

The Study of Spiders

Week 4

Beating Bushes

Vladimir: Beating bushes is one of the best methods for collecting spiders. Before we start beating bushes, we put some plastic under the bush, spiders drop down, and we collect them under the bush. Some groups of spiders live only in bushes. As a rule, we expect spiders of the groups: orb weavers, cobweb spiders, and some from the group philodromids and some linyphiid spiders. If you pick them up with your fingers, it can be very difficult because some spiders are very small and their bodies are very soft. I prefer using an aspirator because it's a very useful tool.