

### 3. HOW STORIES CAME TO BE (4+ YEARS)

I heard this story told by Patrick the Storyteller from Sedona, Arizona

#### *Focus:*

- To bring awareness to The Story in all things.
- To develop good relationships with spiders.
- To develop a curiosity and desire to get to know the natural world.

This is a *pour quoi* (*por-kwa*) tale. *Pour quoi* is French for “Why” and these tales are old legends told to explain why certain events happened. They often start with the past and end when all explanations are complete.

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#### *Personal Comments:*

I use this *pour quoi* tale at the beginning of a storytelling session, at the beginning of a new school year or at the beginning of a new season. Any new beginning can be enhanced with the telling of this tale. It can lead you to discover the story that wishes to be heard, for all things have a story to tell.

#### Playing with the story

- Whatever treasures you and the children find can lead to questions. “What is the story here? How did these leaves get so green? Did the fairies come and paint them in the early morning?” “NO!” a child might say. “They got green because...” Write down the children’s stories to read and reread together.



*House Finch*

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