



Yoshi's Pet Spider

About a month ago the creature set up its web in a Japanese *yuzu* bush just outside our front gate. Succulent insects routinely got caught in the web. Dinner was always ready. The spider grew bigger and bigger. How big? Stretched out, it measures more than three inches. In this dangerous world, many hungry birds are hunting, too, and Yoshi frets over the spider's safety. I don't. I figure it can take care of itself. Just last night the spider constructed a pod of some kind, shown at extreme left in the photo above, and in the close-up below. Yoshi watched with a flashlight. She thinks it's a house for the colder weather. I think it's an incubator and a hundred of the damned things are going to crawl out.



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