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Peacock spiders, which have the scientific name Maratus, are found in backyards across Australia. To the eye, they often appear as brownish, hopping specks. But their amazing true colours and behaviours are revealed under a microscope or macro lens* of a camera. Some have vivid* colours of purple, green or red, and patterns and shapes that can look like elephant heads, arrows or skeletons.



"I think peacock spiders have captured the public's attention because they're really, really cute," Mr Schubert said.

A newly discovered species of peacock spider with a bright orange face has been named after the clownfish from hit animated* movie Finding Nemo.

This colourful species of peacock spider is called Maratus speciosus. Picture:

Jurgen Otto

Meet Nemo, the peacock spider