

# BABOON SPIDERS

(Also known as BOBBEJAANSPINNEKOP)

**THEY LOOK BIG AND SCARY - BUT ARE QUITE SHY.**

**HAIRY MONSTERS OR FURRY FRIENDS?**

*They only become aggressive if they feel threatened.*

**THEY CAN LIVE UP TO 15 YEARS.**

Baboon spiders lift their front legs when they feel threatened.

**YIKES!**

**LIFE SIZE**

*Their bite does not kill but results in a severe pain lasting 10-40 hours.*

*They tend to hide as a first line of defense.*

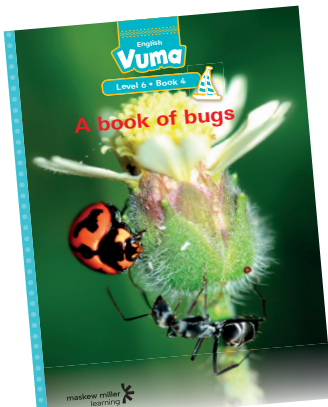
**THEY BELONG TO THE SAME GROUP AS TARANTULAS.**

*They hunt beetles, cockroaches and other spiders.*

**LIFE SIZE  
15 - 20 CM**

*Found throughout Africa - but mostly South Africa!*

*They are burrowing spiders with thick back legs used for digging and spinning silk near the burrow's entrance. This helps them to detect vibrations of passing prey.*



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