

Appeal to the ZPGA Members and their Associates

for Arachnid Photo Observations

The Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe has received a small grant from GBIF (Global Biodiversity Information Facility) to assist with recording the Arachnid Collection at the Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe as well as the arachnid diversity of our protected areas including National Parks, Safari and Wilderness Areas.



To try achieve as complete a record as possible everyone can get involved and here is how

- It is really simple!

Take a photograph using as high resolution as possible and then do one of three things

• Either send the photograph to **moirajane.fitz@gmail.com** Include on the photo label the date, locality and habitat. Use the WhatsApp platform (0712 432 506) only when there is no alternative as this media automatically reduces the resolution of the picture.

 \mathbf{Or}

• sign up on INaturalist, a really easy program to use and post your pictures (and others on birds, mammals, plants etc.) straight to this platform and they will automatically be uploaded to the Spiders of Zimbabwe Project and the GBIF portal.



 \mathbf{Or}

• Join The Spider Club of Zimbabwe Facebook page and post your pictures there.



All pictures on the Facebook group or emailed to me will be posted on INaturalist. To protect you and your pictures all pictures will have general copy-write protection and should we like to use them for other purposes your permission will be required.

Thank you for your participation

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