



Relationship #11



Pseudoscorpions are small, predaceous arthropods, mostly less than 1 centimeter in length. These scorpion like animals have pincers (chelicera) like scorpions, but lack a sting.

Pseudoscorpions are common, but usually overlooked because of their small size and because they are concealed in the soil or under the bark of trees.

A few species of pseudoscorpions disperse by concealing themselves under the wing covers (elytra) of large beetles such as the cerambycid beetle shown on the left. The pseudoscorpions gain the advantage of being dispersed over wide areas while simultaneously being protected from predators. The beetle is, presumably, unaffected by the presence of the hitchhikers.