

# cobweb spider

## *Phoroncidia americana*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class: Arachnida  
Order: Araneae  
Family: Theridiidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

This tiny species varies from five one-hundredths to seven one-hundredths of an inch in length. The body is compact and hard. The abdomen is brown and lumpy and has dark-colored pits at the base of its hairs. Legs are pale with dark bands.

### BEHAVIORS

Adults are active from May through September. The web is made of a single line of sticky silk. The spider hangs from the end of the line.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





## **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

## **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; coniferous forests; deciduous forests

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

edge