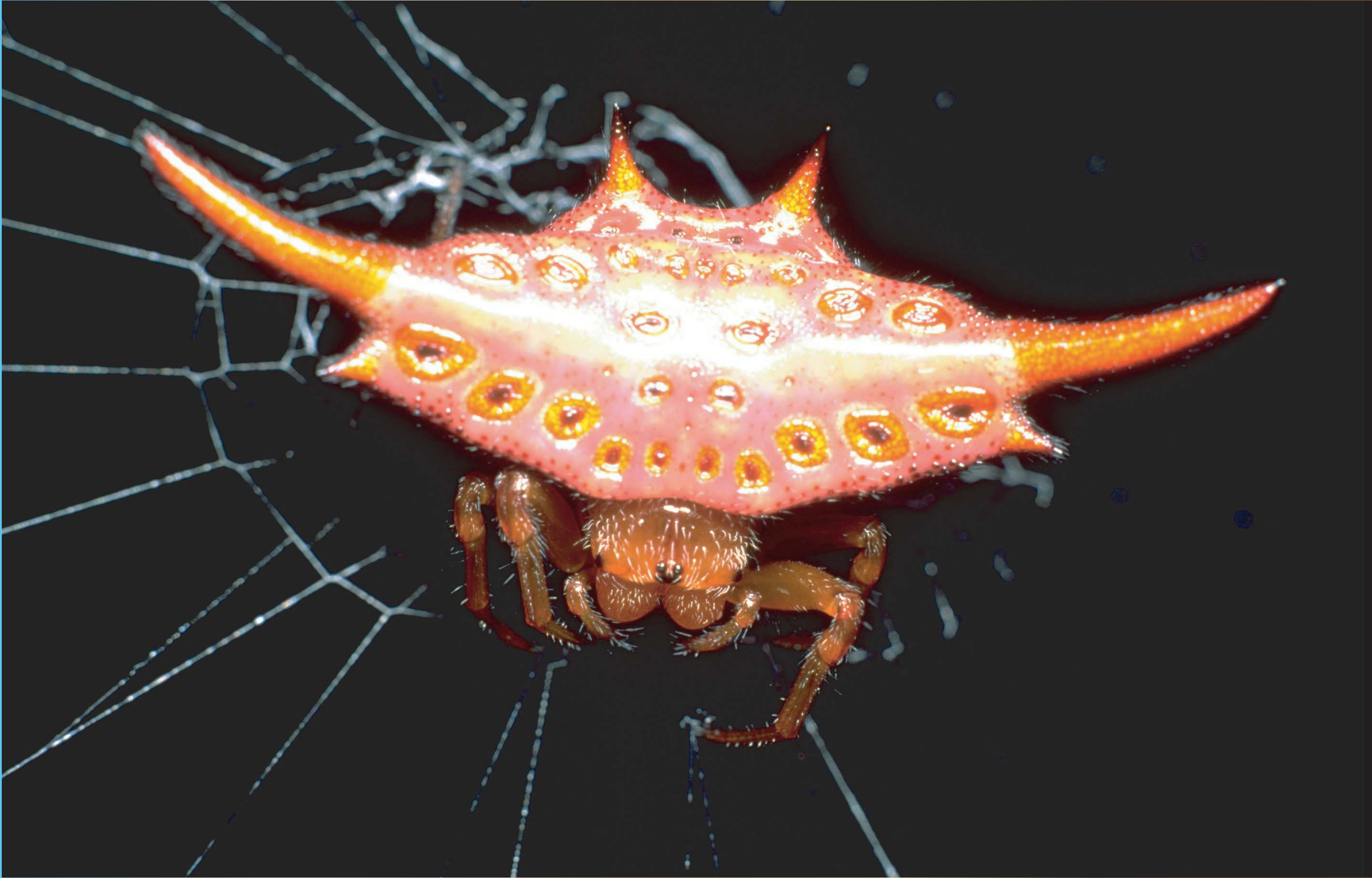


# Madagascar for Real



Thorn Spider, *Gasteracantha versicolor formosa*, (Orb Weaver family Araneidae) at the Perinet-Analamazoatra Reserve (David Parks photo)

Out on their webs during the day, these conspicuous and spiny Thorn Spiders are presumably unpalatable to birds. This kind of spider is common and widespread-the same subspecies is found in Africa.



Lynx Spider, *Peucetia*, in the Oxyopidae, found in degraded rainforest near Sambava (David Parks photo).

Lynx Spiders are catlike, run-and-pounce predators. They do not make webs, but they do trail a silk dragline for safety. The large pedipalps in front of its legs indicate that this is a male. Lynx Spiders, with their characteristically spiny legs, are also widespread in the United States.