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Arachnid Atlas: Exploring Common Spiders of North America

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Garden spiders contribute to ecosystems by controlling insect populations, which helps maintain the balance of the ecosystem.
2. One adaptation of the wolf spider is its keen eyesight and lightning-fast reflexes, which help it locate and capture prey.
3. Cellar spiders may be beneficial to have in homes because they prey on other pests such as mosquitoes, flies, and cockroaches.
4. Black widow spiders avoid human contact by typically hiding in secluded areas and only biting when threatened.

