<u>Spinarak & Ariados</u>

Spinarak (#167)

| Bug | Poison | | Sex I | Ratio: ½ Female | e, ½ Male |
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| | 1 | I | Abilities: | | |
| Egg Group | o: Bug | S | warm, Insomnia, Sniper | | |
| | | | Spinarak are spider Pokémon, who | Spinara | k |
| Arachnifoveros viridis (Spinarak) Arachnifoveros arachnifoveros (Ariados) | | dis (Spinarak) | produce a poison that is fairly harmless | НР | 40 |
| | | | to humans but potent enough to stun | Attack | 60 |
| | | foveros (Ariados) | prey. They average in at 1'8 feet tall (0.5 | Defense | 40 |
| | | | M) and 18.7 pounds (8.5 kg). Which is, | Sp. Attack | 40 |
| | | | | Sp. Defense | 40 |

Habitat: Spinaraks are found in temperate and tropical forests across the globe. During winter they hibernate or simply die off.

in fact, a rather large spider.

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Speed

Spinaraks and Ariadoses are not natively found on Antarctica, Australia, or Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Life Cycles: Spinarak are able to reproduce as soon as they are strong enough to spare the resources (level 15, as is standard). Once or twice a year, depending on the climate, they will lay around 200 fist-sized eggs (the normal size of bug types). Like other bugs, their eggs are heavily predated upon, and the babies are eaten regularly by bird Pokémon. In a clutch of 200, about 1-4 will survive to reproductive maturity.

Behavior: Spinarak live mostly solitary lives. Their main source of socialization is with other Spinaraks, when finding mates, and the occasional neutral Pokémon – someone who is neither prey nor considers the Spinarak prey. They're amicable enough when raised by humans and can make a good companion for those who live more introverted lives.

Diet: Spinarak will try to consume anything that it can catch in its web, but due to size constrictions this tends to be other bugs. It's favorite prey are Cutieflies!

Conservation: Least Concern.

Seriously, they're *spiders*. And big ones. Just *try* getting rid of these fuckers – bet you can't!

Relationship with Humans: Spinaraks are, well, spiders. While they are certainly cute spiders, they are still just spiders. They are both a nuisance to households everywhere and a boon to anyone with sense because a Spinarak will happily eat all of the other unwanted pests that come crawling around your basement! Additionally, their spider silk is incredibly strong, which humans have been using for fishing nets for thousands of years, and some cultures even use the silk to treat wounds. Spinaraks are common enough in media as any generic spider would be.

| S | pinarak | Bug | Poison | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|----------|--|
| Learns | et: Level Up | Level | Category | |
| Poison | Poison Sting | 1 | Physical | |
| Bug | String Shot | 1 | Status | |
| Normal | Constrict | 3 | Physical | |
| Grass | Absorb | 5 | Special | |
| Normal | Scary Face | 6 | Status | |
| Normal | Fury Swipes | 8 | Physical | |
| Bug | Infestation | 10 | Special | |
| Bug | Leech Life | 12 | Physical | |
| Ghost | Night Shade | 15 | Special | |
| Normal | Screech | 17 | Status | |
| Ghost | Shadow Sneak | 19 | Physical | |
| Normal | Fury Swipes | 22 | Physical | |
| Dark | Sucker Punch | 26 | Physical | |
| Bug | Spider Web | 29 | Status | |
| Psychic | Agility | 33 | Status | |
| Bug | Pin Missile | 36 | Physical | |
| Poison | Poison Jab | 40 | Physical | |
| Psychic | Psychic | 41 | Special | |
| Poison | Cross Poison | 45 | Physical | |
| Bug | Sticky Web | 50 | Status | |
| Poison Toxic Thread | | 55 | Status | |

Spinarak are seen as perfectly suitable companions for new trainers, though few municipalities give Spinaraks out as starter Pokémon. This is less a problem with Spinarak, and more because of the fact that they evolve into Ariados...

Classification: "Arachnifoveros" means "horrifying spider" and "viridis" mean "green."

