

# Jack the Spider



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# Enviro-Stories Competition

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. Students where given the opportunity



to learn about their local environment, write a story about it, then get their story published. These stories provide an educational experience that creates readers, written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids.

In 2009, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in conjunction with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, has provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

## Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry. The Cotton CRC aims to provide innovative knowledge to stimulate economic, social and environmental outcomes at farm, regional and national levels.

## Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

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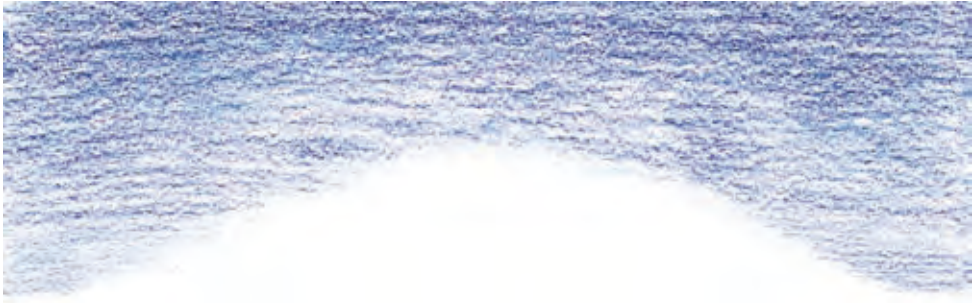
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- Squiggles’ Big Day
- Angus Ant
- Cameron’s Birthday
- Eric the Earthworm
- Mrs Webber and the Storm
- Danny the Dung Beetle
- Jack the Spider

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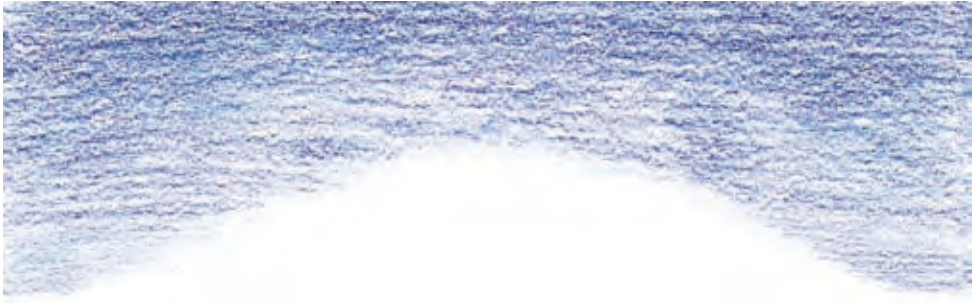
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Jack is a funnel-web spider.





He lives in the soil of a garden bed,  
on our farm.



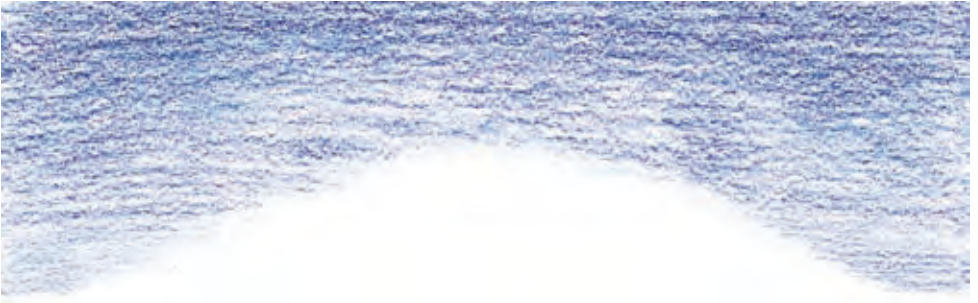


Jack is a large funnel-web spider.



A black crab is perched on the edge of a reddish-brown rock. To the right, a palm tree with a brown trunk and green fronds stands on another rock. The background features a white sandy beach and a blue ocean with white-capped waves.

He is very big and black.



He has eight legs and eight eyes.





