

Christmas or Jewel Spider *Austracantha minax*

When to look:
November to
February



Female (7 mm) ring
of black spines,
bright yellow and
white patterns

Similar species:

Gasteracantha sacerdotalis
/ *Thelacantha brevispina* is
a very similar species with
white pattern on darker
surface of the abdomen.

Male (4 mm);
Yellow, brown,
white and black
pattern



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