

Daddy Long-legs Spider

Pholcus phalangioides



Identification:

A narrow-bodied spider with extremely long, spindly legs. It is found almost exclusively indoors in loose webs in the corners of rooms between wall and ceiling. When disturbed it will vibrate rapidly in the web. The body is 7-10mm long, pale with a darker central marking, and almost translucent.

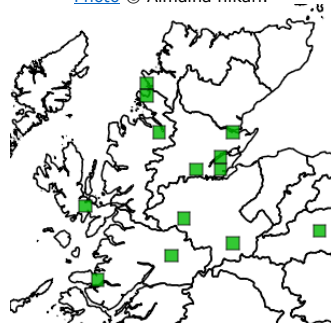


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Distribution:

It is widely distributed in the north, but almost certain to be under-recorded and might be expected anywhere in Highland. It might be spread in part by human agency, in furniture being moved from farther south to a new home.



The distribution of Highland records of the Daddy Long-legs Spider in the HBRG database.

When to look for it:

Highland records are between April and October, but it may be found throughout the year.

Similar species:

Psilochorus simoni is similar in build and behaviour, but is much smaller (<3mm) and is very different in shape and colour. It has been recorded from Skye.

Notes:

More information is on [the Spider Recording Scheme](#) site.

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