| Learnset: Breeding | | | | | | | |
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| Normal | Baton Pass | Status | | | | | |
| Normal | Disable | Status | | | | | |
| Electric | Electroweb | Special | | | | | |
| Bug | Lunge | Physical | | | | | |
| Bug | Megahorn | Physical | | | | | |
| Dark | Night Slash | Physical | | | | | |
| Psychic | Psybeam | Special | | | | | |
| Dark | Pursuit | Physical | | | | | |
| Bug | Rage Powder | Status | | | | | |
| Bug | Signal Beam | Special | | | | | |
| Normal | Sonic Boom | Special | | | | | |
| Poison | Toxic Spikes | Status | | | | | |
| Bug | Twineedle | Physical | | | | | |
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| | Learnset: Tutoring/TMs | | | | | | | | |
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| Normal | Attract | Status | Dark | Hone Claws | Status | Normal | Swagger | Status | |
| Normal | Body Slam | Physical | Bug | Infestation | Special | Dark | Thief | Physical | |
| Flying | Bounce | Physical | Normal | Mimic | Status | Poison | Toxic | Status | |
| Bug | Bug Bite | Physical | Ghost | Night Shade | Special | Poison | Venoshock | Physical | |
| Bug | Bug Buzz | Special | Poison | Poison Jab | Physical | Bug | X-Scissor | Physical | |
| Normal | Captivate | Status | Normal | Protect | Status | | | | |
| Normal | Confide | Status | Psychic | Psychic | Special | | | | |
| Ghost | Curse | Status | Normal | Refresh | Status | | | | |
| Ground | Dig | Physical | Psychic | Rest | Status | | | | |
| Normal | Double Team | Status | Normal | Return | Physical | | | | |
| Normal | Double-Edge | Physical | Normal | Secret Power | Physical | | | | |
| Electric | Electroweb | Status | Bug | Signal Beam | Special | | | | |
| Normal | Endure | Status | Normal | Sleep Talk | Status | | | | |
| Normal | Endure | Status | Poison | Sludge Bomb | Special | | | | |
| Normal | Façade | Physical | Normal | Snore | Special | | | | |
| Normal | Flash | Status | Grass | Solar Beam | Special | | | | |
| Dark | Foul Play | Physical | Bug | String Shot | Status | | | | |
| Normal | Frustration | Physical | Bug | Struggle Bug | Physical | | | | |
| Grass | Giga Drain | Special | Normal | Substitute | Status | | | | |
| Normal | Growth | Status | Dark | Sucker Punch | Physical | | | | |
| Normal | Hidden Power | Special | Fire | Sunny Day | Status | | | | |

Ariados (#168)

Sex Ratio: 1/2 Female, 1/2 Male

Abilities:

Swarm, Insomnia, Sniper

| Ariados | | | | | |
|-------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| HP | 70 | | | | |
| Attack | 90 | | | | |
| Defense | 70 | | | | |
| Sp. Attack | 60 | | | | |
| Sp. Defense | 70 | | | | |
| Speed | 40 | | | | |

Ariadoses are the evolved form of Spinarak, and thus the Very Large Spider Pokémon. The tiny hooks on Ariados's claws allow it to scale even vertical ceilings. Their average size is 3'7 feet tall (1.1 M) and 73.9 pounds (33.5 kg).

Habitat: Temperate and tropical forests around the globe. They have also been known to make their nests in caves.

Life Cycles: Ariados life cycles are similar to that of Spinarak, but as a much

stronger Pokémon a female Ariados will lay clutches between 300 and 500 Spinarak eggs. The parent Ariadoses will even provide basic parental care of the eggs in the form of protection and guardianship up until hatching. Upon hatching, the baby Spinaraks are left to fend for themselves.

Ariados females will mate with males of other species that can withstand combat against it. Weak males are likely to be consumed. To this end, male Spinaraks rarely mate with female Ariadoses, but the reverse is not true.

There are few predators of Ariados. The most notable ones tend to be large bird Pokémon that can successfully defend itself against the Ariados, such as Talonflame, Braviary, and Corviknight. Packs of Arcanines and Houndooms have also shown themselves to be successful predators.

Behavior: The eggs of a mother Ariados will be laid in a protective nest, such as a cave or tree hollow, but in absence of a proper hollow the Ariados will create its own nest that it covers in protective spider silk to keep predators out.

Ariados are cruel hunters who will shoot single threads onto its victims, then follow them back to their nest where their bodily fluids are drank at a leisurely rate. Sometimes, it will allow one of its victims to escape with a single thread still attached to it, allowing the Ariados to follow it back to its friends.

| | Ariados | Bug | Poison | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--|
| Learn | set: Level Up | Level Catego | | |
| Bug | Bug Bite | Evolution | Physical | |
| Normal | Swords Dance | Evolution | Status | |
| Poison | Poison Sting | 1 | Physical | |
| Bug | String Shot | 1 | Status | |
| Normal | Constrict | 3 | Physical | |
| Grass | Absorb | 5 | Special | |
| Normal | Scary Face | 6 | Status | |
| Normal | Fury Swipes | 8 | Physical | |
| Bug | Infestation | 10 | Special | |
| Bug | Leech Life | 12 | Physical | |
| Ghost | Night Shade | 15 | Special | |
| Normal | Focus Energy | 16 | Status | |
| Normal | Screech | 17 | Status | |
| Ghost | Shadow Sneak | 19 | Physical | |
| Normal | Fury Swipes | 22 | Physical | |
| Poison | Venom Drench | 24 | Status | |
| Bug | Fell Stinger | 25 | Physical | |
| Dark | Sucker Punch | 26 | Physical | |
| Bug | Spider Web | 29 | Status | |
| Psychic | Agility | 33 | Status | |
| Bug Pin Missile | | 36 | Physical | |

