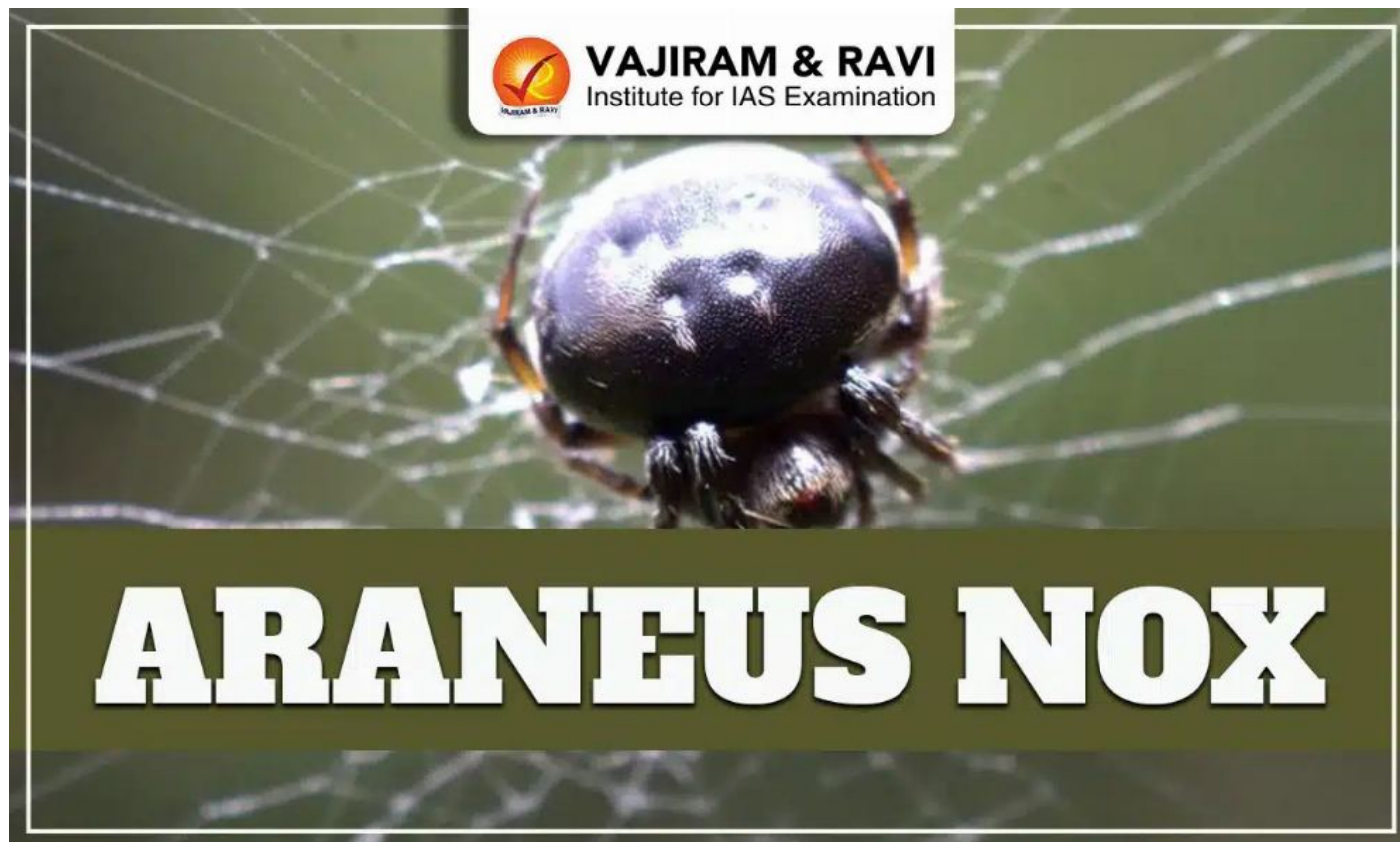


## Araneus nox

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### Araneus nox Latest News

Recently, a survey by researchers in Idukki Wildlife sanctuary reported the first record of spider species Araneus nox in India.

### About Araneus nox

- It is an **orb-weaving spider species** belonging to the Araneidae family.
- It is also known as the **Leathery Garden Orb-weaver**.
- It was first documented in 1877 by French **arachnologist Eugène Simon** from Basilan in the Philippines.
- It is known for spinning near-perfect, **vertically oriented circular webs** on vegetation and tree branches.
- **Habitat:** It is mainly found in **gardens, forests, and backyards**
- **Distribution:** Southeast Asia including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam and also in Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar.
- **Appearance:** Its coloration can vary from light brown to jet black, sometimes featuring clusters of light brown setae on the abdomen's sides.

- It is a small and **medium-sized orb-weaver** with a distinctively textured, leathery abdomen.

## What are orb-weaving spiders?

- They are of the family Araneidae (Argiopidae or Epeiridae) of the order Araneida, a large and widely distributed group noted for their orb-shaped webs
- The orb spiders are a large group of spiders that weave **round, more or less symmetrical webs** suspended in open-air spaces.

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