

# Tunnel Web Spider



Tunnel Web found at Whareroa

Mating can be a risky business for male Tunnel Webs as they are smaller than the female and quite often she decides that her mate will make a tasty meal!

This spider is quite common at Whareroa.

They make tunnel shaped webs with a big silken flat “deck.” When an insect lands on the “deck” it vibrates letting the spider know “dinner” has arrived.



Lounging on the “deck” waiting for dinner.

Tunnel web spiders can measure as much as 7cm from tip of hind legs to tip of front legs. They look chunky because the head and thorax are merged.

The bite of this spider is quite painful and while you won't die it will feel as sore as a bee sting.

Look around you to see if you can find any Tunnel Web spider “Homes”