| 1 | Ariados | Bug | Poison |
|---------|---------------|-------|----------|
| Learns | set: Level Up | Level | Category |
| Poison | Poison Jab | 40 | Physical |
| Psychic | Psychic | 41 | Special |
| Poison | Cross Poison | 45 | Physical |
| Bug | Sticky Web | 50 | Status |
| Poison | Toxic Thread | 55 | Status |
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Diet: Ariados are the ultimate generalist predator. They will eat *anything* that they can catch. In fact, if a Pokémon is smaller than Ariados and is not a steel, poison, ghost, rock, fire, flying, or electric type, then wild Ariadoses will consider it prey. This includes humans. The typings above are not *automatically* prey because of different incompatibilities, but that certainly won't stop an Ariados from *trying* to eat a Pokémon of those typings. For example, a Togedemaru is a steel/electric type, making it both immune to Ariados's venom and an excellent counter attacker with its electric shocks, but it is the right size to be Ariados prey and a young Ariados who is still learning what is and is not edible will certainly *try* to eat a Togedemaru that comes its way. Don't worry, the Togedemaru will be fine in this scenario.

Conservation: Least Concern

Relationship with Humans: Ariados have been known to eat children! Yes, that's right, human toddlers are meal-sized for a hungry Ariados, and let's just say humans haven't been happy with their existence ever since.

For as long as humans and Ariadoses have both been alive, there has been a heated war against each other. Ariadoses see small humans as food (because of course they do), and in retaliation we have notoriously liked killing Ariadoses, for food or for sport, though many cultures did at least eat them on principle. One would think that this would lead to the extinction of Ariadoses, but no, they breed way too quickly and are notoriously skillful predators and evasive prey. The Spinaraks might be fine (for some), but Ariadoses have been the enemy of humanity since the dawn of history. Many an old children's story involves the slaying of a horrifying Ariados or being caught in its web, and the presence of Ariadoses (and Galvantulas) in adventure books persists well into the present day.

As for Pokémon Trainers, Ariadoses can make fine companions and excellent battlers, but the Pokémon Rangers will have better luck managing these beasts than regular trainers will. After all, millions of years of evolution-driven animosity does not make for good cooperation. The Spinarak may be a good companion for the introverted sort, but give that Spinarak an Everstone until you're ready to take care of a Very Large Spider. Ariadoses are best suited for skilled trainers, possibly someone with several gym badges, or a Pokémon Ranger. **Classification**: Ariados are the namesake of their genus, *Arachnifoveros* and was one of the earliest Pokémon ever classified by Linnaeus.

Evolution: Ariados evolve from Spinarak at level 22.

| | | | Lea | arnset: Tutoring | /TMs | | | |
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| Normal | Attract | Status | Normal | Hidden Power | | Bug | Spider Web | Status |
| Normal | Body Slam | Physical | Dark | Hone Claws | Status | Bug | String Shot | Status |
| Flying | Bounce | Physical | Bug | Infestation | Special | Bug | Struggle Bug | Physical |
| Bug | Bug Bite | Physical | Bug | Leech Life | Special | Normal | Substitute | Status |
| Bug | Bug Buzz | Special | Normal | Mimic | Status | Dark | Sucker Punch | Physical |
| Normal | Captivate | Status | Ghost | Night Shade | Special | Fire | Sunny Day | Status |
| Normal | Confide | Status | Poison | Poison Fang | Physical | Normal | Swagger | Status |
| Ghost | Curse | Status | Poison | Poison Jab | Physical | Normal | Swords Dance | Status |
| Ground | Dig | Physical | Normal | Protect | Status | Dark | Thief | Physical |
| Normal | Double Team | Status | Psychic | Psychic | Special | Poison | Toxic | Status |
| Normal | Double-Edge | Physical | Normal | Refresh | Status | Poison | Venoshock | Physical |
| Electric | Electroweb | Status | Psychic | Rest | Status | Bug | X-Scissor | Physical |
| Normal | Endure | Status | Normal | Return | Physical | | | |
| Normal | Endure | Status | Normal | Scary Face | Status | | | |
| Normal | Façade | Physical | Normal | Secret Power | Physical | | | |
| Normal | Flash | Status | Ghost | Shadow Ball | Special | | | |
| Dark | Foul Play | Physical | Bug | Signal Beam | Special | | | |
| Normal | Frustration | Physical | Normal | Sleep Talk | Status | | | |
| Grass | Giga Drain | Special | Poison | Sludge Bomb | Special | | | |
| Normal | Giga Impact | Physical | Normal | Snore | Special | | | |
| Normal | Growth | Status | Grass | Solar Beam | Special | | | |