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## WALT: identify the features of a Newspaper Article



A pelican spider uses its long 'beak' to stab its prey and keep it at a safe distance

# SPIDER ASSASSINS

by Ian Eddy

**SCIENTISTS** have discovered 18 new pelican spider species on Madagascar. The pelicans' deadly attacks on other spiders give them their alternative name – assassin spiders!

They're named pelican spiders because they have a long 'neck' and mouthparts that look like a beak. They don't build webs to trap prey, but instead go out hunting. The fascinating report in ZooKeys says that pelican spiders are unusual because they only prey on other spiders. After stalking its prey at night, a pelican spider uses its huge 'beak' to pierce its target. The beak is then used to hold prey away from the body until it dies, protecting the pelican spider from any defensive attacks.

"Collecting spiders in Madagascar is quite an adventure," Hannah Wood told First News, "but not because of the wasps and scorpions (I've only been stung by one wasp and one scorpion during all my time collecting in Madagascar). Instead, the difficulties of collecting in Madagascar are due to cyclones, inaccessible forests that do not have well-marked trails, and land leeches! But the spiders in Madagascar are so cool that collecting there is actually really exciting. Besides, I love spiders and scorpions so, for me, they're a draw rather than a negative!"

## FONT

The style and size of type e.g. headlines are in large, clear font to hook the reader into the story, quotes can be in italics, bold or different colours to make them stand out.

## LEAD

The important first sentence or paragraph that summarises the story and answers as many as possible of the 5 W's **Who?** **What?** **Where?** **When?** **Why?** and **How?**.

## COLUMNS

The vertical blocks of text into which a page of a newspaper is divided.

## HEADLINE

The title of the story designed to summarise the story and grab the reader's attention.

## PHOTO



The photograph needs to tell the story.

## BODY

The full details of the news story. Each paragraph tells one part of the story.

## CAPTION

The information in or under a photograph which explains what the picture is about.

## DIRECT QUOTATION

The exact words someone uses. Quotation marks are always used. They are included to give the reader the viewpoint of someone involved in the story.