

OSC Entomologist Wins Recognition For Spider Study

Special to The Pilot

Spiders have been called a lot of things by folks who can live without them, but an Oregon State college entomologist is gaining national recognition for his scientific studies and naming of the eight-legged crawlers.

Vincent D. Roth, curator for the OSC entomology department makes identifications on the species of two North American spider families for numerous museums and institutions. For Oregon, he is building a valuable collection of the different species found in the state.

Roth estimates there are probably about 600 different spiders in Oregon. About 300 have been named. A few of them carry "Roth" as part of the scientific terminology in recognition of his initial identification.

Oregon's spiders range in size from about that of a pin-head to a silver dollar, Roth reports. Legs on some spiders are 1 1/2 inches long. Group spider names are descriptive affairs, like jumping wolf and crab. Most common in Oregon is the small, black wolf spider, which is found in abundance on lawns and sidewalks.

Spiders usually over-winter under leaves, boards and in cracks of buildings. Current warm spring days are bringing them out for their summer stay.

The fear some people have of spiders is almost entirely unjustified, Roth says. Only the black widow of the Oregon species can bring death unless the person is especially allergic to spider bites. Cases of real trouble from spider bites are rare in the state.

Spiders feed on all types of insects—good or bad—and actually do little good or harm in the world. They're hardy, however, Roth says, and are apt to be around for a long time.

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Local News Happenings About Folks You Know

Mrs. Donald Craig returned from Portland Thursday where she had taken Ricki for a check-up. The doctor found her improved but asked to see her again in six months. Mr. and Mrs. Craig had spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brimm, Rogue River, and Mrs. Craig drove from there to Portland.

Ed Thornton of the Chevron station was in Santa Rosa, Calif., last week having treatment for an injured back which has been giving him serious trouble since a plane accident last August.

◆ Art Supplies, Yelton's.

Beverly Wilson, former resident, just released from military service to reserve status, was in Brookings to visit M. S. Brainard last week. He has received the Purple Heart and other decorations for meritorious service. He plans to attend O.T.I. in Klamath Falls.

◆ Business Machines, Yelton's.

Clell Frazier, school bus driver, and Mrs. Frazier, stenographer in the Brookings Water Co. office, visited relatives in Packwood, Wash., during the past week's school vacation.

◆ Balsa Wood, Yelton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shepherd of Del Norte Lane spent the last two weeks out of town, a week in San Francisco and one in Portland, their former home.

Mrs. Loy Weeks and daughter and Mrs. Muriel Gragg drove to the Portland area on Friday, returning on Sunday.

◆ Gifts, Yelton's.

Little Gerald Rettke was brought home from Portland on Saturday by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rettke. Another blood transfusion will be necessary within a short time to completely correct the "Rh" blood factor he was born with.

Miss Bettie White, student at Southern Oregon college at Ashland, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert White this week. Henry Grootendorst George Berger and Ronald Akers also are at home during the vacation period.

◆ Beverage Items, Yelton's.

Mrs. Paul Davis was at the home of her parents in Roseburg last week. While there she and her sister went to Portland, where Mrs. Davis had a medical check-up. Paul drove over after her at the end of the week.

◆ Radios, Yelton's.

Mrs. Harold Sargeant is working at Seaside hospital, going on duty at three in the afternoon. She recently finished working at the Plywood plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Dana of Portland are at their beach home in West Brookings this week and are calling on old friends.

◆ Bone China, Yelton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carpenter and three little daughters left Friday, March 20, for Pensacola, Fla., where they will visit her parents and other relatives for awhile. She was accompanied by her husband and brother-in-law, Arnold Carpenter, as far as San Francisco.

◆ Records, Yelton's.

The 4-H Lightning Club met at Frank Thompson's home Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Because of the rain the picnic planned for that day was postponed two weeks. We studied about how to make splices. There will not be a meeting next Saturday.—Donald Ritchey, reporter.

Mrs. Clive Manley, while carrying a bundle of laundry Monday fell, striking a stool. The result was a broken rib.

◆ Copperware, Yelton's.

David Swearingen, naval air corpsman from San Diego, arrived by bus on Wednesday night to spend a few days with his father, Floyd, and family.

Mrs. Violet Shevie, new girl in the Plywood office and her two daughters, are new residents of Brookings.

◆ Record Players, Yelton's.

Rock Collecting Hobby Popular On Oregon Coast

Since Mt. Emily Gem and Mineral Society was organized in Brookings recently, rock hunting or collecting has been brought to the attention of many people.

"Rockhounds," an article by William H. Osborne, published in the magazine section of Sunday's Oregonian, contains some facts about agates for those who are interested in the subject.

Long ago the Indians searched Oregon beaches for agates which were as vital to them as steel is to us. They made tools and weapons of war from agates which they traded to the Indians of the great plains.

It has been just in the last 20 years that the gem cutting and collecting business has flourished in Oregon. Finished agates were imported from Germany and Holland before World War I. When this supply was cut off it was only natural that much of the pioneering in rock cutting in this country should be done close to the supply in Oregon.

Agate beds along the coast are frequently here today and gone tomorrow. The beds are exposed by winter storms and currents which sweep away the sand. An extremely low tide during the winter months may reveal new beds previously undiscovered.

This article states that rock containing agate inside is heavier than other stones in the same locality. Agate bearing stones when wet with rain or spray are translucent and occasionally are transparent. Agate is very hard and breaks with an irregular fracture.

It was interesting to note that both Brookings and Gold Beach were located on the map in this article as favorite coastal sites for collectors of agates.

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B. H. S. Baseball Schedule Set

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The schedule for the season is Friday, March 27—Brookings vs. Gold Beach, Gold Beach; Langlois vs. Port Orford, Port Orford.

Friday, April 3—Brookings vs. Port Orford, Brookings; Langlois vs. Gold Beach, Langlois.

Friday, April 10—Gold Beach vs. Port Orford, Gold Beach; Brookings vs. Langlois, Brookings.

Friday, April 17—Gold Beach vs. Brookings, Brookings; Port Orford vs. Langlois, Langlois.

Friday, April 24—Brookings vs. Port Orford, Port Orford; Langlois vs. Gold Beach, Gold Beach.

Friday, May 1—Gold Beach vs. Port Orford, Port Orford; Brookings vs. Langlois, Langlois.

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