

## Five Reasons to Value Spiders

1. Spiders keep the populations of various insects in check.
2. Spiders can keep pesky insects like mites and slugs at bay in your garden.
3. Spiders are an important food source for birds and fish.
4. Spider venom has been used in research for new medicines.
5. Spider's super strong webs have been studied by designers to help dream up new technologies and plans for architecture.



Tarrant is a greenbottle blue tarantula native to Venezuela but bred in Utah. This lady serves as the mascot of the Men's basketball team.



When the breeder in Utah sent Tarrant, a bonus spider arrived. This male white striped bird eater tarantula is called Tiny by the biology staff.



The Biology Department also cares for this male Honduran curly hair tarantula. Staff call him Curly.