



Highly Commended

Multimedia

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Peacock Spiders

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Throughout this task, we learnt more about Peacock spiders, in particular, the history behind them, their anatomy, where they are located and how they survive. This website also furthered our skills of working in a group, managing our time and taught us more about the things surviving near us.

Before starting our Oliphant, we knew we wanted to do a multimedia website on an animal as we are both heavily interested in biology. We wanted our animal to be different and unexpected to help our slide show stand out. To decide on our topic, we researched uncommon or recently discovered species until we agreed on the weird, colourful arachnids that our website displays.

We began by sorting the work into five different sections: photos and layout, video, information, referencing and reflection. We then split the workload and assigned task for each of us to complete before the due date. We decided on this strategy to make sure that the workload was evenly spread out, enough information was included, and everything got done. This strategy ended up working well with us staying on track in the periods we worked on our website.

We think that we handled our time and the task well considering we wanted to work in a group with us both doing an even amount of work and enjoying the assignment with no drama.

Since the focus of this task was the website and not photography, we were sourcing our photos from photographers online. We found a photographer, Jürgen Otto, who is one of the most successful researchers of Peacock Spiders. We emailed him requesting the use of his images on our website, and to our delight, he replied quite quickly, this allowed us to continue our work immediately. This email has been supplied at the body of this document to prove the permission earned to use the copyrighted images legally.

Looking at our final website, we are proud of how it turned out and feel that we covered the necessary points. For this website we wanted to target into all different types of audiences and make it exciting yet understandable, to do this we included many pictures, an aesthetic colour palette and had the main focus on writing concise and information-packed sentences. Therefore, making an interactable and straightforward website.

If we had the option to do this task again, we would work more efficiently at the start of the project, this would give us more time to investigate into the separate species and possibly a few more different types. It would also have been interesting to compare and contrast some of the spiders to the characteristics of the other kinds of peacock spiders we mentioned.

Even if though we had the option of working alone, I'm glad we worked together as it helped us feel more motivated to get involved with the topic and put our best effort in as we felt pressured by the other person to do our work.

(the referencing is on the website)

The link to our website is:

<https://197747.wixsite.com/peacockspiders>

