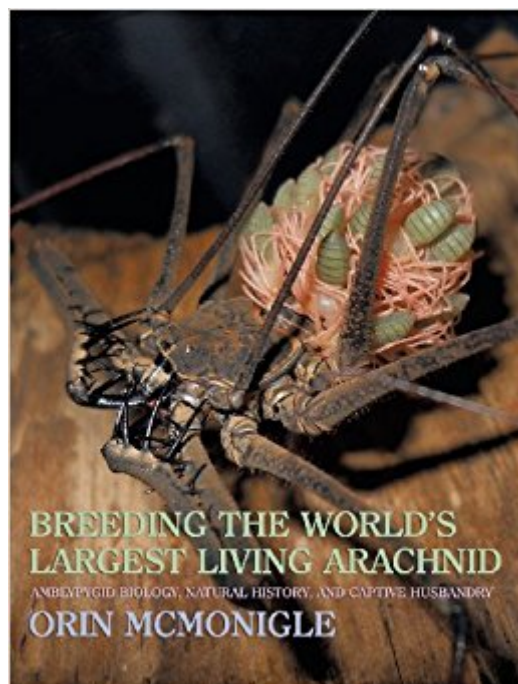


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# Breeding The World's Largest Living Arachnid: Amblypygid (Whipspider) Biology, Natural History, And Captive Husbandry



## Synopsis

What arachnologist worth his salt could forget the arachnid with a two-foot legspan? The Order Amblypygi not only contains world record species, but also some of the most improbable and unbelievable looking members of the Class Arachnida. Otherwise known as whipspiders, these creatures appear to have been formed in the deep recesses of a human nightmare, and yet are the only large arachnids that are entirely harmless to humans. Predatory whipspiders display advanced social behaviors and externally visible reproductive biology of immense complexity. This text presents cutting edge biological details, supporting Scanning Electron Micrographs, and unparalleled captive reproduction information with photographic documentation.

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"I HIGHLY recommend it -- especially because this is a VERY underrated group of animals. Cant give enough thumbs up!" -Arachnoboards

This started out as a way to report multiple generation captive breeding efforts with the greatest (in terms of palpspan but also vying for absolute maximum whipspan and legspan) of the Amblypygi: the South American *Heterophrynus batesii*. Breeding multiple consecutive generations of the popular East African *Damon diadema* and husbandry experiences with isolated North American *Phrynosoma* and *Paraphrynosoma* were expanded from Whipscorpions and Whipspiders to Culturing Gentle Monsters. Relating details of species experiences, input from other keepers, and Dr. Rayor's social

studies of whipspiders made this exciting to work on.

An incredible source on information for an order of arachnids that is otherwise not well documented outside of scientific research. Detailed information on anatomy, behavior, care, breeding, you name it. The book itself is nicely made. The cover is hardback and there are nice, clear, color images. The pages are fairly lightweight, but not enough to be flimsy. I strongly recommend this for anyone who owns amblypygi, because a great deal of advice online is false or seriously lacking.

This is the definitive work on the Whipspiders (Amblypygids). It has information that interested people can use from beginner to expert. It is very easy to read and filled with useful culture advice that no other publication has. Orin is a life-long arthropod enthusiast and is moderator on several online insect and arachnid forums as well as the editor of Invertebrates Magazine. I have read and used Orin's books for years and each time I get one it changes the way I raise my animals and they respond by becoming healthier. These books also share experiences and habits that I haven't observed myself and gives me things to look for in my animals and to explore with students. The pictures, most in color, electron microscope images, and other graphics, in this book reinforce his points and make it easy to see the body part, structure, behavior or habit he is discussing. This book is a must have for anyone with an interest in these fascinating animals!

This is an excellent book on the care and husbandry of amblypygids. The book is full of very detailed identification characteristics, care and husbandry for the species discussed and breeding requirements. The book is very well illustrated with high quality illustrations and photos. I would recommend this book to any arachnid keeper or anyone with an interest in arachnids. The book is very well written and the information is conveyed accessible to many different skill levels. This is an essential reference text for anyone in the hobby.

This is an amazing book with more information than the average hobbyist could ever have asked for, particularly with regards to whipspider biology. For being essentially the only book out there on the subject, it's exceptionally thorough! I read it cover to cover the day it arrived and continue to reference it regularly.

Thorough, comprehensive book about these fascinating creatures!

This is such an incredible book!!! The most information about these incredible species I have ever seen in one place!

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