

Latest Development with Spider Hans

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So yes. Spider Hans was good. He got quickly everything ready he needed in his new dwelling. Most of the time however he hang out on his veranda. I actually investigated how he was fastening his web and I noticed that my dish soap bottle was one of the main anchors. Hm, that means I should not lift it up anymore to avoid a collapse... Oh well, I can do with just pushing the lever to get the soap.

A few days went by like this, Hans was in and out his apartment, improving the web and just hoping for the best meal to come along. Well, I got him a few more afits which he was grateful for.

Two days ago, early in the morning, when I just ate those oranges like every morning, I noticed some movement above Hans' abode. I had not turned light on yet, so it was like twilight still. I blinked my eyes several times to be sure I saw reality and... indeed there hang a second spider, a Daddy-Long-Leg, from the ledge of the window, going around in circles and with swift moves attaching new threads on a few long strings he had put in place already. Ooops, what? Did the word get out that there is the new spider settlement in the Irwin kitchen?

I observed how he so effortless whipped his behind shaking it around and each time touched another spot and making web connections, *zzzt, zzzzt, zzzzt, zzzt* the web became stable. In no time he was finished and sat very quietly in the center of his web. I wondered what Hans would think about his new neighbor and indeed he showed up after a while. He walked in circles a few times and shouted something to the other guy, but I could not understand what. Maybe he said: as long you stay up there and leave me alone down here, you are OK.

You see, since he was accepted by Hans, I had to give the newcomer a name too, so I'm calling him Freddy. Now Freddy's web is different from Hans'. Freddy is large and made himself a beautiful vertically hanging web home. He doesn't have a roof over him where he can run for shelter, like Hans, but he seems to be OK to be "just there" hanging still all day long. Whereas Hans shows more emotions, is in and out, always "doing something". His web is horizontal, very close to where you could rest a soap dish.

A bit later, the smell of our lunch attracted some mosca flies to come into the kitchen, quite annoying for me. But hey, perhaps that would be good food for my new friends. The flies are so dumb, they zoom around seemingly aimless, but always land on something edible. Sometimes they flew so close to Freddy's web, that I though, OK now he has secured his lunch. But no, to no avail. Both spiders had to skip lunch that day. . . .

So many interesting observations.