

# A Point of View: Seeing, not Observing



# **Amazing Insects**

**and**



# Examples of Spider Lists

- **Minsmere:** 202
- **Maulden Wood (complex) :** 202
- **Flitwick Moor:** 180
- **Old Warden Tunnel:** 171
- **Etc:**
- **Pitfalls ( Luton)** 124/155

# Pitfalls (1995-2010)

124 species

19 Families of 33 possible

Two Criteria

- 5% of total captures
- present in every year of trapping

# Pitfalls (1995-2010)

## Spider Families

- 19/33
- 3

- Linyphiidae
- Lycosidae
- Tetragnathidae

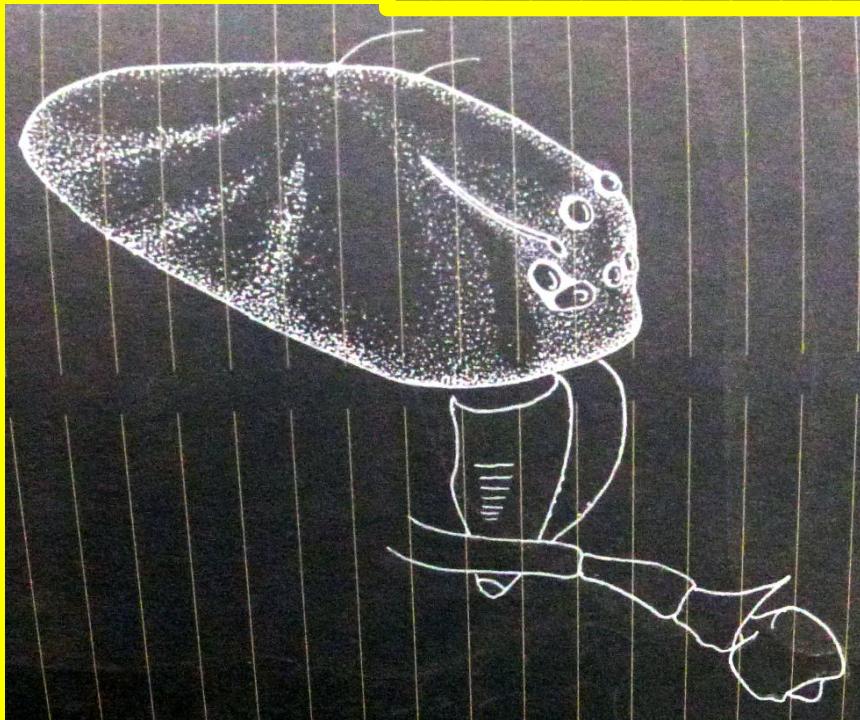
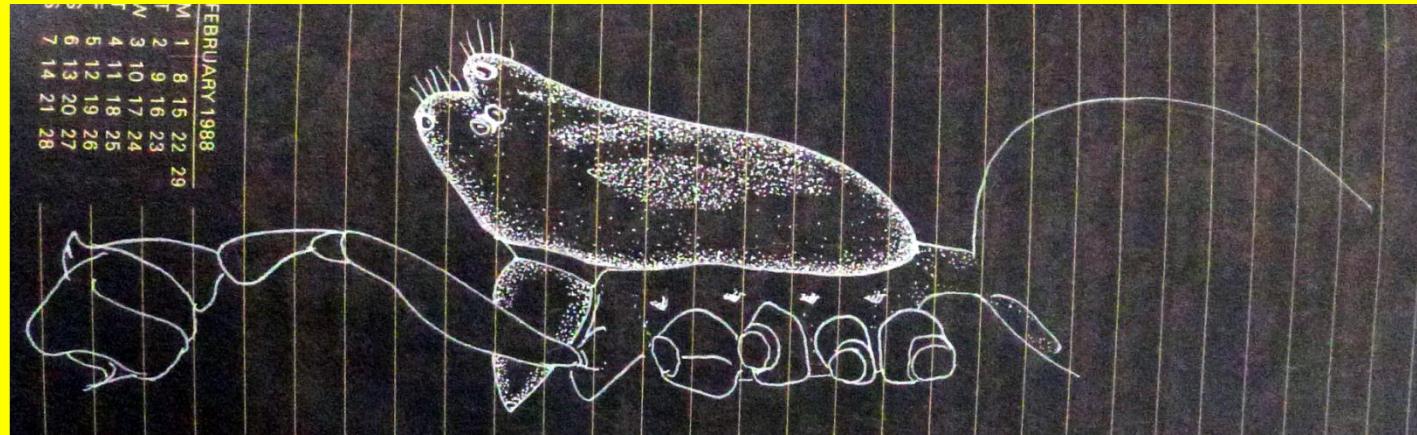
## Spider Species

