

## Crab Spiders . . .

. . . will change color  
to blend in with milkweed blossoms  
as they feed on aphids  
that are sucking milkweed  
sap. The milkweed sap  
is poisonous to many insects,  
but these aphids simply  
become toxic themselves  
from feeding on  
the milkweed's poisons—  
though the spiders  
do not seem to mind.

One thing you will notice,  
however, if you watch  
long enough: After  
consuming a meal  
of toxic aphids crab  
spiders are no longer able  
to spin symmetrical webs.

Perhaps this explains  
why it is that the spiders  
do not seem to mind.

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