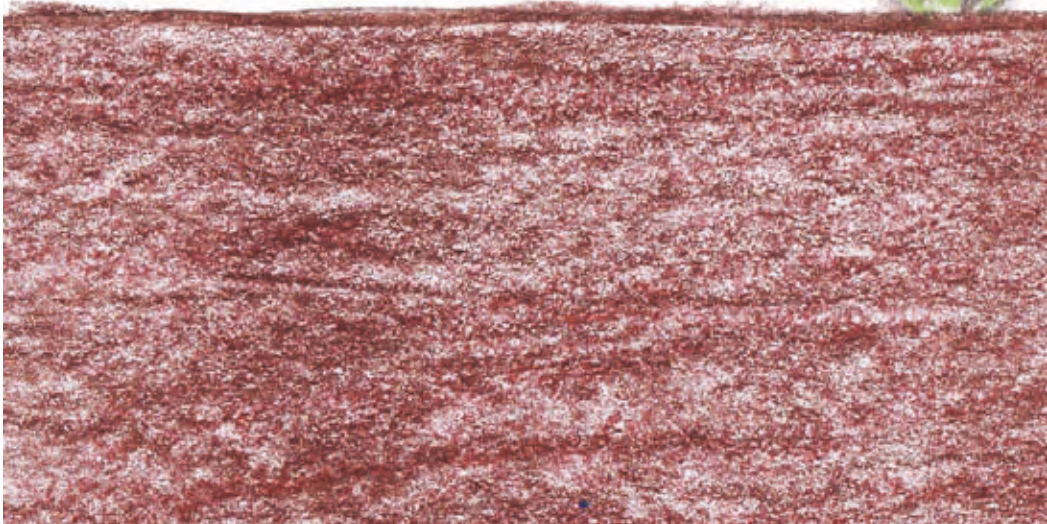


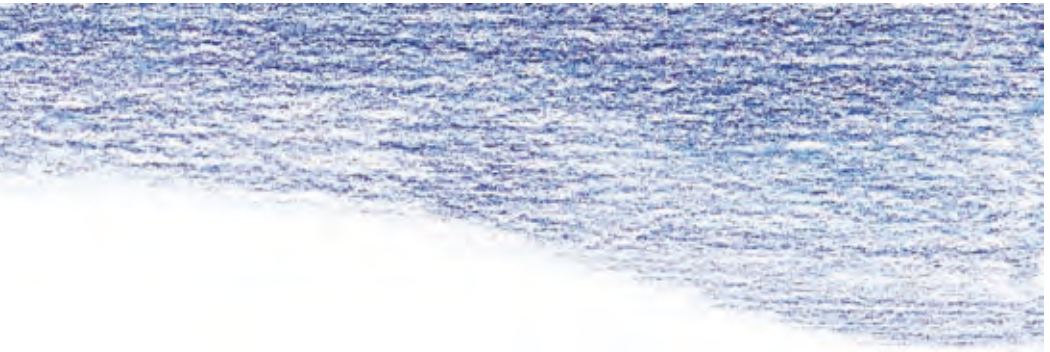
He has small hairs all over his body.





Jack the funnel-web spider attacks prey from his hole.





He catches and eats insects like flies, butterflies and cockroaches.

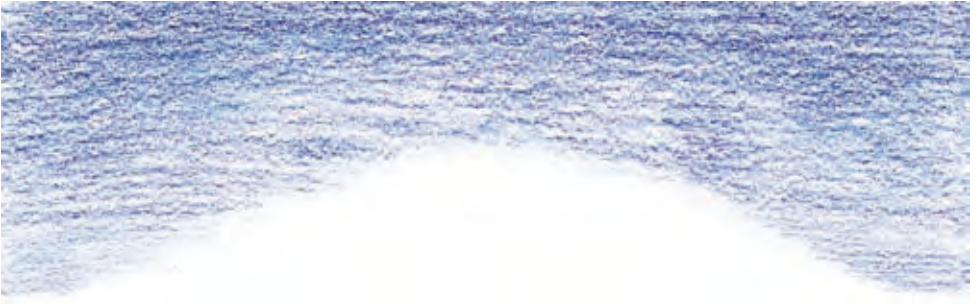




He waits in his hole until he sees his prey.

When it is close enough he pounces on it, attacking it with his fangs.



