

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE6604

## York Main, Barbara Anne

(1929 - 2019)

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**Born** 27 January, 1929

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**Died** 14 May, 2019

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**Occupation** Scientist, Zoologist

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### Summary

Arachnologist Barbara York Main was fascinated with spiders since she was a small child, living on the West Australian wheatbelt in the 1930s.

Barbara completed a PhD in zoology at the University of Western Australia in 1956, becoming the first female PhD in the Department of Zoology at the University.

During her career, Barbara received several awards, including Medal of the Order of Australia in 2011 'for service to science and conservation as a researcher and educator in the field of arachnology, and to the community of Western Australia.'

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