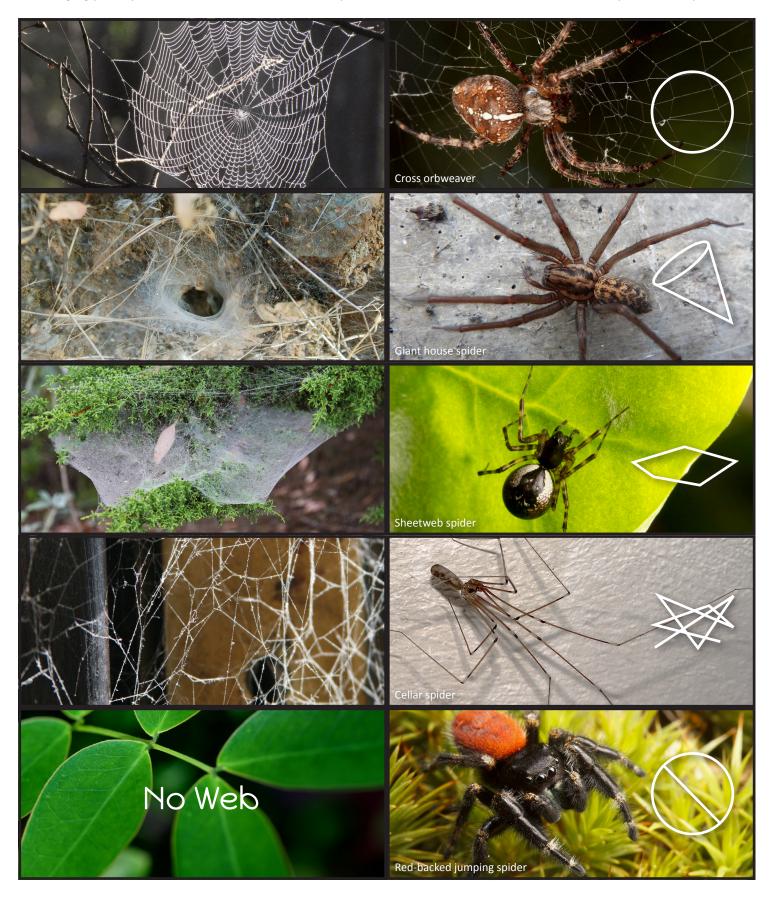




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