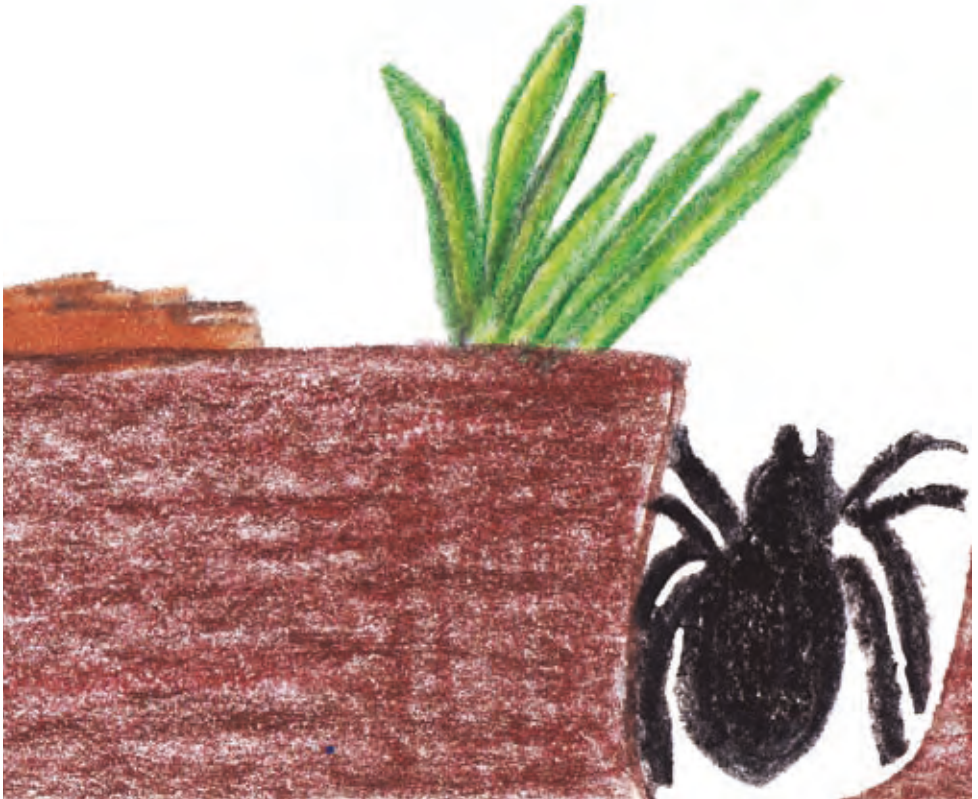


Jack the funnel web spider is poisonous.





Funnel-web spiders, like Jack, have to be careful of predators.







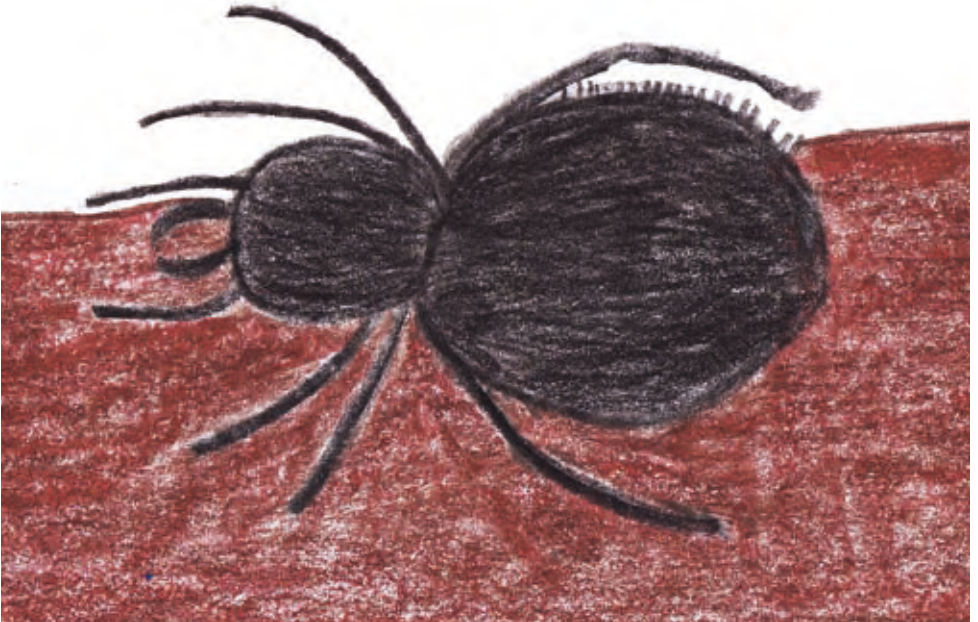
Jack the funnel-web spider is my favourite spider, but I wouldn't touch him!







He can give you a nasty bite!









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