- 124
- 11
- 7
- 3
- 1

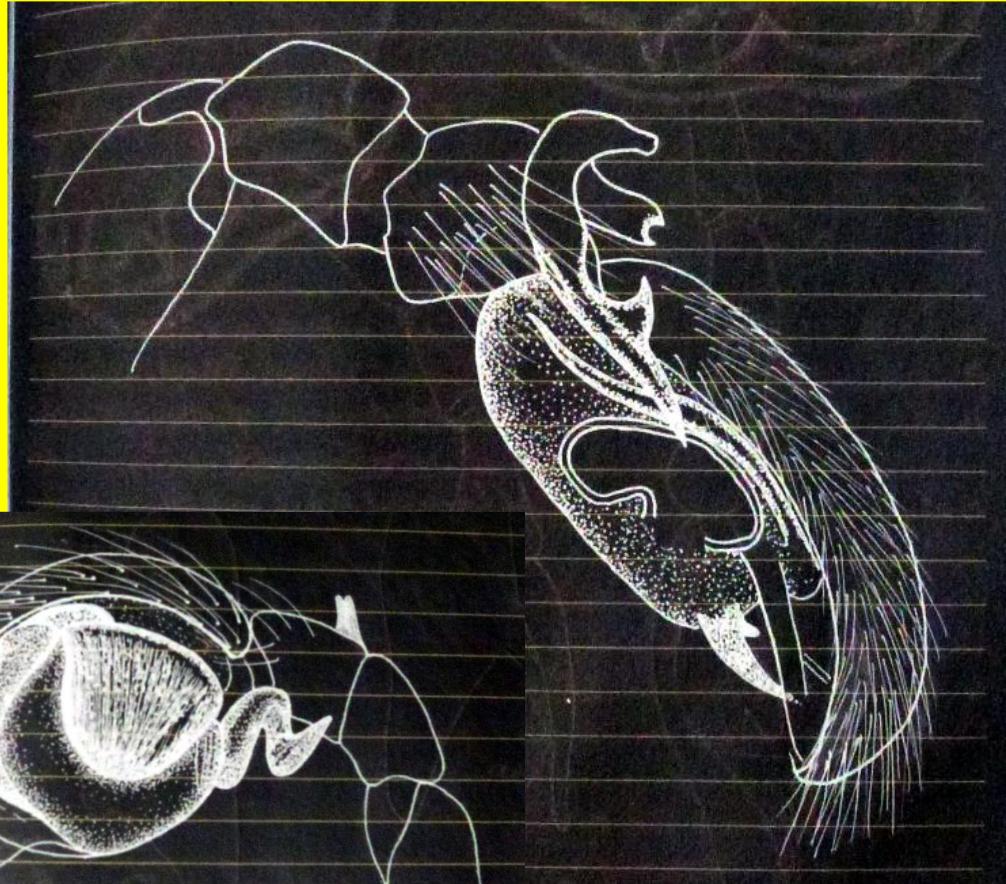
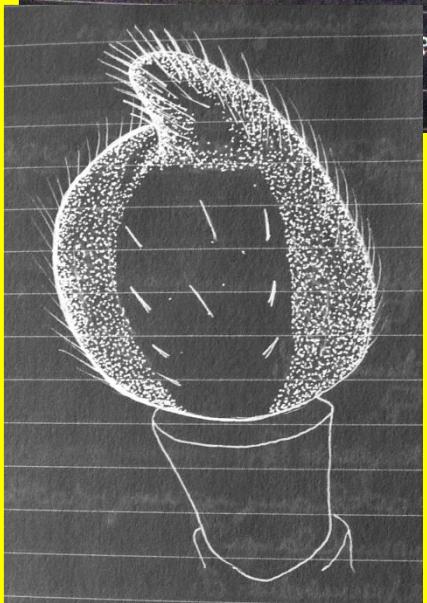
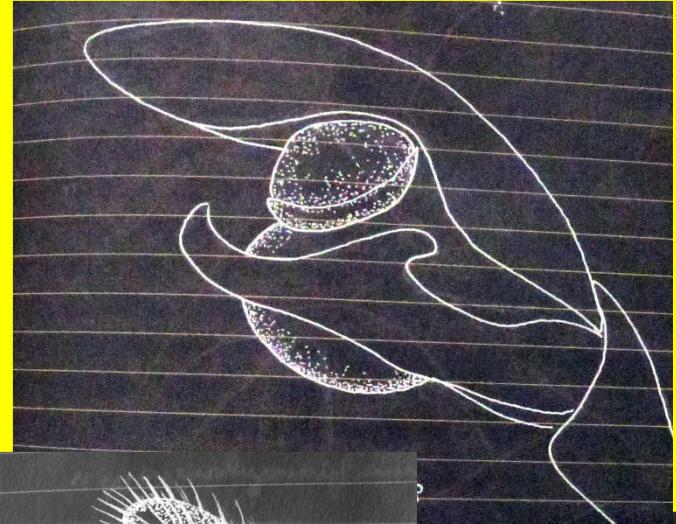
# Lists

