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REAL CREEPY CRAWLIES FOR HALLOWEEN

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Top and bottom left: *Araneus diadematus* (cross orbweaver); middle: *Argiope aurantia* (yellow garden spider); top right: Black Soldier Fly larvae; bottom right: tarantula on Mount Diablo

Photos Andy Scheck

They surround us. In every recessed corner, or darkened garden path, look closely and you'll probably find some creepy, crawly specimen around your home that fits right in with the ghoulish season.

While the number of tarantulas seen crossing paths with hikers on Mount

Diablo hillsides is finally dwindling as the arachnid's mating season comes to an end, nature provides Lamorinda its own spider – colored black, brown, orange and gold – just right for Halloween.

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