



Pseudoscorpion

Pseudoscorpions are arachnids (approximately 1/8th inch long) they have 8 legs and are closely related to mites, ticks and spiders. They seize victims with their visible front claws or pincers, called pedipalps. These large pedipalps have a poison gland (however they are not dangerous to humans) which gives them a strong resemblance to true scorpions. Scorpions, however, are always much larger and have a stinger on the end of their abdomens.

Pseudoscorpions are beneficial predators. Prey includes minute nematode worms, mites, larvae, other arthropods, and small earthworms.

Further Reading

- [Pseudoscorpions](#), Ohio State University Extension Fact Sheet
- [Pictures of a Pseudoscorpion](#)
- [Pseudoscorpiones](#), The American Arachnological Society
- [Picture of a Pseudoscorpion](#), UFSIA



One millimeter ruler is in the background of this image of a Pseudoscorpion.

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