

# Caught in a spider web

While out observing firefly behaviour at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve, we noticed a firefly of the species, *Abscondita terminalis*, rather oddly. The flashes were brighter and quicker than usual. Upon inspection with our headlights, we found a male firefly caught in a spider web. The firefly was trying to escape the web and it flashed with bright, quick bursts when the spider came close to it. Fireflies are so good at avoiding obstacles in the forest as they fly, but they are unable to detect spider webs. Fireflies hardly have any predators because they are toxic and taste bad. Spiders are an exception.

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