



**Forum: Food for thought...**

**Topic: Eight legged Aussies**

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Hi Janice, Betty, I have lived in Australia now for 41 years and the only time I have seen the Funnel Web spider is in a jar or on display, the St.Andrews cross spider weaves a web in the garden in bushes or between trees etc. and it just sits there and very seldom moves, but we do get a rather big hairy spider about the size of the palm of your hand and it comes in the house it sits in the corners of the roof. I have seen the red back but you just have to be careful not to leave anything in the garden they can hide in and if you do then you have to be very careful. One thing you never do is leave your shoes lying outside for the spiders to crawl into, that is how a lot of people get bitten. Where my daughter lives she has the Funnel webs in her garden and she has had them in the house. But after saying all that I have never put my feet into shoes that I do not check first. Perhaps having the sunshine and blue skies and great beaches make up for all the creepy crawlies, but having a can of spray near you is a comfort. (By the way I forgot to mention we have snakes here as well.) Take care all

Ann