



The Study of Spiders

Week 5: In the Lab

Large Specimen

Vlad: Some large spiders we keep in separate jars. This spider is called a tarantula and it's one of the largest spiders of South America. This spider is actually male. You'll see that this spider has lost its chelicerae and a leg because scientists who studied this spider before needed to count some trichobothria or some other morphological structure and they took these parts off. Also, this spider, like all in the collection, has labels for the spider. As a rule, this label has information: where the spider was collected, who collected this spider, and when the spider was collected. So this is an example of a large spider and how we preserve large spiders in our collection.