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### *The brown widow, Latrodectus geometricus*

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The brown widow, *Latrodectus geometricus* was first recorded from Malaysia in 2015. This spider belongs to the family of Therididae. It also sharing similarities with its more infamous relative, the black widow, *Latrodectus mactans*. However, the brown widow is less dangerous and poses a lower threat to humans. This spider can be easily identified by its characteristic hourglass-shaped mark on the underside. As its name implies, this spider also known for its distinctive brown coloration and geometric patterns on its abdomen.

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