WOLF SPIDER

The Latin name for this spider is Pisaura mirabilis.

This is one of several species of Wolf spider with a body length of up to 1.5cm, and long stout legs. Their bodies are greyish-white which are marked with darker longitudinal stripes and patterns.

When the female lays her eggs she transports them in the form of a large white ball, which she does with her fangs. When the eggs start to hatch, she attaches the ball to a plant and covers the area with a silken cocoon, after which she stands guard.

They are mainly seen from May-August. They can be seen in gardens where there is rough herbage present.