

False KATIPO

Steatoda capensis

A small, non-poisonous South African spider which became established in New Zealand in the 1990's. These spiders are suspected of causing a decline in Katipo numbers. The false katipo is very good at colonizing damaged habitats and can multiply faster and re-colonise coastal environments quicker than the New Zealand katipo. The main cause of the katipo's decline though is habitat loss caused by humans encroaching on and destroying the katipos natural environment.

Up to 11mm



MORE people are AFRAID of SPIDERS than DEATH.