- Present: no guarantee of future presence
  - Provided the identification is correct
    - Persistence: proof of residence

# Examples of male spiders

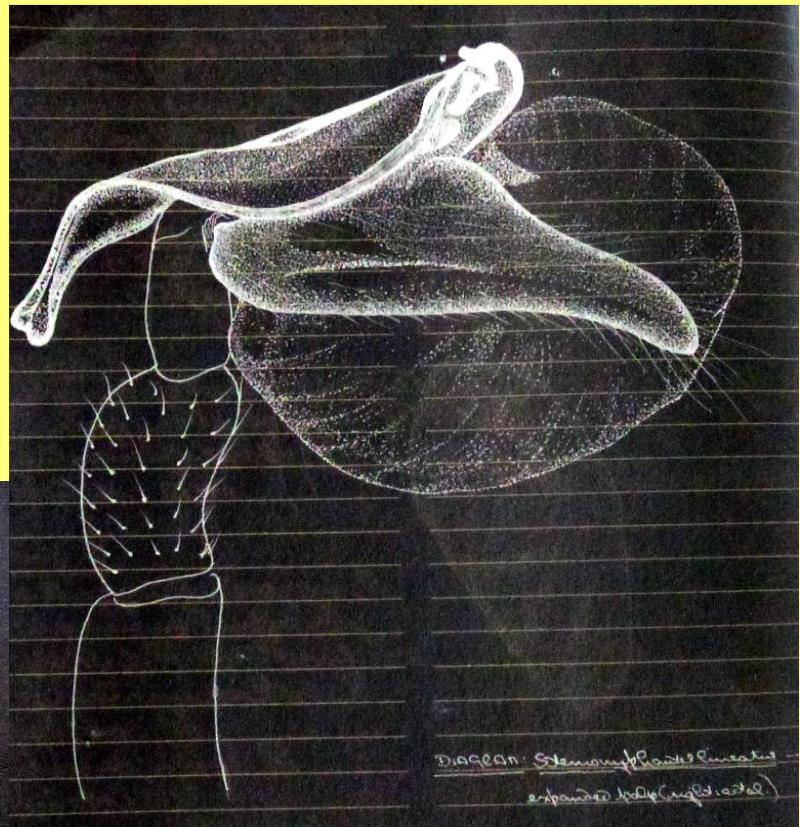


# Examples of male palps



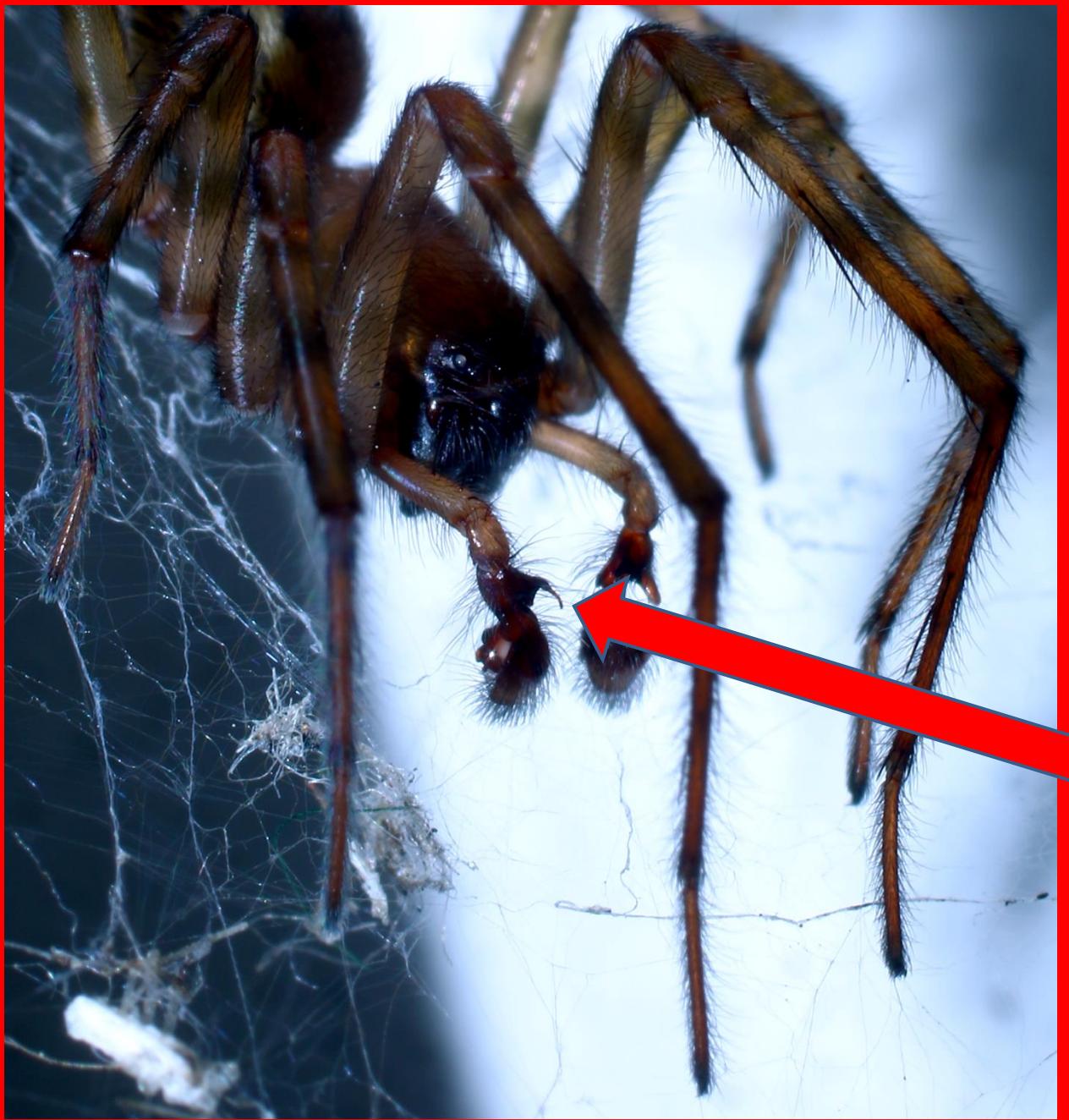
*Didyma annularis* (male palp: 1967 specimen)

# Palps can unfold and distort



distorted

normal



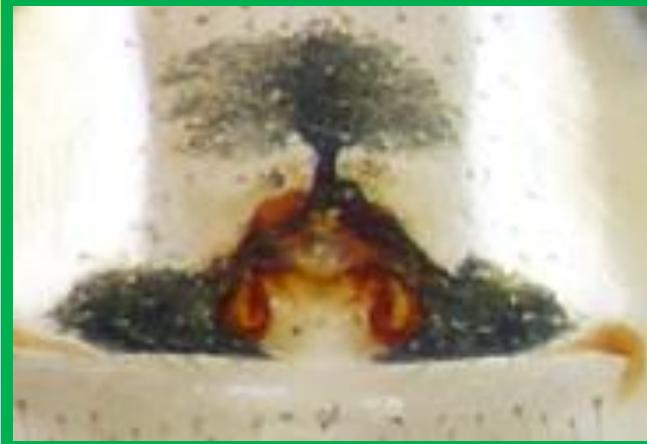
Sometimes  
spider  
stays in  
the right  
position

# Female Spiders: two types

Haplogyne

Entelegyne

# Examples of Epigynes



# Identification: Some common Pairs

*Drassodes lapidosus/ D. cupreus*

*Xysticus cristatus/ X. audax*

*Enoplognatha ovata/ E. latimana*

*Steatoda grossa/ S. nobilis*

*Meta segmentata/ M. mengei*

*Centromerita bicolor/ C. concinna* (M. of female epigyne)

*Pocadicnemis juncea/ P. pumila* (M. of female epigyne)

# Examples of pairs

*Steatoda nobilis/grossa*



*Drassodes lapidosus*



*Enoplognatha ovata*  
(blue egg-sac)

# Tegenaria gigantea...the Hairy Spider in the Bath



**Pholcus  
phalangioides:**  
immature male  
with a victim,  
a mature male  
**Linyphia  
triangularis**



# *Zygiella x-notata*

Immature male/immature female

$$= 1.07$$



Mature male/mature female

$$= 0.06$$





...some amazed

insects !!!

